

Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025



Immanuel Lutheran Church



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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -
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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

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and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Advent

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WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

...In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 Repent of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 Trust the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 Confess the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

Matthew 1:20-21

...But as he considered these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Josph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST UNDERWRITING

...is by the Endowment and Capital Fund in honor of Rev Gordon H. Light faithfully served our congregation from 1958-1964.

...The Radio Broadcast on November 2 was underwritten by the Endowment and Capital Fund in honor of Rev. Walter A. Pieper who faithfully served our congregation from 1952-1958.

THANK YOU

...so much to the 7th and 8th graders, Dalton Anderson, Wayne Goebel, Matt Bumhoffer, Mark Reithel, and Chuck McGathy for putting up the outdoor nativity. I appreciated all the help!

...Thank you to the ones who came out on Saturday morning to decorate our church. I'm very thankful to – Kevin Janke, Jim Bratton, Mark Bauer, Kris Koch, Eleanor Matthews, Ken Walz, Christine Walz, Ruth Walz, Lynette Walz, Kelly Dufty, Wayne & Sheree Goebel, Carol Truemner, and Chuck McGathy. I'm very grateful for the help I always receive. Thank you and Merry Christmas, Ursula

LUTHERAN WITNESS

...It is time to order or renew subscriptions to The Lutheran Witness, the official periodical of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Yearly subscription cost is \$22.50 and needs to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Gift Counter so we can just mail one check to Lutheran Witness.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ SPECIAL NEEDS

...Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, and Rick Chambers.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 6:30 – 82; Thursday, November 27, 9:00 – 66; Sunday, November 30, 9:00 – 102; Monday, December 1, 6:30 – 32

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Chosen for What?" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God calls believers to trust and to follow Jesus—chosen, but chosen for what? (Romans 15:7)

OWLS

... This Tuesday, the 9th, we are having our annual Christmas Caroling. We meet in the Great Room at 1:00 P.M. to call and sing Christmas Carols to shut-in members. They very much appreciate the caroling and "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" wishes.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

...There will be a word and song service on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, at 4:00pm led by Pastor Kuhl and Barabara Bleck. No communion will be offered. Come hear God's word in verse and song.

TOM THUMB SINGERS

...presents ***Wonderful Love*** at Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd, Cass City, MI 48726. Concert times are Saturday, December 13, 7pm and Sunday, December 14, 3pm.

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...CTK "B" basketball will play in Lapeer on Monday, December 8 and at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth on Friday, December 12. Go Knights!

...The Preschool through first grade Christmas program will be at St. Paul on Sunday, December 14 at 2pm. On December 17 at 6:30pm at Immanuel, grades 2-8 will have their Christmas program. We would love to have you join!

...We have received several gift donations and wrapping supplies for our first Holly Jolly Christmas Fair. We are still accepting donations until Dec. 10. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! We truly are blessed and are grateful for your help in making this a success.

THE FIRST HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS FAIR

...is right around the corner, December 15-18. The Holly Jolly Christmas Fair is a fully donation funded event for students of Christ the King to shop for Christmas gifts for their family. During the Holly Jolly Christmas Fair students will shop with their classes to purchase gifts ranging in price from \$1 to \$5 for family members. Gifts will go home with the students wrapped and ready to be delivered at Christmas.

...To make this a successful event for Christ the King, we need your help! We are accepting **donations of large shopping bags** (for students to bring gifts home in), **gift bags, gift boxes, tissue paper, tape, along with new and gently used items** for moms, dads, grandparents, and siblings. Donations can be brought in to the school office, in Sebewaing. Every donation helps make the event special for our students.

...We are also looking for Holly Jolly volunteers to set up and work the event. Please contact Mrs. Yoder either at the school office, 883-3730, or email yoderj@ctkl.org if you have questions or if you are able to help with this event. Thank you in advance!

Our Lord's Business this Week December 7 – December 14

SUNDAY:	7:15 AM	Elders' Meeting
	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion – CTK 6 th grade handbells
	10:00 AM	Collide's Roast Beef Dinner
	2:00 PM	Christmas Concert
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	6:30 PM	WORSHIP/Communion
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM	Quilters
	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Christ's Messengers
	7:00 PM	Adoration Choir
WEDNESDAY:	8:05 AM	Chapel
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
	6:30 PM	Advent Worship – Group 1 ushers
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	4:00 PM	Mary Martha Guild
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP/Communion – CTK 7/8 handbells
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
	2:00 PM	CTK PS-1 Christmas Program at St. Paul
	7:30 PM	Youth Board

Online giving with Vanco



SERVING NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 14)

Elders: 9:00-Warren Volz & Chuck McGathy
Acolytes: 9:00-Jaxon Kuhl & Luke Gremel
Greeters: 9:00-Pat & Kari Stecker
Scrip: 9:00-Stephanie Boyer
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 2: Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Tucker Truemner, Easton Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner, Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Maust

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

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9:00 am

Divine Service 3

Announcements

Hymn – *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* – Peter Boyer, trumpet

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Kyrie

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The Second Sunday in Advent: The Peace Candle

About Today's Candle

P: Today we light the second candle on our Advent wreath. It is sometimes called the Peace Candle. This candle reminds us that Jesus is our Peace, who brings sinners to God the Father.

C: Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

(Luke 2.13-14)

Lighting the Candle – **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (verses 1 and 2)

LSB 357

Branson Ruppel, chimes

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**This collect may be said each day during the week as the family lights their Advent wreath.*

The First Reading – *Isaiah 11:1-10*

The Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Epistle – *Romans 15:4-13*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing – CTK 6th Grade Handbells

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The Gospel – *Matthew 3:1-12*

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Offering – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – CTK 6th Grade Handbells

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Agnus Dei



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Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide – Branson Ruppel, chimes

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Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,

and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was

locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than

I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ELDERS: Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck
ACOLYTES: Mya & Carter Sweetman
GREETERS: Kristi Eimers & Mary Engelhardt
SCRIP: Traci Kuhl
USHERS: GROUP 7: Larry Kuhl, Tim Irion, Andy Irion, Jim Hofmeister, David Mammel, Tim Beringer, Branden Gettel, William Harder

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Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Advent 3 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: Be patient. Jesus, the least in the Kingdom, comes to have compassion upon you saving you from sin and death.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 71.14-18; ant Philippians 4.4*

Rejoice in the Lord always;

Again I will say, Rejoice.

I will hope continually

And will praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

For their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

And I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

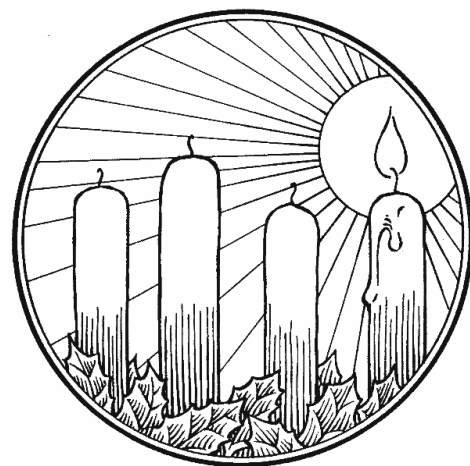
Until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I will say, Rejoice.



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual *Zechariah 9.9, Psalm 118.26*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

Righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Psalm for Advent 3 A may be read (Psalm 146) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24	122	33	50	18.1-20	102	90
Evening	25; 110	40; 67	85; 91	14; 16	126; 62	130; 16	80; 72

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Isaiah 10.12-27a, 33-34	2 Peter 1.1-21
Monday	Isaiah 11.1-12.6	2 Peter 2.1-22
Tuesday	Isaiah 14.1-23	2 Peter 3.1-18
Wednesday	Isaiah 24.1-13	1 John 1.1-2.14
Thursday	Isaiah 24.14-25.12 (Obadiah 1-21)	1 John 2.15-29
Friday	Isaiah 26.1-19	1 John 3.1-24
Saturday	Isaiah 26.20-27.13	1 John 4.1-21

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10

Isaiah describes the wilderness blossoming. Why does creation rejoice?

Why do the weak and sick rejoice?

Looking at this text as a whole; what does Isaiah see?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: James 5.7-11

How does this theme of patience fit with this Sunday?

What example of suffering and patience does James give? Is this example still useful today?

Why is it important to trust in the compassion and mercy of the Lord amid suffering?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-15

Does John the Baptizer doubt that Jesus is the Christ?

What does John want his disciples to see in Jesus?

Who is this one who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

The Lord's Prayer Continued

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.