

# Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025



## Immanuel Lutheran Church



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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -  
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

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### Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

FB & YOUTUBE

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 a of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

### TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST UNDERWRITING

...is by the Endowment and Capital Fund in honor of Connie Gremel.

### Titus 2:13

*...Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

### SAVE THE DATE

...Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 2pm in Immanuel's Great Room. Immanuel will be livestreaming a Lutheran Hour Rally that will be held at the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship Center in Frankenmuth. Join us that afternoon in our Great Room for a special time of worship and fellowship!

### RED LETTER CHALLENGE-LENT

...It is time to order the Red Letter Challenge devotional books for Lent. This year we are offering a \$5 discount when paying in advance. The normal cost per book is \$20, but if you pay by **January 19**, your cost is only \$15. Please consider purchasing one of these inspiring devotional books to help prepare you for your journey to the cross this Lenten season. Payment can be made in the church office or to the Stewardship mailbox.

### 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 **Monday, December 15 before 11:30am**. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Gift Counter so we can just mail one check to Lutheran Witness.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

+ The family of **Emily Smith**, who joined Jesus and her loved ones in Heaven on December 7.

## **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, 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**

...Sunday, December 7, 2025; 9:00 – 177; Monday, 6:30 – 41; Wednesday, 6:30 – 38

## **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 "Pictures of Patience" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return to the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8)

# **School News**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...CTK "B" basketball will finish their season this week with back to back home games on Monday and Tuesday, beginning at 4:30 and away at Frankentrost on Thursday at 4:30.

...The Preschool through first grade Christmas program will be at St. Paul today 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 us!

...We have received several gift donations and wrapping supplies for our first Holly Jolly Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who has donated! A big thank you to Sebewaing Mercantile for their generous donations! We truly are blessed and are grateful for your help in making this a success. The children are very excited to start shopping!

...CTK will be on Christmas break starting December 22 and we will be back in session on January 5, 2026.

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## December 14 – December 21

SUNDAY:	7:15 AM	Elders' Meeting
	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b> – CTK 7/8 handbells
	2:00 PM	CTK Grades PS-1 Christmas Program at St. Paul
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
	6:30 PM	Trustees and Stewardship
	7:15 PM	Evangelism
	7:45 PM	Church Council
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM	Quilters
	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Christ's Messengers
	7:00 PM	Adoration Choir
	7:00 PM	Board of Education
WEDNESDAY:	8:05 AM	Chapel
	6:30 PM	CTK Grades 2-8 Christmas Program – Group 3 ushers
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
NEXT SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
	9:00 AM	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study

Online giving with Vanco



### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 21)**

Elders: 9:00-Ken Walz & Mike Zagata  
Acolytes: 9:00-Lincoln Bloomer & Kenzie Armbruster  
Greeters: 9:00-Brent & Holli Vogel  
Scrip: 9:00-Anne Bell  
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 4: Mike Walz, Brent Vogel, Adam Vogel, Craig Rieman, Loren Kunisch, Jeff Williamson, Isaiah Williamson, Pat Stecker, John Kemp, Jim Bratton, Greg Eremia

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

# The Third Sunday in Advent

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9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

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.

Kyrie

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The Third Sunday in Advent: The Joy Candle

### About Today's Candle

P: Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath. It is sometimes called the Joy Candle, and it reminds us that Jesus Christ is our everlasting joy. The pink color of this candle marks this week in Advent as a time of cheerful celebration in the middle of this penitential season.

**C: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. (Psalm 5.11)**

Lighting the Candle – *O Bride of Christ, Rejoice* (verses 1 and 2)

LSB 335

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

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

The First Reading – *Isaiah 35:1019*

*Advent Hope – CTK 7/8 handbells*

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 – *James 5:7-11*

Children's Sermon

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The Gospel – *Matthew 11:2-15*

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Sermon

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Offering – *What Child Is This?* – CTK 7/8 handbells

Prayer of the Church

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The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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*The Advent of Our King*

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*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

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Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**LSB 338**

## Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;  
<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.  
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

## Matthew 11:2-15

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the

kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
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**Our Congregation at Prayer**  
**Daily Scripture and Prayer**  
**To be Used in the Home**  
**Getting Ready for Advent 4 A**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: 'The promises of God are fulfilled! 'The virgin has conceived and bore a son, and they called His name Immanuel.

*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 80.1-7*

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

**Glorify 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.**

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and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



Collect

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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 4 A may be read (Psalm 24) 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 28.14-29	1 John 5.1-21 (2 John 1-13, 3 John 1-15)
Monday	Isaiah 29.1-14	Jude 1-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 29.15-30.14	Revelation 1.1-20
Wednesday	Isaiah 30.15-26	Revelation 2.1-29
Thursday	Isaiah 30.27-31.9	Revelation 3.1-22
Friday	Isaiah 32.1-20	Revelation 4.1-11
Saturday	Isaiah 33.1-24	Revelation 5.1-14

**Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7.10-17**

Why would Ahaz not ask for a sign from God?

What sign did God give to the wicked king Ahaz?

Who is this son who will be called Immanuel?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Romans 1.1-7**

How was Paul set apart for the Gospel of God?

Paul reminds us who Jesus is: descended from David according to the flesh and declared to be the Son of God. Why is it important that Jesus is true God and true man?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18-25**

What did Joseph plan to do with Mary?

How does the angel change Joseph's plans?

What words of Isaiah are fulfilled here?

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

**The Lord's Prayer Continued**

**The Seventh Petition**

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

**The Conclusion**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."