

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

**IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**THEN THEY WILL SEE
THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN A CLOUD
WITH POWER AND**

GREAT GLORY

-LUKE 21:27-

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Heavenly Father, Your Son promised to return to judge the world. By Your Holy Spirit keep me strong in faith that I straighten up as my redemption draws near and welcome the joyful new day as it dawns; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

AS WE GATHER - During Holy Week, Jesus announced that the temple would be destroyed, and that started a discussion about calamities in history and the Last Day. All that Jesus said would happen is already part of history: wars, earthquakes, famines, floods, and astronomical events. The signs of the times tell us the Last Day is near. For some people, it will be a time of judgment, but for followers of our Lord, His return will be a sign that our "redemption is drawing near." Malachi says in joy they "shall go out leaping like calves from the stall." And the psalm calls on all creation to rejoice. Even the rivers should "clap their hands!" Before that Last Day, Paul urges, we ought to rely on the Lord's faithfulness, get to work, and try not to be a burden to anyone. Today is already a day to "sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1).

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalms 135:1-3, 13-14; Antiphon, v. 13*

P Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

C **Praise the Lord!**

Praise the name of the Lord; Praise Him, O you servants of the Lord!

P You who stand in the house of the Lord, In the courts of the house of our God,

C **Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.**

P Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

C **For the Lord will judge His people, and He will have compassion on His servants.**

P Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and
4 minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 4:1-6*

(Malachi foretells the Day of the Lord and Elijah's coming.)

1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," says the Lord of hosts,

"That will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,"

says the Lord of hosts.

4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 9b*

P With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

C Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

P The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

C He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

C Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm,

P With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.

C Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together

C before the Lord, For He is coming to judge the earth.

P With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *2 Thessalonians 3:1-13*

(Paul urges keeping busy each day and not being burdensome.)

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not

all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. 5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ. 6 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, 9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. 13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:5-36*

(Jesus foretells both the destruction of Jerusalem and the events of the Last Day.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

5 Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, 6 “These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.” 7 So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?” 8 And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them. 9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.” 10 Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. 13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. 14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. 18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost. 19 By your patience possess your souls. 20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. 25 “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” 29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 34 “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508; vv. 1-4, 7

SERMON

"Nearing the End Holding Firmly to God's Enduring Word"

(Luke 21: 33)

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

LSB 956

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based on Psalm 98:1, 3, 7-8

P Let us pray for the Church around the world, all people in their various circumstances, and ourselves as we all await our Lord's return.

C Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

P Lord of the Church, strengthen the resolve and increase the joy of clergy and lay leaders as they bear the news of all the marvelous things You have done. Through their efforts and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, grant that many come to faith and rejoice on Your return.

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P In all the nations of the world, heavenly Father, guide those who are in seats of authority. Give them wisdom to rule in compassion and justice and provide for the common good of all their citizens.

- C He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.**
 P Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of those in ill health, sorrow, or stress, including . . .]; bring Your wholeness to them that they return thanks and praise to You.
- C Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**
 P O Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, move musicians and poets, artists and actors to use their talents to praise Your name, confront the ills of society, and inspire those who hear and see them to acts of love and good works.
- C Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.**
 P Lord Jesus, accompany all who travel on the sea or land, in air or space; give insight to those who must deal with changing weather; and provide for all who farm, transport, and distribute the bounty of Your good creation.
- C He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**
 P Confident of Your ordering all things, we commend to Your care all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
 P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
 P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P We give thanks, Lord our God, that You have shown Your people signs and wonders so that they know Your gracious promises and the fulfillment of all Your prophecies. You made us, called us to Yourself, and gave us faith to trust You. At the right time You sent Your Son into this creation of time and space. By His death and resurrection, He has opened eternity to us. The signs of the times that our Lord fore saw have all occurred, and now we eagerly await His return as the sun of righteousness. We give thanks for His redemption and ask that by Your Holy Spirit we faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”


PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.


C Amen.

AGNUS DEI


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,


You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;


O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,


Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



NUNC DIMITTIS



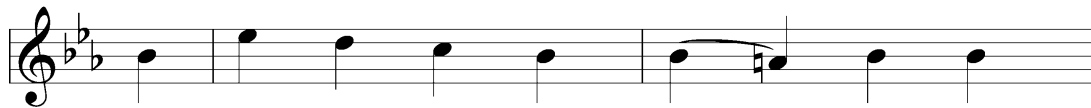
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

- ref** My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall,
When the stars begin to fall.
- 1 You'll hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**
- 2 You'll hear the sinner cry,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**
- 3 You'll hear the Christian shout,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Church Upcoming Events for November and December

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Pie Social to follow



CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR SERVICES

Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th

Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.

Advent Service @ 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service

Tuesday, December 31st @ 6:00 p.m.

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for October to December are available in the Narthrex.



Join us for *Sunday School and Bible Study* at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

Rev. Weber is leading the Bible Study.

Youth Confirmation Classes

@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office



Winter Texan Family, we've missed you!



Around the World

(Immanuel Lutheran School)

Saturday, December 14th @ 3:00 p.m.

Caroling with school children followed by Chalupa (Bingo)
Come and join us for Christmas singing, food, and fun!!!

God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

11/10/2019

Sunday Worship	41	
Plate:		\$ 168.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,820.00
Donation:		
Total:		\$ 1,988.00
Bible Class:	22	N/A

Last Sunday in the Church Year Readings:

Malachi 3:13-18
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:13-20
Luke 23:27-43

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule

November Sunday Servants:

Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	
Altar Guild:	Loretta Eilers & Suzanne Wehling	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Last Sunday in the Church Year	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am