

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.



We welcome you to Immanuel. As we worship together let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Norm English, Amanda Rosansky, Marsa Terrell & Doug Yancey

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's hymns are projected on the screen.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude

"What Child is This" Longest Night Ensemble

PL Welcome / Invitation to Longest Night Service at 7 pm

***PL Mission Statement:** Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.

Light the Fourth Advent Candle *"Light of the World"* vs. 1-4

GATHERING

* Confession and Forgiveness

PL Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C Amen.

PL Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Long-expected God,

C we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

PL God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"* ELW #242

***Greeting**

PL From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, One God: grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***The Kyrie**

***Hymn of Praise** *"Glory to God"*

PL ***Prayer of the Day** (prayed by all)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir *"Fum, Fum, Fum"*

WORD

A First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."
(NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

A Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from

David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

***Gospel Verse** *"Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"* Words on Screen

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

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

***PL Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus. (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Kid's Time

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

***Hymn of the Day** *“Savior of the Nations, Come”* vs. 1-3,6 ELW #263

***The Prayers**

A In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. *A brief silence.* In the anticipation of these days, prepare our hearts for your arrival. Stir our spirits through the gifts of artists, musicians, poets, and preachers, as together we proclaim your advent among us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A The earth breaks forth in singing as it heralds the Messiah’s coming. Fill our hearts with wonder as we join heaven and nature in announcing this holy birth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You send your saving grace and peace to the nations. Lead us in work for justice and care for the common good. May we meet the Christ-child we seek in the faces of our neighbors. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A When tears of grief, exhaustion, or loneliness come, or physical or emotional hurt overwhelms us, come to our aid. Uphold all who are anxious, who know the challenges of depression, or who are ill. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Surround expectant parents and those suffering from infant loss with communities of support. Bless young children and new parents. Guide us in ways that provide safety for all children and those who care for them. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for all who have treasured the gospel and lived in faithful service. Strengthen our earthly journeys until, at the last, your face shines upon us and we are held in your love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C Amen.

Offering

***Offertory**

“As the Grains of Wheat”

***PL Offertory Prayer** (prayed by all)

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

***PL The Great Thanksgiving**

***PL Holy**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

PL Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer . . . and to form us again into one. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

PL In the night in which he was betrayed . . . to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

PL Send your Spirit upon us and this meal . . . with the Bread of Life, your Son. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

PL This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

***Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ**

***PL The Lord's Prayer** (prayed by all)

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 Communion of Christ's People

Communion Hymns	<i>"All Earth is Hopeful"</i>	ELW #266
	<i>"Blessed Be the God of Israel"</i>	ELW #250
	<i>"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"</i>	Words on Screen

PL May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PL **Post-Communion Prayer** (prayed by all)

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

***Sending Hymn** *"Joy to the World"* ELW #267

*Blessing

PL May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C Amen.

*Dismissal

PL Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *"Joy to the World"* ELW #267

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*Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!
If you are new to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.*

The church office is updating contact records. Please fill out an Information Verification Card with your current info. Thank you!

Longest Night Service - December 21, 7 pm

Focusing on the comfort that God offers during dark times, the Longest Night of the Year Service will be a quiet worship opportunity. It will be a place to remember, to name—silently or aloud—and to receive a word of hope in the midst of darkness.

Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 7 pm (6:45 Carols)

We will unfold an evening marked by story, carols and candlelight. Carols will start at 6:45 and the service will begin at 7:00. All are welcome.

Grief Recovery Alumni - January 7

Grief recovery alumni will start Wednesday, January 7 from 2-4 pm. Contact Patty MacInnes for more information 503-428-4921.

Parent & Kid Meeting for Youth Gathering - January 11 in Fireside Room
The ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN, June 28- July 2. Youth who will be entering 9th grade in June, 2027 up to and including those who have just graduated are eligible to attend. Any youth interested should contact Kate Bush at 503-580-4964 and **MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

As we look at putting the first date on the calendar, there are 3 Mondays available at 6:30 am - January 5, 12 or 19. Would any of these dates work/not work for you? The first breakfast will be held at Immanuel. Sign up in the narthex or talk to Andrew Bush if you are interested.

All Church Birthday Party and Potluck - January 25

Join us for this family friendly event on Sunday after the 10:30 am service. Individuals or families host tables representing each month of the year. The host decorates the table and provides cupcakes (plan for 12 or so at a table). Guests are invited to sit and become acquainted with others who share their birthday month. *Contact Kate Bush at 503-580-4964 to host.* The event is ALSO a potluck lunch! Bring a salad or main dish for all to share.

Want to stay up to date on events? Contact the office to subscribe to our weekly emails.