

Third Sunday in Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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December 14, 2025
11:30am Modern Divine Service

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song

"Sing of Mary"

Chris Winston

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
virgin mother, wise and mild.
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary
in the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary
love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
though he went forth from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;
glory be to God the Son;
glory be to God the Spirit;
glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,

from all saints the song ascends,
and the Church the strain re-echoes
unto earth's remotest ends.

Invocation

P: Let us begin

C: in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, walking humbly together, I invite you to confess your sins with me before the Lord.

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not always walked as Your people; we have sinned and fallen short of how You have called us to live. And yet we know that You are a God of mercy and grace, we humbly ask that You forgive us our sins and set us on Your path of righteousness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Amen.**

P: In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the Grace of God to you and forgive you of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Chris Winston

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison unto me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy unto me.

Please be seated

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
 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.
 Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees.
 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."
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
 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;
 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.
 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.
 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.
 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia

Chris Winston

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-15

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 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. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

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? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'

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. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand

Song of the Day

"Emmanuel"

Chorus

Come, come, Emmanuel, Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Come, come, Emmanuel, Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

Verse 2

O come O Rod of Jesse's stem
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust Your mighty pow'r to save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Chorus

Come, come, Emmanuel, Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

Verse 3

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of mankind
Make all our sad divisions cease
And be for us the Prince of Peace.

Chorus – 2 times

**Come, come, Emmanuel, Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near**

Ending

**Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel
Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel.**

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Sermon

Angels and Shepherds

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Rev. Benjamin Braun

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For joy in the Lord, that we may be sustained in the time of waiting for His will and purpose to unfold in these latter days; for patience under trials; and for hope that endures the changes and chances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For those entrusted with positions of leadership in government; for service men and women who defend us against the enemies of our nation; and for those who enact and enforce laws that protect us, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the sick and grieving, that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Offering *(Please place completed Attendance Register in the offering plate)*

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Verse 1

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart,
And let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down. *Sing 2x*

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart,
And let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down.

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.

Bridge

Oh, I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know;
But when the world has seen the light,
They will dance with joy,
Like we're dancing now.

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.

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Tithes & Offerings Brought Forward

C: Thank you, Lord, for blessing us so that we may be a blessing to others.

Service of the Sacrament

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.**

Sanctus

Chris Winston

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry" with chord symbols D, D/F#, G, D/F#, G, D/F#, and A (with a triplet of eighth notes). The second staff contains the lyrics "Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most_ high. Bless - ed is He that" with chord symbols D, D/F#, G, D/F#, Em, and D/F#. The third staff contains the lyrics "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." with chord symbols G, G#7, A, G, A(sus4), A, and D. The music is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the first staff and a half note in the second staff.

The Lord's Prayer

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."

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 covenant 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Chris Winston

Chords: D, F#m/C#, G(add2), D/A, A

5 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world

9 Lamb of God Lamb of God Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

13 God You take a - way the sins of the World. Grant us

17 Peace Oh Grant us peace.

Please be seated

Silent Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

"Gratitude"

Verse 1

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah, hallelujah

Verse 3

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

Chorus

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah, hallelujah

Interlude

Bridge

Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord. *(Sing a total of 3x)*

Interlude

Chorus

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it’s not much, but I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah, hallelujah

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Please stand

Communion Dismissal

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: **Amen.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song

“Kings of Kings”

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died.

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

D·E·C·E·M·B·E·R at a glance

Come to the BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!

An Ancient Celebration of Christmas in Music, Drama & Dance.

Invite your friends and neighbors and attend **TODAY, December 14th at 5:00pm**, here at Immanuel.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE

December 17th at 6:45pm, in the Sanctuary

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE INVITE: Monday, December 22 at 6:45pm

Bring your grief. Bring your hardships. Bring whatever burdens you, to the manger of our Lord.

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT IMMANUEL: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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Time: 9:00am—12:30pm, in the gym

Look for the sign-up sheet in a couple of weeks!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have a special occasion coming up? Birthday, anniversary, baptismal birthday and would like to have flowers for that special occasion?

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex or call the church office (918-258-5506) and order altar flowers. Each arrangement is \$60.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

A reminder that the December Newsletter is available online; go to immanuelba.org

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Stop by the sound booth in the Sanctuary and pick up a device.



The altar flowers are in recognition of the baptismal birthday of Evan Fleming (December 14, 2014).

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, who calls us by name and blesses us through the waters of Baptism. You have given us this sacrament to secure our salvation and draw us nearer to You through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Thank You for this glorious gift.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Immanuel's Visioning Process – pray for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

Those with Health Concerns – Karen Beckmann, Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger, Ryder VanNoy, Angela Walsh

Those with cancer – Allen Beaird, Carol Boatright, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Pat Rogers, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Tabitha, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker

Missionary work: Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.

FOR YOUR OFFERING:

- Text: immanuelba to: 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- Church App: "Give" icon
- Website: immanuelba.org
- Mail: 400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, December 7th:

9am Service attendance: 260 Offering: \$25,404.00

11:30am Service attendance: 77 Online Giving: \$11,609.97

"United in faith and empowered by the Spirit,
Immanuel **Embraces, Educates, and Engages** our
community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Monthly Update—November 2025

	Nov 2025	2025 YTD
Offerings Received (General Fund)	\$125,965	\$1,090,729
Total Income Received	\$145,533	\$1,393,229
Expenses	\$121,001	\$1,374,751
Surplus/Deficit	\$24,532	\$18,478

*In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make
straight your paths. Proverbs 3:6*