

Second Sunday in Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage

December 7, 2025
11:30am Modern Divine Service

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song "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
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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
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Ending

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

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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 Gloria

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

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:12-18

Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For 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, and 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."

And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again,

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

And again Isaiah says,

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

May 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia

Chris Winston

♩=132

D D/F# D/G D D/F# D/G

5 D D/F# D/G D/B D/A E/G# A A/G F#m

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia

Bm D/A G(add2) A(sus4) D D/F#

10 Al - le - lu You have the words of e - ter - nal life al - le - lu - ia

14 D/G D/B D/A D/G A D

Al - le - lu - Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia

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

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For 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.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But 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? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And 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. Even 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.

"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. His 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."

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 **"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"**

**Awake! awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out for joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us for ever.**

**To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of his anthems role
to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

**In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story,
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.**

Sermon
Rev. Benjamin Braun

Waiting on God

Malachi 3:12-18

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A: Merciful God, You remember Your covenant forever, for a thousand generations. Teach us to remember Your wondrous works and seek Your strength and presence continually. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious Father, You give Your Word to the Church for encouragement and instruction in endurance. Continue to instruct us by Your Word, that we may abound in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Merciful Lord, Your Son rules over creation with justice and righteousness. Endow those in authority with the desire and ability to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, St. John spoke the promise of healing to the broken and wounded. Give to all afflicted in body or mind the riches of Your grace, healing according to Your will, and grace to carry them through the day of their trouble. We pray especially for Barbara, Martha, Julie, Carrie Ann, Dorothea, Earl, and the family of Janet Tucker. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: O Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation, that with confidence in Your will, we may say "amen" to our prayers and live in contentment and peace; through 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)*

"Advent Hymn"

Verse 1

**Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine**

Verse 2

**Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same**

Chorus

**So here I wait in hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear**

Verse 3

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come**

Chorus

**So here I wait in hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear. *Sing 2x***

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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

D D/F# G D/F# G D/F# A ³

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry

5 D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F#

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most_ high. Bless - ed is He that

8 G G#7 A G A(sus4) A D

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

5 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

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

9 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A D

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

13 G E/G# A A/G F#m Bm

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

17 G D/G A A⁷ D

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

"I Speak Jesus"

Verse 1

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
gl speak Jesus.**

Verse 2

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus.**

Chorus

**'Cause Your name is power, Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire.**

Verse 3

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus.**

Chorus

**'Cause Your name is power, Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire. *Sing 2x***

Down Bridge

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness, over every enemy
Jesus for my family, I speak the holy name
Jesus. *Sing 2x*

Chorus

'Cause Your name is power, Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire. *Sing 2x*

Verse 4

I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus.

Bridge

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family, I speak the holy name
Jesus. *Sing 3x*

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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

"Graves Into Gardens"

Verse 1

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all, and You still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You. 2x

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing.
You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory.
You're the only one who can. 2x

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can.

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
Oh, there's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You. 2x

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



December

at a glance



GET YOUR CHRISTMAS COOKIES TODAY!

Youth Ministry is hosting their annual Christmas cookie sale in the narthex.

Stop by the table and pick up a sack of holiday treats!

Proceeds will help our youth serve locally, attend Higher Things, and serve internationally in 2026.

TODAY: - Handel's *Messiah*

The birth of Christ using scripture, beautiful music, drama, and pageantry.

For over 100 years Tulsa area Lutherans have joined together to present portions of Handel's *Messiah* free for the community.

TODAY, December 7, 2:00pm & 4:30pm, at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2550 E 71st St / Tulsa 74136

BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL - BAKERS NEEDED

We still need bakers who can bake 4 doz. cookies or bar-type cookies for the Boar's Head refreshment tables.

All refreshments will be served on napkins, so nothing that requires utensils, please.

Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Refreshment donations may be delivered to the church Saturday morning between 9:30a.m. and 10:30a.m. on December 13th.

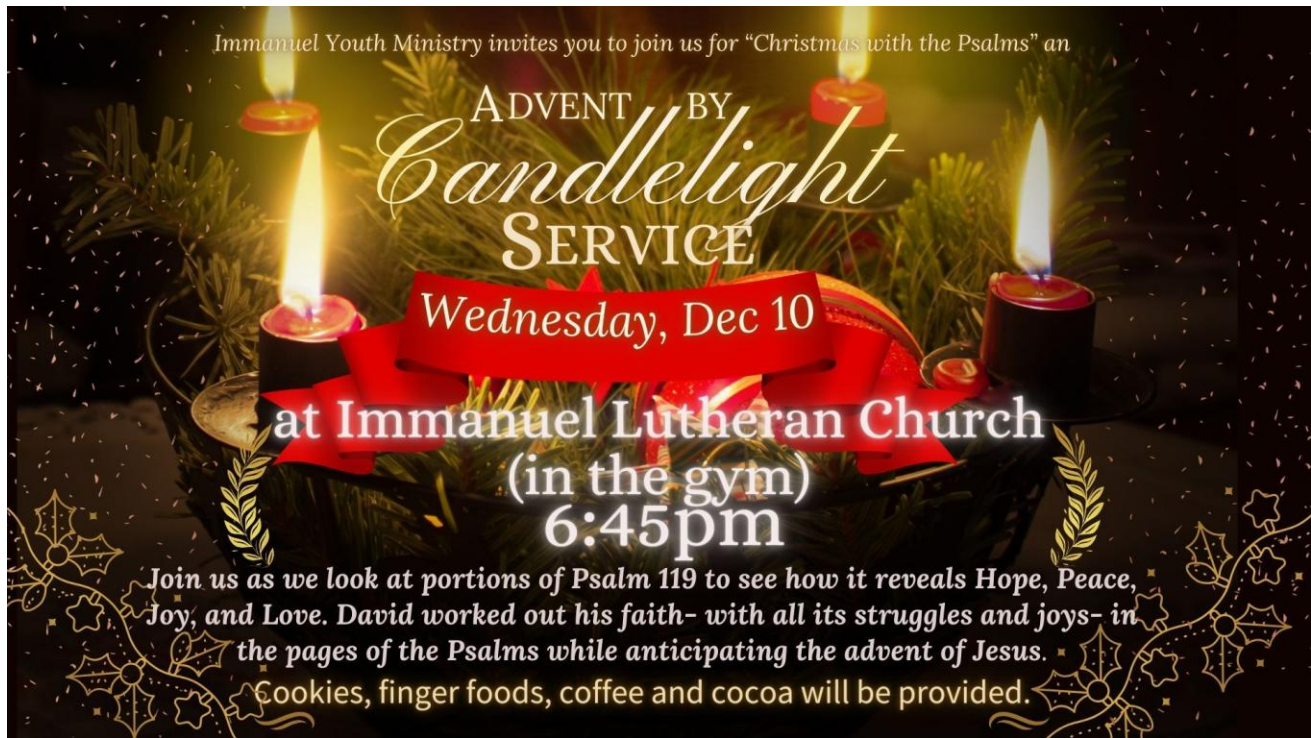
Thank you in advance for helping us serve our guests delicious treats following the Boar's Head Festival.

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.

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.

BOAR'S HEAD DECORATIONS NEEDED

We would love your help in making the church festive and welcoming!

Items needed:

Decorations, tables, pillows, tall candle holders

Fresh holly, sprigs of greenery (if you have holly bushes at home and are willing to donate a few cuttings, that would be great!)

Apple cider & small bottles of water

Items may be dropped off at the church by December 10th.

Thank you for helping make this event beautiful for our community!

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT IMMANUEL: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 (OK BLOOD INSTITUTE)

Time: 9:00am—12:30pm, in the gym

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

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, November 23rd:

9am Service attendance: 236

Offering: \$15,980.24

11:30am Service attendance: 96

Online Giving: \$7,269.51

Sunday, November 30th:

10:00am service attendance: 299

Offering: \$10,559.00

Online Giving: \$8,227.34



To my Immanuel family,

Your support and presence during Ray's sickness and death have been a comforting reminder of the love surrounding me and my family. Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards. The support you provided will always be remembered.

Carole Weygand & family

IN OUR PRAYERS

LaDonna Griffiths & family – LaDonna's Aunt Janet passed away on Monday, December 1st after a short battle with cancer. May God provide the family with comfort, assurance, and even joy during their sorrow.

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.

The Second Sunday in Advent – December 7, 2025

PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

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