

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
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December 21, 2025
11:30am Modern Divine Service

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song "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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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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “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.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 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, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 first chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:1-17

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

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

"Sing of Mary"

**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.**

Chris Winston

Sermon

Rev. Benjamin Braun

The Star

Matthew 1:1-17

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: Spirit and the Virgin. Guide us so that we may rejoice in the Word made flesh and in the redemption He has won by His holy life, life-giving death and resurrection. Bless all church workers in their various vocations, that they may serve us well in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are the giver of every good gift, O Lord, and You care for us in all our needs of body, mind and spirit. Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn, especially Earl, Carrie Ann, Angela, Vernon, Dorothea, and those we name in our hearts. According to Your gracious will, sustain them all by Your grace, and give them patience and courage as they await the unfolding of Your healing grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Grant, Holy Father, that all who eat today of this feast of joy may find in the Savior's body and blood a blessed foretaste of the feast to come, for the strengthening of their faith and the growth of their love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Dayspring from on high and the splendor of light everlasting. By His coming in the flesh and by His blessed Word, enlighten our hearts with the Gospel, enlighten the hearts of those who sit in the darkness of unbelief with the light of saving faith, and enlighten those who dwell in the shadow of death with the certain hope of the resurrection through Him. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; 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*)

"What A Beautiful Name"

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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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

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

"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
I 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

"Firm Foundation"

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So, why would He fail now?

Pre-chorus

He won't

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So, I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful through every season
So, why would He fail now?

Pre-chorus & Chorus

He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail

Bridge

Rain came, wind blew
My house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through
Rain came, wind blew
My house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through
I'm gonna make it through
I'm standing strong on You
I'm gonna make it through
My house is built on You

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So, why would He fail now?

Pre-chorus & Chorus

He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail
He won't fail, He won't fail

Cheyenne Mitchell

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm & Christmas Day Service at 10:00am

REMINDER

We will have one service on Sunday, December 28th at 10:00am.

No Sunday school for Adults, Youth, or Children.

END OF YEAR GIVING FOR 2025

The church office will be able to accept tithes and offerings received on December 31st for the calendar year 2025. Please make sure the tithes and offerings are at the church office by 11:45am, Wednesday, December 31. Thank you.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you started thinking about tax planning? April may seem like a long way off, but most tax strategies must be completed before the end of December. If you would benefit from additional charitable deductions, please consider giving to one of the following:

Opportunity Scholarship Fund: You can save money and help some of our students who need a little extra funding to remain at the academy. Please visit the [Opportunity Scholarship Fund website](#) for details on how you or your business can utilize this opportunity to give while saving tax dollars.

ILCA Benevolence Fund: This fund was established by the Board of Trustees to be able to extend a helping hand when school families are walking through a difficult financial time and need help with things like lunches and activity fees. Donations may be left in the ILCA office.

ILCA Scholarship Fund: This fund is used to support staff families, and families who may have additional needs or possibly do not qualify for the Parental Choice Tax Credit or OSF due to issues beyond their control. Donations may be made in the ILCA office.

If you have any additional questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Berwaldt for answers. Thank you for your consideration in giving to these much appreciated funding sources.

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!

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

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 14th:

9:00am Service attendance: 219

Offering: \$15,588.11

11:30am Service attendance: 96

Online Giving: \$6,061.10



We give thanks to all who donated their time and talents to make this year's Boar's Head Festival possible. From those who worked on costumes, sets, décor, and logistics, to our cast, musicians, ushers, greeters, and stagehands, your dedication made this festival possible. It was truly a collaborative effort of our congregation. We also extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed cookies, apple cider, bottles of water

and holly for the Boar's Head Festival. The cookies were delicious, the hot cider provided comfort on a cold evening, and the holly branches greatly enhanced the appearance of the refreshment tables. The water was greatly appreciated by all who needed a refreshing thirst quencher. Your generosity is truly valued.
THANK YOU!

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 CWEF 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.

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