



Sermon: "Still Singing the Same Song" Luke 1:39-56  
Saturday, December 21 & Sunday, December 22, 2024  
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School  
Okawville, Illinois 62271  
*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

## WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

*We gather on the Lord's Day knowing that "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again" (Romans 6:9). Welcome, visitors who have joined us today. If we can help in any way, please call: Church 618-243-6216 or School 618-243-6142.*

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Saturday: 19 Communed: 14 Sunday: 77 Communed: 57 Wednesday:

Bible Class: 5 Sunday School: no count

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!*

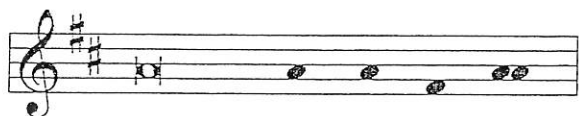
- All members of Immanuel including:
  - At home – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Gloria Eggemann, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Linda Schuetz, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
  - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard & Bernice Hemminghaus
  - At Breese Nursing Home – Lois Rabenort
  - At Freeburg Care Center - Loraine Schneider
  - At Washington County Hospital in Nashville – Verdell Unverfehrt
  - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck.
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
  - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
  - ...urban ministry in East St. Louis
  - ...campus ministry at SIU-C and SIU-E
  - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
  - ...partnership with Seminary in Dominican Republic

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

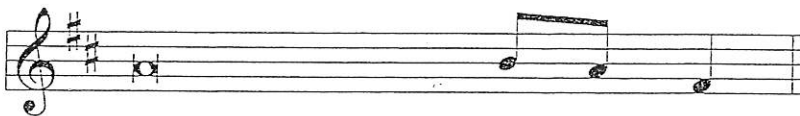
## Order of Service - Martins

### 346 When All the World Was Cursed (Sunday)

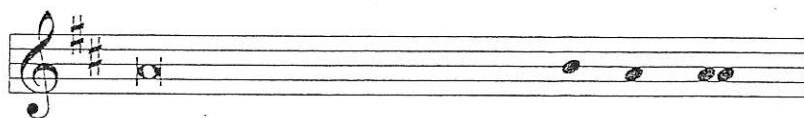
*Stand*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**G** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**G** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**G** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

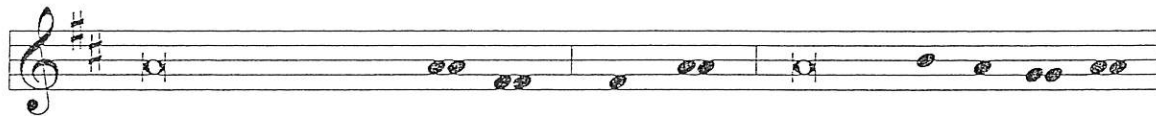


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody

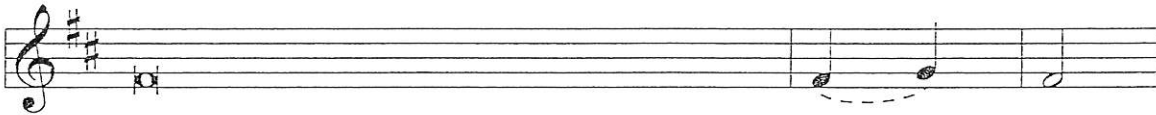


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

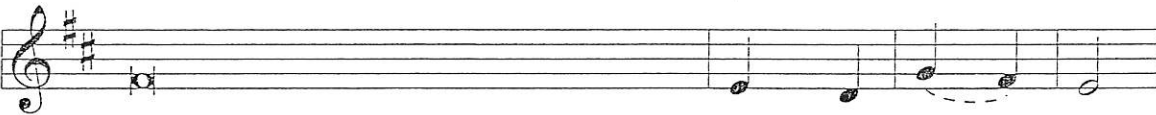


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

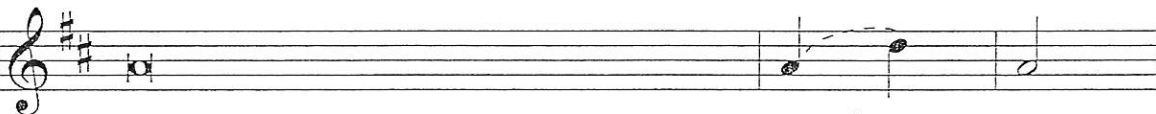
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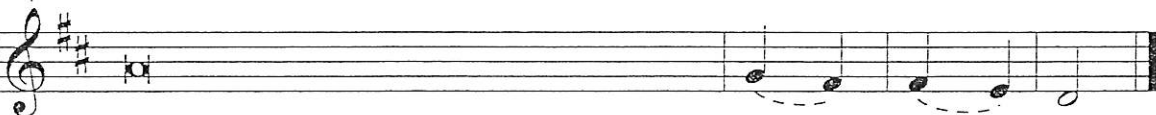
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



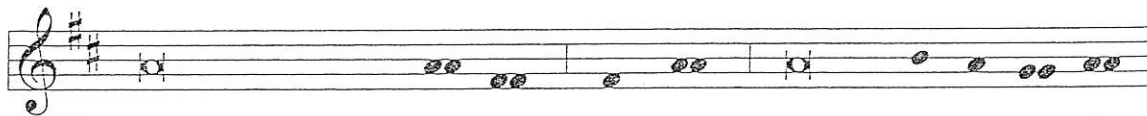
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**G** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## Psalm 80 (spoken on Saturday) (sung on Sunday)

Richard Leach

Amanda Husberg

**Choir and Congregation:**



Lift us up a-gain, O God— smile on us and save us!

**Choir:**

1 Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, listen!  
Children of Joseph are calling for light.  
Holy One, on the throne borne by the angels,  
Ephraim and Benjamin call You to shine.  
“Show us Your splendor,” Manasseh cries out to You.  
Come, saving Shepherd, awaken Your might! *Refrain*

2 How long, O God of hosts, will You be angry?  
You hear us pray and Your anger endures.  
Our daily bread is the sorrow You send us;  
we lift a cup and the taste is our tears.  
You did this— letting our neighbors look down at us.  
You did this— letting our enemies jeer. *Refrain*

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## Readings

### Old Testament

Micah 5:2–5a

**L** A reading from Micah, chapter 5.

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

Hebrews 10:5–10

**L** A reading from Hebrews, chapter 10.

<sup>5</sup> When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),  
<sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to

establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:39–56**

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 1.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

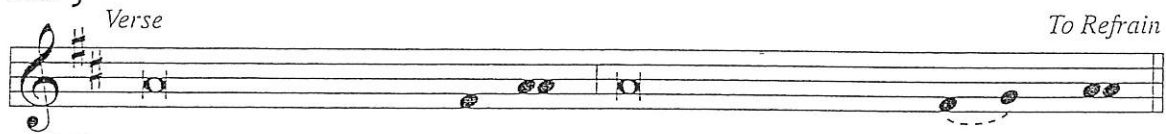
<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

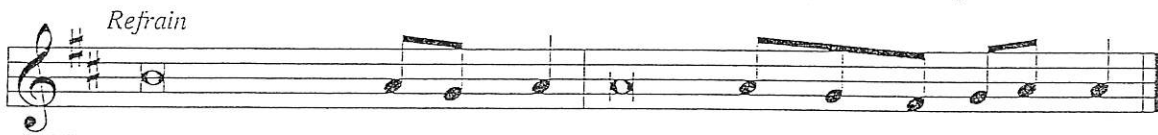
**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

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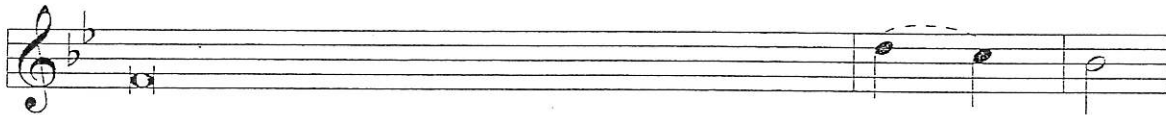
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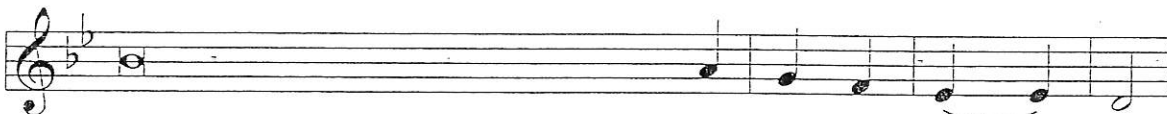
## Canticle

*Stand*

### Te Deum

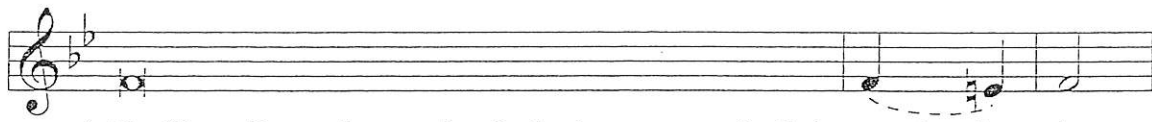


- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise You.

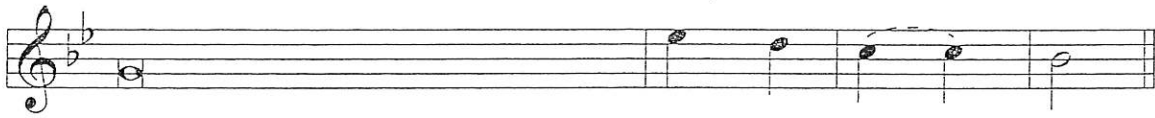


- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Father ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl - edge You.

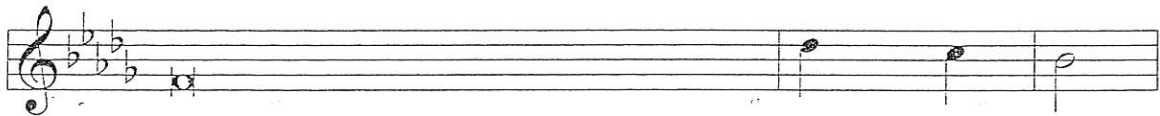




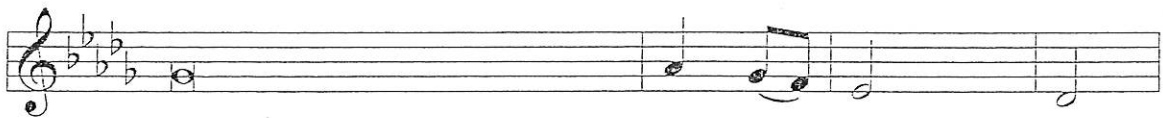
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise— You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O—— Christ;



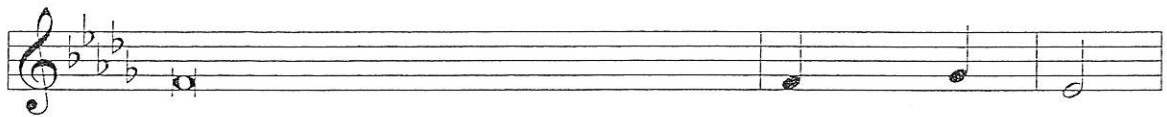
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise— You.
- 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



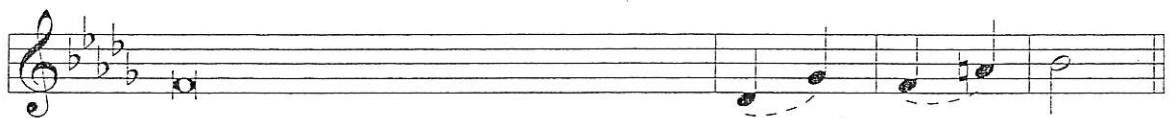
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
- 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



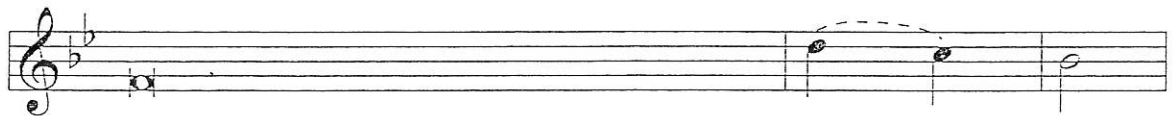
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



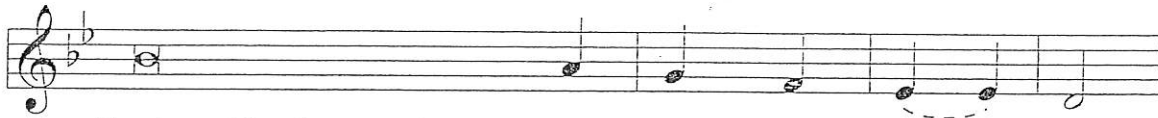
- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,
- 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



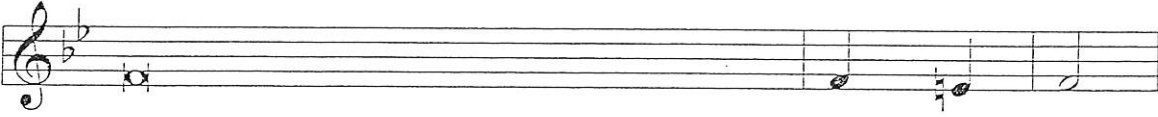
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
- 6 to . . . . . be—— our—— judge.



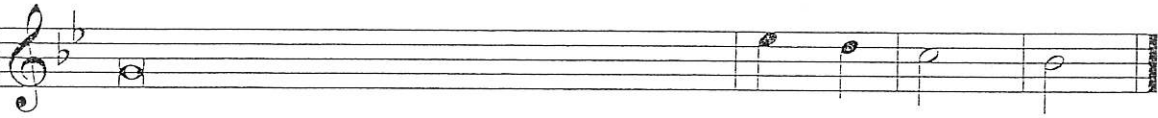
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,
- 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
- 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out—— sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

*Sit*

Offering

# Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

Kyrie



**G** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

**G** 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.

## Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Collect of Peace (Saturday)

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Collect for Grace (Sunday)

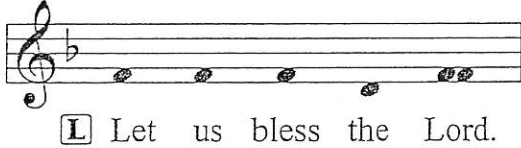
**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your

sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Stand*

### Benedicamus

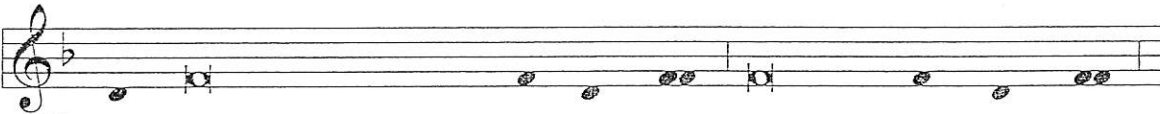


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

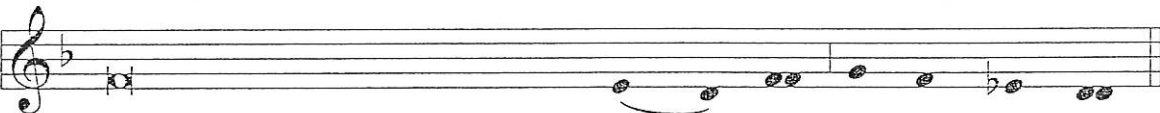


**G** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**G** A - men.

### 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord (Sunday)

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(Sunday)	Collins Schumacher
Readers (Saturday)	Nancy Weeke
(Sunday)	Steve Elliott

Birthdays: Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Rennegarbe, Malinda Weeke, 23<sup>th</sup> Lois Rabenort, Pamela Strasburg, 24<sup>th</sup> Sophia Wood, 26 Alex Rossel, 27<sup>th</sup> Paisley Heyde

December Ushers – Saturday –

Sunday – Mark Schneider and Dennis Pruehsner

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Beginners Catechesis is this Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service is this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Sermon Series:** Our Christmas Day sermon is “Prince of Peace”- a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn why we long for peace in this world but fail to obtain it. We will also learn how Jesus, the “Prince of Peace,” gives us peace with God through His sacrifice for us, which also results in believers being at peace with one another.

**Christmas Eve Service:** We are looking for participants to perform preservice music on Christmas Eve. Preservice will start at 5:30. Anyone with musical talents, young or old, is encouraged to participate! Please contact Erin Kurtz, Allison Dunn or Krissy Schneider to be included.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Immanuel Lutheran School** began Christmas break on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and will return to class on January, 6<sup>th</sup>.

Immanuel Wee Care is in search of a part time teacher/day care worker after school. If you are interested or would like additional information, please call Cheri Kurtz at 618-243-6161.

Immanuel Lutheran School is looking for a volunteer to help in the kitchen 2 days a week. Please call the school office for details.

You can help the school financially by doing the following: **Shop With Raiseright** - For complete information visit [www.shopwithraiseright.com](http://www.shopwithraiseright.com). Checks payable to ILS PTL. Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756](http://smile.amazon.com/ch37-0916756) and Amazon donates to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Okawville. Participate in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. Join Casey's Rewards today and donate to our school. This is for instore, online or at the pump purchases.

## GENERAL NOTES

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke 1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate (Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

**Life Quotes** "As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us pray for all mothers who find themselves pregnant and afraid. Abortion is never the answer. We pray daily that the Lord will strengthen all expectant mothers who find themselves alone and seemingly without hope and that He will help them choose life. Every human being's life is a precious and beautiful miracle." *Judie Brown, American Life League - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

**Stewardship:** Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUE Lutheran Worship from a Lutheran church; 9:00 a.m. 104.7 FM Rev. Mueller, New Minden Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. TV Station “TCT” “Lutheran Worship.” These are not a replacement for being in church and Bible class. These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Wednesday, December 4, Saturday, December 7, Sunday, December 8, Wednesday, December 11, Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15 were as follows: Current \$1,473.00, Home Use \$12,005.00, Loose \$251.05, Thanksgiving \$200, and Advent \$130.00.

Expenses for the week: \$10,268.86

#### Update to Thrivent Choice

Immanuel Lutheran School received \$27.00 from “Thrivent Choice Dollars” designations in December. Thank you to everyone who directed their “Thrivent Choice Dollars” to Immanuel.