

Immanuel – St. Paul



Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod

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*Third Sunday in Advent*

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*December 11, 2016*  
*Today's Worship*

**The Order of Worship**

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion TLH pg. 15ff  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship LSB pg. 184

**The Hymns**

8:00 a.m. 60, 61, 58, 75, 72, 56  
10:00 a.m. 345, 347, 353

**The Sermon**

Title: Gaudete  
Text: Matthew 11:2-15

**Today's Readings**

First Reading [Isaiah 35:1-10](#)  
Epistle Reading [James 5:7-11](#)  
Gospel Reading [Matthew 11:2-15](#)

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*A Note To Our Visitors*

We welcome you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ,  
and we pray that your time of worship with us today will be a  
blessing to you.

# *Church Notes*

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings Are:**

[Isaiah 7:10-17](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

## *Prayer for the Day*

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way. Amen

## *Lutheran Witness*

Immanuel's Lutheran Witness subscriptions are due. This year's cost is \$16.00.

## *Treat Bags*

A collection for treat bags for St. Paul's Children's Program will be made today following the service.

## *Open House*

Please join us for a celebration in honor of the 85th birthday of Gilbert Roth, father of Carolyn Gramenz today from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm in St. Paul's Parish Hall.

## *Voters' Meeting*

Immanuel's next Voters' Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 13.

## *Advent Midweek*

The second Advent Midweek Service will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul.

*St. Paul's Christmas Program Practice*

The final Christmas Program Practice will be Sunday, December 18  
from 8:30 to 9:45 am.

*Christmas Caroling*

Christmas Caroling. The St. Paul Ladies Aid will be Christmas Caroling on December 20. Everyone is welcome to join! We will gather at St. Paul at 3:30pm. We will carol first at Craig Manor at 4pm and then Three Springs at 5:40pm. Dinner will follow at Reids Harvest House. Please join us for fellowship and the joy of singing!

*Immanuel's Christmas Program*

Immanuel's Christmas Program will be December 21 at 7:00 pm.

*Christmas Program Party*

St. Paul's Christmas Program Party will be Sunday, December 18 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Each child that wishes to participate in the gift exchange needs to bring a gift valued from \$5.00-\$7.00. Girls should bring a gift for a girl and boys should bring a gift for a boy. Each family is also asked to bring a dozen cookies to share.

Pizza and beverages will be provided.

*St. Paul's Christmas Program*

This year's Christmas Program will be on Saturday, December 24, starting at 6:00 pm.

*Thrivent*

Do you have a Thrivent account? Thrivent will donate money to Immanuel Lutheran church. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and at the prompt say "Thrivent Choice". If this money is not directed yearly, it is lost.

*Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School*

**Like to shop Shutterfly to order Christmas cards?** We now have our own storefront to Shutterfly and Christ Our Savior will receive a portion of every purchase. Just use this link:

<http://coslhs.shutterflystorefront.com/> or go to [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org) and click on the link.

**Beach Party Trivia Night:** The annual trivia night will be January 27, 2016 at 7 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the best themed table.

Trivia questions will cover a wide variety of topics to appeal to trivia players of all ages and abilities. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling the school



As part of the  
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history of the music  
Church, we

Lutherans boast of one of the greatest and most influential musicians of all time, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Bach has well over 1000 surviving works. Much of his music is sacred choral and organ works, written for the Church. He signed each one of his pieces "*solī deo gloria*" ("to God alone be the glory") signifying his only intent in his work was to glorify God. Bach's choral works join Scripture and lyrics with music that teaches the faith. For a truly Lutheran hymn seeks to interpret and sing the Scriptures in reference to Christ. Bach has several hymns of which we still use to this day. In fact, we use the organ in Lutheran worship primarily because of Bach's influence. Bach is, like Luther, undeniably one of the most influential figures in world history, and he is a Lutheran Christian. We owe him much for our Church musical tradition.

We have the unique opportunity, being close to St. Louis, to make use of exposing our Confirmands to the great work and influence of Bach by the efforts of the professional group, American Kantorei performing "Bach at the Sem." Performances take place in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. If you are interested you may join us on the Confirmation retreat for the next concert:

**Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 3 p.m.**

**ADVENT 3** – J.S. Bach: BWV 121 "Christum wir sollen loben schon" and BWV 147 "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben," containing the beloved "Jesus, Joy of man's desiring"; the soprano title aria, "Süsser Trost, mein Jesus kömmt," from BWV 151; and the Sinfonia from BWV 182 "Himmelskönig, sei willkommen."

You are welcome to join us to enjoy a beautiful afternoon of Sacred Lutheran Music. We will leave from St. Paul after Church and stop for lunch. Concerts are usually about an hour and a half. Please talk to Pr.

Sean for more information



*Come, Holy Spirit,  
And Fill The Hearts Of Your Faithful*

*This Week At Immanuel-St. Paul*

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Immanuel - Holy Communion
	8:30 am	Christmas Program Practice @ SP
	9:15 am	Sunday School @ Immanuel
	10:00 am	St. Paul's - Morning Worship <i>Kids Sing in Church</i>
	11:30 am	Meet at SP for Bach at the Sem Concert - Confirmation Retreat

*Monday*

**Pastor's Day Off**

*Tuesday*

7:00 pm Immanuel Voters' Meeting

*Wednesday*

7:00 pm Advent Midweek 3 Vespers @ SP

*Thursday*

10:00 am **Bulletin Items Deadline**

*Next Sunday*

8:00 am Immanuel - Morning Worship  
8:30 am Christmas Program Practice @ SP  
9:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel  
10:00 am St. Paul's - Holy Communion  
11:00 am Christmas Program Party @ SP  
5:00 pm Confirmation Class @ SP