

A Prayer a Day

**90 Days of Short Prayers
For God's Blessing on Our Congregation
And Our Capital Campaign**



**Fall 2013
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Imagine if each Member Prayed One Prayer a Day...

Each Immanuel household is receiving this booklet as part of the *Growing in Grace* campaign. Imagine what would happen if every member prayed the simple daily prayer in this booklet each day. All of us each day asking God to graciously bless Immanuel during the time of this campaign and beyond.

Put this booklet on your nightstand, near the dinner table, on your desk at work or wherever it will be convenient for you to take a moment and say the daily petitions.

These petitions were written specifically for our congregation. You will note that the same prayer is repeated each Monday. This is the prayer that specifically asks for God to be merciful to our campaign. If you notice that the daily prayers differ in style, it is because they are drawn from different sources ancient and modern. Many have been adapted to fit our community. If you are not in the habit of daily prayer, let this be a new beginning for you, a habit to continue even when the campaign is over.

The prayers are organized around the different themes of the different weeks of the campaign. Some weeks the prayers will focus on spiritual renewal, other weeks on stewardship, and other weeks on celebrating the gifts that are coming forward during this campaign.

This Booklet is Also a Helpful Campaign Calendar Tool

Interspersed in the gray boxes are reminders of all the meaningful events and projects going on during the campaign.

If you want extra booklets you can pick them up at church.

Every good wish in Christ,

Pastor Esget and the Campaign Spiritual Renewal Team

Monday, September 23 Day 1 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.

Tuesday, September 24 Day 2 - Grant, O Lord, that the people of Immanuel would grow in grace throughout this capital campaign. Make our church and school a place where the Gospel of Jesus abides for generations to come; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, September 25 Day 3 – Merciful God, we humbly implore you to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, September 26 Day 4 – O God, source of all abiding knowledge, look with favor upon Immanuel Lutheran School. Bless those who teach and those who learn, that we might together grow in grace as Your people and fulfill Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, September 27 Day 5 – Father in heaven, give us day by day the bread we need for today. Grant that we may always have enough, and something to spare for works of mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, September 28 Day 6 – Almighty God, direct and guide the people of Immanuel by Your Holy Spirit both to plan and to accomplish those things that will benefit Your Church and glorify Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, September 29 Day 7 – (St. Michael and All Angels) Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, September 30 Day 8 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, October 1 Day 9 - Dear Lord, let this campaign not turn us into lovers of money. Pour out Your blessings upon us so that in all things we may give You glory, whether or not we prosper financially; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, October 2 Day 10 – Almighty God, we give thanks that through the many gifts of the parents of our school students You provide for the care of children. Send down upon them Your Holy Spirit that everything said, thought, and done might be for the common good and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, October 3 Day 11 – Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Friday, October 4 Day 12 – Gracious Father in Heaven, remember in mercy Your maidservant Ms. Habrecht as she leads our school. Give her knowledge, patience, and wisdom, that she may help all the teachers, students, and families grow in grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday we begin three weeks of special sermons and Bible studies on spiritual renewal.

Saturday, October 5 Day 13 – Lord, misery and misfortune annoy me and oppress me. I long to be rid of them. You have said, Ask and you shall receive. So I come and ask. Amen.

Sunday, October 6 Day 14 - Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, October 7 Day 15 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, October 8 Day 16 – Dear Father, what shall we profit if we gain all the pledges to build a beautiful church and school and yet lose You? Keep us from the love of earthly things, and help us to use all that we have to Your glory and service; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, October 9 Day 17 - Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

Did you get Newsletter #2? If not, call the church office for a copy and be sure to read it cover to cover for important information on the campaign including your spiritual renewal checklist.

Thursday, October 10 Day 18 – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner, and have mercy on all the people of Immanuel. Amen.

Friday, October 11 Day 19 – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on Christopher our Pastor. Keep him faithful to Your Word, and give him patience, wisdom, and understanding. Amen.

Saturday, October 12 Day 20 – Gracious Father in Heaven, remember in mercy Your servant Mark Pfundstein, the president of Immanuel. Give him knowledge, patience, and wisdom, that he may help us grow in grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, October 13 Day 21 – O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, October 14 Day 22 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.

Tuesday, October 15 Day 23 – Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Have you signed up for a time at the Prayer Vigil this coming Saturday? Join your fellow members for an hour of prayer, asking God's blessing on Immanuel and the *Growing in Grace* campaign.

Wednesday, October 16 Day 24 – Almighty God, grant Your continual blessing to Chaplains Muehler, Stout, Ehrke, and all who minister in Your Name in the armed forces, that by Your gracious working they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, October 17 Day 25 – Dear Father, give us our daily bread, good seasons, and health. Protect us from war, disease, and drought. If You would tempt me a bit by withholding Your blessings for a while, then Your will be done. If my time is up and my hour has come, deliver me from all evil. If not, give me strength and patience. Amen.

Bring your Spiritual Renewal Pledge Card to church this weekend and be ready to be inspired! It's time to celebrate our Spiritual Renewal!

Friday, October 18 Day 26 – (St. Luke) Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Saturday, October 19 Day 27 – Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest. Remember Your servants Jonathan Scheck and Noah Rogness as they prepare to serve as pastors in Your Church. Send down on them Your Holy Spirit that they may be edified in sound doctrine and sustained in holy living; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, October 20 Day 28 – O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, October 21 Day 29 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, October 22 Day 30 – Almighty and most gracious God and Father, while we are seeking financial gifts to help Immanuel grow in grace, turn our hearts also to those who have turned away from the Faith. Use us to show kindness and love to them, and recall them by Your Word of truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, October 23 Day 31 – (St. James of Jerusalem) Heavenly Father, shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday, October 24 Day 32 – Lord of heavenly hosts, whom saints and angels delight to worship, be with Your maidservants Barbara, Emily, Sherry, and Linda, who play skillfully and sing joyfully as they lead us in Your praise. Bring us all to the eternal worship around the throne of the Lamb, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, October 25 Day 33 – Direct our parish, O Lord, in the conduct of this capital campaign, that we may seek first Your favor and trust in Your help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, October 26 Day 34 – Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that, as Your Church gathers for worship tomorrow, we may so hear the Scriptures, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, October 27 Day 35 – O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be sure to attend one of our Home Gatherings. If you have not received an invitation please call the church office: 703-549-0155.

Monday, October 28 Day 36 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Don't miss the Immanuel video starring your fellow members! It is showing at the Home Gathering Meetings. If you did not get a Home Gathering invitation call the church office: 703-549-0155

Tuesday, October 29 Day 37 – Almighty God and Lord, as You have called us to support the proclamation of Your Word, so now bless our efforts that our church and school may be strengthened now and for generations to come to grow in grace and lead many others to the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, October 30 Day 38 – O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, October 31 Day 39 – (Reformation Day) Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Friday, November 1 Day 40 – (All Saints Day) Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Come and join your fellow members at an intimate Home Gathering Meeting. If you still need to find a Gathering that fits your schedule, call the church office and we will find you a meeting to attend. The Gatherings continue until November 9.

Saturday, November 2 Day 41 – O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ on the morrow, that we might be pardoned of all our sins and grow in grace; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 3 Day 42 – O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 4 Day 43 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.

Tuesday, November 5 Day 44 – Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, November 6 Day 45 – Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Have you been to a Home Gathering Meeting yet? The campaign is in full swing now. The big Pledge Event is just around the corner!

Thursday, November 7 Day 46 – Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, November 8 Day 47 – Dear God, I am a poor and offensive person. Who am I that my soul is named the bride of God, and the Son of God its bridegroom? The eternal Majesty has condescended to come into my poor flesh and blood and truly unite Himself with me. This is an honor not even bestowed upon the angels in heaven. From head to foot I am full of pollution, corruption, leprosy, sin, and offense before God. How then can I be considered His beloved, and be one in body with the high, eternal, glorious majesty? Since You want it so, O be praised and thanked in all eternity. Amen.

Saturday, November 9 Day 48 – Dear God, if only we were as diligent to pray, at least with a longing in the heart, as You are in coaxing, bidding, commanding, assuring, and constraining us to pray. Unfortunately, we are too lazy and ungrateful! Forgive us, dear Lord, and strengthen our faith. Since I cannot pay the penalty, and my name has no prestige, let satisfaction be made in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday, November 10 Day 49 – Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 11 Day 50 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, November 12 Day 51 – Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, November 13 Day 52 – Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, November 14 Day 53 – Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Make plans to join your fellow congregation members for the Pledge Event this weekend.

Friday, November 15 Day 54 – Lord, I know that I cannot produce or preserve for myself even a piece of daily bread. Nor can I guard myself against any need of misfortune. Therefore I will pray as You order, and I hope to receive as You promise, for You take my need to heart and help before I even think of asking. If I please You, let it happen; if I do not, let it not happen. Amen.

Saturday, November 16 Day 55 – O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that we have received. We sincerely repent of the sins of this week that now draws to a close. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Inscribe Your law upon our hearts, and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work. In the emptiness of this present age keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation. By Your Holy Spirit bless the preaching of Your Word tomorrow, and the administration of the Holy Sacrament. Bless these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul. Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand. Finally, if it is Your will, allow our capital campaign to succeed so that we and the next generation may continue to grow in grace and attain unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 17 Day 56 – Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 18 Day 57 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacon of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, November 19 Day 58 – Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us grace to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, November 20 Day 59 – Throughout this capital campaign, O Lord, keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit, that as Your holy angels continuously sing praises to You in heaven, so may we at all times glorify You on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, November 21 Day 60 – O God, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that any success we have in this life, and any growth in our Church, might not make us arrogant or prideful and so provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness make us partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pledge Day was last weekend. If you have not joined the rest of the congregation in making your pledge, be sure to turn in your card to the church office.

Friday, November 22 Day 61 – O God, by the patient endurance of Your only-begotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy. Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, November 23 Day 62 – Almighty God, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who call upon You for Immanuel to grow in grace. Grant that those things that we faithfully ask according to Your will are received to meet our need and bring glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 24 Day 63 – O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 25 Day 64 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, November 26 Day 65 – Visit, O Lord, the homes in which the people of the Immanuel community dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, growing in grace and sharing eternally in Your blessings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, November 27 Day 66 – Most gracious God, we give thanks for the joy and blessings that You grant to husbands and wives. Help them to grow in grace that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their marriage vows, grow in love toward You and for each other, and come at last to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

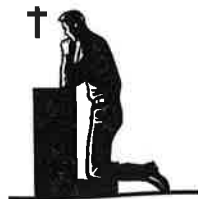
Thursday, November 28 Day 67 – (Thanksgiving) Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Friday, November 29 Day 68 – O God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that we may be opened to the goodness of Your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, November 30 Day 69 – (St. Andrew) Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday, December 1 Day 70 – (Advent I) Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, December 2 Day 71 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, December 3 Day 72 – Almighty God, help us to grow in grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, December 4 Day 73 – Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed our day school, Sunday School, and the many families of Immanuel with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, December 5 Day 74 – Almighty God and gracious Father, in Your mercy look upon those in our church whose increasing years bring them weakness, anxiety, distress, or loneliness. Grant that they may always know care and respect, concern and understanding. Grant them willing hearts to accept help and, as their strength wanes, increase their faith with the constant assurance of Your love through Jesus Christ, their Savior. Amen.

Friday, December 6 Day 75 – Heavenly Father, we commend to Your care those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Grant that the wealth of our land be profitably used so that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, December 7 Day 76 – O Lord, remember Your congregation, Immanuel, and our parish school, established of old. Save Your servants who trust in You. Supply us what is needed to repair and expand our church and school, that generations to come may know Your grace and glorify Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 8 Day 77 – (Advent II) Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, December 9 Day 78 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, December 10 Day 79 – Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your benefits, that You have given us life and graciously sustained us to this day. We beseech You, do not take Your blessing from us; preserve us from covetousness, that we may serve You only, love and abide in You, and not defile ourselves by idolatrous love of wealth, but hope and trust only in Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Wednesday, December 11 Day 80 – Lord God, heavenly Father, You have bountifully given us Your blessing and our daily bread. We beseech You, preserve us from covetousness, and so enliven our hearts that we willingly share Your blessed gifts with our needy brethren; that we may be found faithful stewards of Your gifts, and abide in your grace when we shall be removed from our stewardship, and shall come before Your judgment, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday, December 12 Day 81 – O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart; these, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar. Amen.

This coming Sunday we will announce our pledge total and celebrate the Lord's blessings.

Friday, December 13 Day 82 – Almighty God, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, December 14 Day 83 – Almighty God, grant to Your servant Pastor Esget Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people at Immanuel, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 15 Day 84 – (Advent III) Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, December 16 Day 85 – Heavenly Father, Lord of the Church, as we begin this monumental task of expanding and renovating our facilities to better carry out your ministry at Immanuel, shower us with your grace and mercy. As we uphold confessional Lutheranism and classical education, show us how to be faithful servants, generous givers and beacons of your truth. We cannot accomplish this task apart from you. With all thanks and glory. Amen.



Tuesday, December 17 Day 86 – O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.

Wednesday, December 18 Day 87 – O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us. Amen.

Thursday, December 19 Day 88 – O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us. Amen.

Friday, December 20 Day 89 – Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the capital campaign that now draws to its end, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive. It is now past and we commit it to You. All that we are and have we entrust to You, and rest in Your peace, for You are our help, and constantly care for us. Hear us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, December 21 Day 90 – (St. Thomas) Almighty and ever-living God, You strengthened Your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of Your Son. Grant us such faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that we may never be found wanting in Your sight; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.