

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021—10am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

Prelude

Hymn: #343 "Prepare the Royal Highway"



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

Pastor : Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being

The Word of Absolution

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Introit

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open you mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy Spirit.

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: 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.

People: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading – Malachi 3:1-7

¹“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶ “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

All: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading – Philippians 1:2-11

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

Michaela Farnsworth-Solo

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 1st verse.

♪ **People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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.

⁹Even 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."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed

All: 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.

Hymn #344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon – "How John Prepares the Way" Luke 3:1-20

I. By Identifying the brood of vipers

- A. The brood then
- B. You are that brood now.

II. You are the brood of the Spirit

- A. John preached a baptism of repentance.
 - 1. A man changes his mind about sin
- 2. John baptized for "the forgiveness of sins"
 - B. Jesus baptism gives you His Holy Spirit
 - 1. Yours is the death of Jesus Christ
 - 2. Yours is the resurrection of Jesus for your justification.

The Offertory

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

Offering

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Randy, neighbor of Frank & Faith Plumb

Healing from surgery for Richard Seedroff

Healing for Wilma Meyferth

Healing for Riley & Bailey, victims of shooting at MI High School, friend of Pastor Farnsworth's sister

Dr's wisdom for vertigo treatments for Beth Hutches

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and putting in basket on the way out.)

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 Institution

Pastor: 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 Testament 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."

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Nunc Dimittis

People: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Thanksgiving

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

The Closing Hymn #349 "Hark the Glad Sound"



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Hazel Palton, mother of Beverly Mueller-Mackey

*The Hispanic Congregation wants to give thanks to this beautiful family of Immanuel. Each one of you reflects the love of Jesus Christ and together we will grow the kingdom of God
Happy Thanksgiving!!!*

Blessings

Pastor Miguel and Katherine

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Bob & Barbara Hendricksen, Barbara is the cousin of Kathy Begley

Peace & comfort for the family of John Werner, neighbor of Jerry & Kathy Begley

Prayers for smooth relocation and transition for the Bingamon family, from St. Louis, MO

We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing

Carol Lee, sister of Richard Seedroff

Ray Dempsey

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Dr. Khalid Mahmood, father of Farrah Briggs
Richard Seedroff
Barbara Knott
Amber, mother of Emma Bieske
Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin
Cheryl Ford
Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches
Joann, friend of Beth Hutches
Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere
David, brother of Larry Habeck
Barbara LaVere
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's
Alan Sparks
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel
David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson
Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC
Carson Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Bragg
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
Xander Ritter, USMC, deployed to Okinawa, Japan
Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson
Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed in South Korea, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Ray & Beth Kelp
Monday: Michael & Shauna Kenyon, Eliza, Mary, Jessica, Grace
Tuesday: Dennis & Jennifer Kim, Ava, Natalie, Brady
Wed: Ron Klettlinger
Thursday: Robert & Marcia Kneusel, Alyson, Julia, Danielle
Friday: Sandra Kopitzke
Saturday: Ruth Krause

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Lily Habbeshaw
Monday: Claire Hall
Tuesday: Jacob, Lukas & Noah Hardesty
Wed: Yaliana Hernandez
Thurs: Raelynn & Ronald Hockman
Friday: Harrison Howells
Saturday Ellena Iturriaga

Please take this scripture and prayer that the Transition Committee has prepared and place it on your refrigerator or in a spot where you can see it often. We would encourage all of our Immanuel family to memorize the scripture verse each week and to daily lift each other, the Committee and Pastor Farnsworth in prayer.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray your continued presence with all of our Immanuel family, with the Transition Committee, with Pastor Farnsworth and his family, and with the Pastor you are preparing to come to serve here at Immanuel. Keep us strong in hope, patient for the timing of Your plan and faithful in daily coming to You in prayer. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES

This year our midweek Advent series will focus on

Introits

Remember, midweek services are at 7:00 pm.

Pre-Meal Service at 5:30pm in the Youth Room

Wednesday, December 1st:

“See, your King comes to you, righteous and having Salvation.”

Wednesday, December 8th:

“Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved”

Wednesday, December 15th:

“Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.”