

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022—10:15am

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.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol. Gluten free wafers available upon request during distribution.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Redmann

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Call to Worship from Isaiah 11

Pastor: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse

All: **From his roots a Branch will bear fruit**

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him

All: **The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding**

Pastor: The Spirit of Counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

All: **And He will delight in the fear of the Lord.**

Pastor: Trusting in the Word of Life given in our baptism, we are gathered together today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Time for Praise *(Please rise as you are able)*

Opening Song: "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah

Declaring the Word of the Lord

And these are the days

Of Your servant Moses

Righteousness being restored

And though these are days

Of great trials

Of famine and darkness and sword

Still we are the voice

In the desert crying

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

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Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
Lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes
And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

CHORUS

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Pastor: Let us pray

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, as we gather for worship
this morning, we praise You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. We thank You that You have loved us
with an everlasting love and have chosen us to be Your people. Lord, You promised You would come;
You came and You have promised You are coming back in all Your glory. Bless our worship as we
prepare to celebrate Your birth once again. In Your precious name, Amen.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness

All: **O Lord Jesus, the glory and beauty of Your eternal home gives me hope for all my tomorrows. Yet,
unless You are Lord of my life; reigning as King, I will get in the way of You being Lord of the
church. My own selfish ideas and personal theologies tear down what You build up. Forgive me
Lord and give me a new vision for Your Kingdom.**

(We pause for a few minutes of silence to reflect upon God's Word and self-examination)

Pastor: Praise God, for the precious Word of the Lord is faithful and true. To those who confess with
penitent hearts, God forgives us and calls us His children. Washed clean in His blood, we can stand
before His throne rejoicing. In the name of Jesus, I declare to you that you are forgiven. Amen.

Children’s Message Song: “This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine;
This little Gospel light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine

All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine;
All around the neighborhood
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

Children’s Message: Scott Wilcox

The First Reading – Romans 15:4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹ And do not presume 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.

¹⁰ Even 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.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Apostles Creed

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

Message Song: #809 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Verses 1 & 3



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Sermon: "Abound in Hope" Romans 15:13 Pastor Redmann

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Comfort & peace for Charlie Dannels & family, as he in hospice, brother-in-law of Ann Heinkel
Successful cancer treatment for Philip (PeeWee) Hoskins, friend of the Habeck's
Healing for Casey Forsong
Healing for Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon
Healing for Jim Hogue, husband of Kathy Hogue

The Lord's Prayer *(Please rise)*

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.

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

The Lord's Supper is Celebrated

Pastor: The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

All: #806 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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(Distribution is continuous style. Please come to the communion rail and kneel or stand. As a place at the communion rail becomes open, please come forward and take that spot. After receiving the bread and the wine and you feel comfortable, please dismiss yourself to return to your seat; the post communion blessing will be given to all at the end. There are baskets available for the empty communion cups.)

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

The Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Through I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name
Chorus

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be,"
Blessed be Your name.
Chorus

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Through there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be your name.

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart is glad to say,
"Lord, blessed by Your name."

Repeat

Chorus

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Our Vision:

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

All: Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Let us go in peace.

All: And serve the Lord

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Flor Sanabria

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Continued Prayers

Peace, strength & comfort for all the victims of Hurricane Ian, who have lost loved ones or their home and belongings

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 or Good Test Results

Jack Proeschel, father of Tom Proeschel

Georgia & Leroy Dietz, parents of Gala Habeck

Nick Kaufman, friend of Habeck's

Derek Hansich, son-in-law of Pastor Dan

Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon

Violet Jermolowicz, niece of Colleen Webb

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Rusty Cotterman, friend of Ed Clarke

Tammy Smith, friend of Danielle Farnsworth

Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke

Debra's son-in-law, just diagnosed with fatal brain tumor, friend of Sue Hague

Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse

Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student

Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of Immanuel

Diane, friend of Sandy Goode

Doug Woodward, father of Jennifer Woodward, friend of Beth (Harmon) DeKnoblough

Richard Seedroff

Victoria Hage, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett

Rich Richards

Barbara LaVere

Barbara Knott

Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra

Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Robert Lowry

Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans

Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA

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

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake

Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Barbara LaVere

Monday: Gary & Linda Lepelletier

Tuesday: Jim Levi

Wed: Helen Lewis

Thursday: Brian Littrel, Joshua, Alexander

Friday: Jose & Jessica Lopez, Angelica, Amanda

Saturday: Reynald & Lauren Lopez, Bellamy

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Noah Lewis

Monday: Savannah Lopez

Tuesday: Christian Maenza

Wed: Sara Mahdavi

Thurs: Madilyn, Malachi, Merrick Malott

Friday: Curtis Marsh

Saturday: Gabriel Martin

Please take this scripture and prayer that the Call 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 our Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Dan, in prayer

The LORD hath been mindful of us; He will bless us...

Psalm 115:12

Father, once again we come before you, seeking your wisdom and guidance as we continue with this process of calling a Senior Pastor. We are disappointed when we receive a decline from a pastor, but we are not shaken. We trust Your loving hand and the Holy Spirit's direction. Be with President Rockey, our Circuit Pastor, Pastor Kuehn, Pastor Dan, the Call Committee, and all of our members as we work together through this process. All praise, glory and honor are Yours. In the precious and strong name of Christ, Amen