

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Third Sunday in Advent

Divine Setting Service Four-Page 203

December 11, 2022—8am

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.

Prelude

Welcome: Pastor Haara

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.

Hymn: #331 "The Advent of Our King"



- 1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

- D 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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The Invocation

(Please rise)

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

People: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins

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

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

The Word of Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Introit

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone. O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **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.**

People: **Amen. (Please be seated)**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 35:1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: “Prophets Knew” *Choir*

The Epistle Reading – James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

[C] These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
 [C] Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 2nd verse.

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

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

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: "John the Baptizer" *Pastor Haara Matthew 11:2-15*

Offertory

#781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Verses 1 & 2

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our firstfruits give!

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Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Charlie Dannels, brother-in-law of Ann Heinkel
 Healing and good test results for Jennifer, the niece of Peg Rankin
 Healing for Sasha Powell, daughter of Pastor Farnsworth & Tammie

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

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

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should no perish but have eternal life.

The Words of Institution

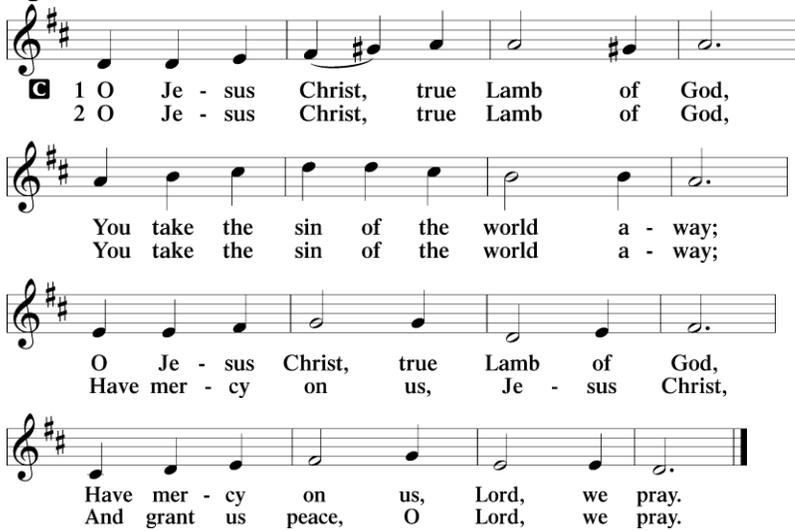
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when 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.**

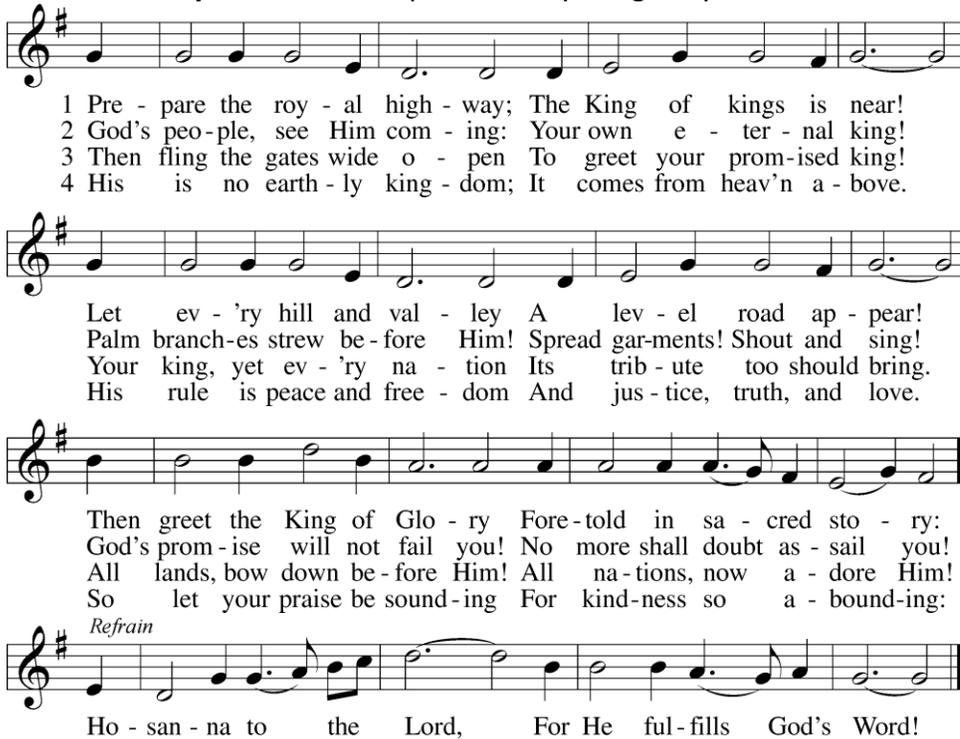
Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution 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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Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

The Benedicamus and 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.

Closing Hymn: #919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" Verses 1, 3 & 6

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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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 Tina and Todd Buchholz anniversary and in memory of Mary Kallas and Dorothy & Edward Beck by Todd & Tina Buchholz

I am very grateful to God and each one of you for the Prayers and Support to start my Studies as a Deaconess.

Thank you very much.

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your Faith is proclaimed in all the world.

God's Blessings

Katherine Guarin Castro

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.

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, 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

Reagan McGowan, grand-daughter of Pastor & Tammie Farnsworth

Casey Forsong

Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Philip (PeeWee) Hoskins, friend of the Habeck's

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

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: Beverly Lowe
 Monday: Robert & Kristy Lowry
 Tuesday: Nelson & Lucia Ludke
 Wed: Joise & Ridiana Martin
 Thursday: Shirley Martin
 Friday: Edith Mattson
 Saturday: Tom McGillem

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday: Abriana, Charlie & Nicholas Martin
 Monday: Alyssa & Matthew Medina
 Tuesday: Reagan Meldrum
 Wed: Christina Molina
 Thurs: Amira & Angelina Nelson
 Friday: Mathias Noria
 Saturday: Emma Ortiz

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