

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Handbells*

Welcome: Pastor Dan

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 7:14

Pastor: The Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

All: **And shall call His name Immanuel**

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; our Immanuel!

All: **Amen.**

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

Opening Song: "Awesome God

Oh, when He rolls up His sleeves

He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

There's thunder in His footsteps

And lightning in His fists

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

And the Lord He wasn't jokin'

When He kicked 'em out of Eden.

It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.

His return is very close and so you better be believin' that

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

HE REIGNS FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

WITH WISDOM, POWER, AND LOVE

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

And when the sky was starless
In the void of the night,
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light.
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
The judgment and wrath He poured out of Sodom,
The mercy and grace He gave us at the Cross.
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that
OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.
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“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

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.

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 will choose to say
Lord Blessed by Your name. *(Repeat)*

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 your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Children's Message Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me Brother in His hands,
He's got you and me Brother in His hands,
He's got you and me Brother in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me Sister in His hands,
He's got you and me Sister in His hands,
He's got you and me Sister in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands
from the MMF Songbook

Children's Message: Pastor Dan

The First Reading – Romans 1:1-17

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able for the reading of our Gospel Lesson

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 18th verse.

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

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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"



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: "Emmanuel" *Pastor Dan*

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Healing and safe pregnancy for Sasha Powell, daughter of Pastor Farnsworth & Tammie

Healing for Nelson Ludke

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: "Emmanuel Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His Name is called Emmanuel

God is with us, revealed in us.

His Name is called Emmanuel.

Repeat

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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:#376 "Once in Royal David's City" Verses 1-2



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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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

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.

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Charlie Dannels, brother-in-law of Ann Heinkel

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

Jennifer, the niece of Peg Rankin

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: Pat McMullen
Monday: Jill McQuistan, Emily
Tuesday: Tom & Wilma Meyferth
Wed: Asya Miller
Thursday: David & Martina Miller
Friday: Beverly & Fran Mackey
Saturday: Pam Murphy, Bill, Matthew , Joshua

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Jacob, Jayden & Jann Ortiz
Monday: Riley Owens
Tuesday: Dairo & Mia Palmeiro
Wed: Audrey & Sophia Paoloemillio
Thurs: Alexander Paredes-Jimenez
Friday: Kenna Parkinson
Saturday: Skylar Paulen

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*

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come quickly. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sinful nature, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.