

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## First Sunday in Advent

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December 3, 2023—8am

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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

**AS WE GATHER:** The first Advent candle is lit for this week's services. Today's candle is often called the prophecy candle. God knows all things, even the future, and prophecy helps us to know the promises that God gives when He speaks about the future and life itself.

**Welcome:** Pastor Dave / Pastor Miguel

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: "Prophecy Candle"

As the Season of Advent starts we look to the promise given by the prophets who long ago foretold of the coming King.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. *Isaiah 9:6-7*

Hymn: #357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verses 1-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

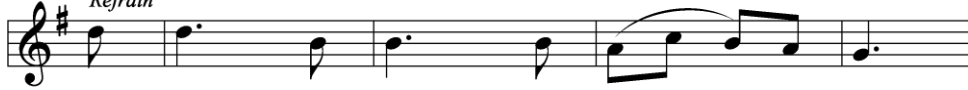


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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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.**  
 Pastor: Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down.  
 People: **O God, we wait for You to enter into our lives.**  
 Pastor: As a fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,  
 People: **We ask that You would set us on fire with a burning passion for You.**  
 Pastor: Come down and make Your name known.  
 People: **Help us to truly know You, O Lord, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Jesus invites us to begin anew. He invites—and He leads us—to approach Him without fear but with sincere repentance when He says, “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” *Matthew 11:28-29*  
(*Silent reflection*)

Pastor: The time of waiting may continue; but the night is past and we live as children of the day. Our great promised Redeemer, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, came down from heaven to be our Savior. He took on our sin that we might be forgiven through faith in Him. As Jesus has promised your sins are forgiven by the grace of our Lord and his wondrous cross. You are free to start another day, another year, anew as a forgiven child of God. Look to the future with excitement awaiting God’s richest blessings as a child looks forward to Christmas.



**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: **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.**

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

## The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 64:1-9 (*God promises for the future*)

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9** (*Opening of the letter*)

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message:** Pastor Dave

**Special Music:** “Waiting for a King” *Choir*

**Alleluia and Verse**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**The Gospel**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 24<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

<sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

<sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

<sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

<sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

<sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

<sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

<sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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

### Hymn: #336 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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### 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 Rich Richards, husband of Nancy Richards  
Successful hip replacement surgery & healing for Christine Garrett  
Healing from a fall for Barbara Abel

### 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 with thy spirit.**

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 meet, 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 not 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."

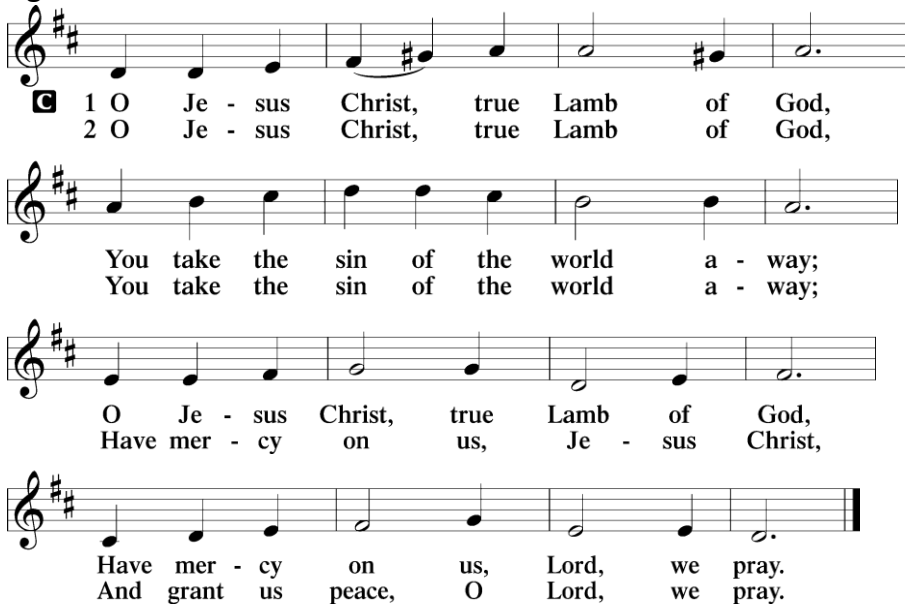
## Pax Domini

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Sharing the Peace** – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord

## 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 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,  
 Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;  
 Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,  
 Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
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 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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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 Son, All 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.

**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: #332 "Savior of the Nations Come" Verses 1-4, 8**

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and  
 here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,  
 That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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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.**

*Rich Richards Memorial Service (Nancy Richards husband)*

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Serenity Meadows, 6919 Providence Road, Riverview, FL**

**Visitation – 10:30am**

**Service – 11:30am**

*Committal in Bushnell at Florida National Cemetery at 2pm*

*Reception at Nancy Richards house at 5pm*

*3052 Wister Circle, Valrico, FL*

**Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Hazel Patton, mother of Beverly Mueller-Mackey and in honor of 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.*

**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 Shirlee Glass, mother of Lise Seedroff

Peace & comfort for the family of Marina Abiera

We pray to God our Lord for Pastor Miguel and our Hispanic Ministry in Immanuel

### **Healing or Good Test Results**

Beverly Fox, mother of ILS principal Bonne Faherty

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

**Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness**

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick  
Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin  
Heather Boatwright, friend of Cindy Szczesny  
Tammy Granger, friend of Danielle Farnsworth  
David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson  
Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook  
Walt Nea  
DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook  
Christine Van Etten  
Barbara LaVere  
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson  
Tom Meyferth

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY  
Safety for... and strength for families:**

Kincaide Green, stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho  
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

**ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES**

Sunday: Bonnie Petersen  
Monday: Scott Petersen  
Tuesday: Bob Petrosky  
Wed: Frank & Faith Plumb  
Thurs: Tom & Betsy Proeschel, Matthew, Caroline, Wendy, Will  
Friday: Peg Rankin, Kelsey, Lilah  
Saturday: Ken & Ellen Reikowski

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

Sunday Kinsley Lytle  
Monday: Christian Maenza  
Tuesday: Ada Maillet  
Wed: Pam & Emma Malave  
Thurs: Madilyn, Malachi & Marrick Malott  
Friday: Ayana Maultsby  
Saturday: Abriana, Charlie, Nicholas Martin

## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Almighty God, Judge and King, the whole creation waits for Your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your grace and fill our lives with Your presence. Use all of our time for Your gracious purpose; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of hosts.**

Zechariah 4:6

*Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You for the opportunity to host Pastor Phil and his wife, Christine this week. We pray You would move all of us to bountifully share the love, the joy, and the peace of our Savior, Jesus in all the meetings Pastor will have with church and school staff, with the various Boards, the Elders, our Church Council, and the gathering with our Immanuel Family members this coming Saturday. We pray the Holy Spirit's guidance for Pastor Phil and Christine as they ponder the call we have extended for our Senior Pastor.*

*In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*