

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023—10:15am

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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.

## Prelude

**Welcome:** Pastor Dave

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH "Bethlehem Candle"

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." (*Micah 5:2*)

## Hymn: Here I Am To Worship

CHORUS

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

CHORUS

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### **“What a Beautiful Name”**

You were the word at the beginning,  
One with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation,  
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus:

What a beautiful Name it is,  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
Nothing compares to this.  
What a Beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater.  
What could separate us now?

Chorus

### **The Invocation** *(Please rise)*

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

**People: Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: As we wait for and watch for Your coming, O Lord, we are aware of our sinfulness and our need for repentance.

**People: John the Baptist called the people to repent.**

Pastor He knew in his heart and in his message that he himself needed grace.

**People: He said that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandals on the feet of the one to come.**

**We have all sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We seek Your forgiveness. We ask boldly in the name of Jesus and because of His sacrifice for us, forgive us our sin.**

*(Silence for a time of reflection)*

Pastor: God is our loving Father, He is our Redeemer. Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, came down from heaven and was born in Bethlehem to be our Savior. Because of His incarnation, life, death and resurrection we have forgiveness in His name. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Children's Song: "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy..."**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Where?

Down in my heart!

Where?

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart  
Where?  
Down in my heart!  
Where?  
Down in my heart!  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart  
Where?  
Down in my heart to stay.

**Children's Message:** Pastor Dave

**The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:1-11**

*(Isaiah speaks of, a voice that cries in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. Who comes in great might to shepherd His people)*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's  
hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD<sup>l</sup>; make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become  
level, the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of  
the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people  
are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift  
up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with  
him, and his recompense accompanies him.

<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his  
heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading – Revelation 3:1-3** *(The words of Jesus to Sardis, one of the seven churches of Revelation, "Wake Up!")*

<sup>1</sup> "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of  
God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of  
my God.

<sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up,  
I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse  
*(The day and hour of Christ's return is unknown)*

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

<sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

<sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 on the right hand of the Father; and He will come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end. 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: "Listen, God is Calling"

Refrain

Listen, listen, God is calling  
Through the Word inviting  
Offering forgiveness,  
Comfort and joy.

Jesus gave His mandate:

Share the good news  
That He came to save us  
And set us free

*Refrain*

Let none be forgotten  
Throughout the world  
In the triune name of God  
Go and baptize

*Refrain*

Help us to be faithful,  
Standing steadfast,  
Walking in Your precepts,  
Led by Your Word

*Refrain*

**Sermon** – “Wake Up” *Pastor Dave*

**Offerings and Pledges are gathered**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Prayers**

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

**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.**

**The Lord’s Supper is Celebrated**

Pastor:            The Consecration of the Bread and Wine

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

**Distribution Hymn: “You are My All in All”**

You are my strength when I am weak.  
You are the Treasure that I seek.  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.  
You are my All in All.

Refrain:            Jesus, Lamb of God,  
                          Worthy is Your name.  
                          Jesus, Lamb of God,  
                          Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down you pick me up,  
When I am dry you fill my cup.  
You are my All in All.

*Refrain*

By Bernard Kyamanywa, Howard S. Olsen, Public Domain

*(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.)*

## **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 Benediction**

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.**

### **The Closing: "My Life is in You, Lord"**

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;  
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You

*Repeat*

*Written by Daniel Gardner*

### **Our Vision:**

**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.**

*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 Rich Richards, husband of Nancy Richards

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

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

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Barbara Abel

Christine Garrett

**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: Thomas Reikowski  
Monday: Nancy Richards  
Tuesday: Rob Ritter, Jackie, Alexander, Madelyn  
Wed: Matt & Karen Roberts, Lauren, Emma, Haley  
Thurs: Elizabeth Robertson  
Friday: David & Johanna Rodgers  
Saturday: Vinicio & Martha Rodriguez, Juliana, Alejandro

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.** Proverbs 3:5-6

*Triune God, once again we come before you with thanksgiving for the many blessings and mercies you have bestowed on our Immanuel family during the Call Process. Through the Holy Spirit we have grown in Your Word and drawn closer as brothers and sisters in Christ. We continue to ask Your guidance and wisdom for Pastor Phil and Christine as they ponder their decision. We also pray You would be with sons, Thomas and Jacob as they face the possibility of a move. Let this be a time of positive excitement and anticipation, and a time of drawing closer to You, trusting in Your awesome love in all things.*

*We pray these things in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen*

### **PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Almighty God, Judge and King, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your grace and fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Inhabit our lives and our dreams so that we may live as Your people in the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever  
Amen.*

### **Holiday Worship Schedule**

**Advent Bi-Lingual Services - 6:30 p.m.**

**December 6th, 13th and 20th**

**Preservice meals at 5:30pm**

**Christmas Eve—10am Communion**

**5:00pm Family Service Bilingual Candlelight**

**7pm—Candlelight**

**Christmas Day - 10am Communion**