

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Second Sunday in Advent

Divine Setting Service Three

December 10, 2023—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

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*)

Welcome: Pastor Dave / Pastor Miguel

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: #347 "Comfort, Comfort, These my People"



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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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

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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

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)*

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² 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.

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

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

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

⁶ 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.

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

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

⁹ 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!"

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.**

Special Music: "Come, Emmanuel" *Choir*

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

¹ "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.

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

³ 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.**

Children's Sermon: *Pastor Dave*

Alleluia and Verse (*Please rise*)



The Gospel

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

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

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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

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

⁵ 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.

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

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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.**

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
△ 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: "Wake Up" Pastor Dave

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.

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

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.)

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: He has made that promise and so He sent Jesus

People: **His name shall be Immanuel, God with us.**

Pastor: The promised Messiah's name is great.

People: **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: We turn our hearts to see what God has done in the quiet of a night in Bethlehem.

People: **O come to us abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.**

Sanctus

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Cast out our sin, and enter in;

We hear the Christmas angels

O come to us, abide with us,

Descend to us, we pray;

Be born in us today.

The great glad tiding tell;

Our Lord Emmanuel

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

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: #333 "Once He Came in Blessing"

1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour ——— When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
 dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
 Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
 save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Nunc Dimittis *(Please stand)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: #380 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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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

Christine Garrett
Barbara Abel
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: 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

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Braylon Maxey
Monday: Logan McCallum
Tuesday: Daniel & Kristian McDuffie
Wed: Alyssa & Matthew Medina
Thurs: Nevaeh Mendoza
Friday: Reagan, Rhilynne & Ronnie Messer
Saturday: Christina Molina

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