

**FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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***Sunday*
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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Romans 13:11

And do this,
knowing the time,
that now it is high
time to awake out
of sleep; for now
our salvation is
nearer than when
we first believed.

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Matthew 24:44

Therefore
you also be
ready, for the
Son of Man
is coming
at an hour
you do
not expect.

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to me to bring the joy of Your salvation. Bid all shadows and darkness in my life be gone that I may walk in the light of the Lord. Keep me faithful to the work that You have given me while it is day as I share the hope and the joy that I have within me as people of Your kingdom. This I ask in the name of Jesus, our bright and Morning Star. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - "In God We Trust" is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God's people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist

confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

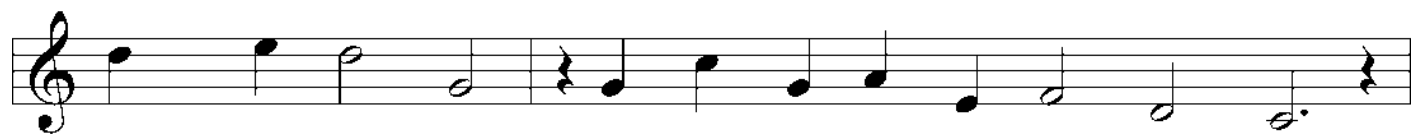
OPENING HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing



cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?

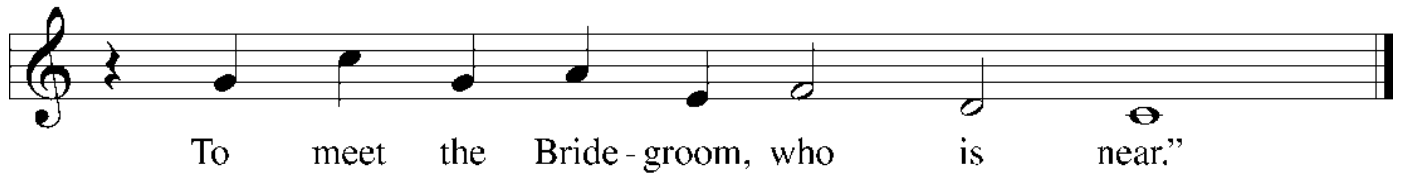


The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare

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2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Please Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 118:25-28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

C God is the Lord, and He has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

P You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE



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

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Please sit

During the singing of the hymn, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lighted.

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357, vs. 1-2



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,

Un - til the Son of God ap-pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 2:1-5*

(Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.)

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 122*

P I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

C Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

P Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together,

C Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to the testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

P For thrones are set there for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

P Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

C For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."

P Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:8-14*

(Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.)

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 24:36-44*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still
Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.

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SERMON

"Live and Love like there's no Tomorrow!"

(Romans 13:9-11)

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515; vs. 1,3,4



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

(John 20:21)

[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that God's messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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C hear our prayer and grant our petition.

P We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we be enabled to gather for worship throughout the new Church Year with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant our petition.

P We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness, that we be of support and encouragement to them, and that together we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant our petition.

P As a household of faith, we make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers, [especially . . .], that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant our petition.

P We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant our petition.

P We remember before You those many faithful Christians who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly

kingdom. Direct our ways on earth as we complete this life in faith, that we may rejoice with them eternally together with all the saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant our petition.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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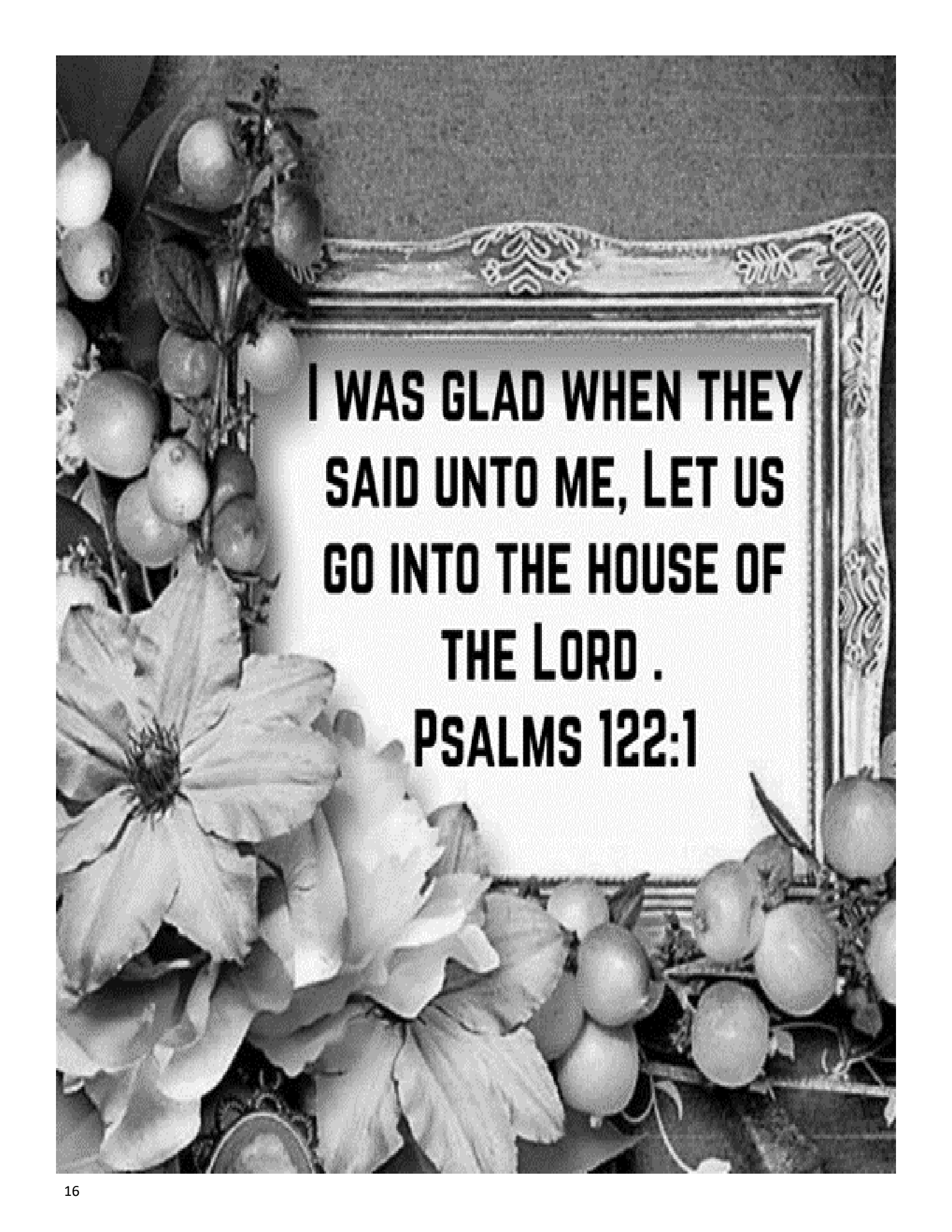
DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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A black and white photograph of a still life arrangement. In the center, a rectangular frame with an ornate, carved border contains the text "I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD . PSALMS 122:1". The frame is surrounded by a variety of items: several lemons on stems are scattered around the top and right sides, and a large, light-colored flower with many petals is in the bottom left corner. The background is a textured, slightly mottled grey.

**I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY
SAID UNTO ME, LET US
GO INTO THE HOUSE OF
THE LORD .
PSALMS 122:1**



Mid-week Advent Services

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper

6:00 p.m. Service

Redeeming the Time in These Last Days

November 30th

*As Children of Light,
Redeeming the Time Among the Brethren
Ephesians 5:8-21*

December 7th

*As Seasoned with Salt,
Redeeming the Time to Those Outside the Faith
Colossians 4:2-6*

December 14th

*As Equipped Men and Women of God, in Perilous Times
2 Timothy 3:1-17*

December 21st

*As Those Testifying for the coming Christ
1 Peter 3:15-18*



December 24th
Christmas Eve Service
6:00 p.m.

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK

Portals of Prayer

October to December 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Goetz is leading the class.*

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: *Jeremiah 31:33-34*

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.



*Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.
Voters' Meeting
Election of Officers & Budget
Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 7:30 p.m.*



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Sunday Worship

Plate:	\$.00
Envelopes:	\$.00
Memorial:	\$.00
Bible Class:	\$.00

Financial Reports for 11/20/2022 to 11/30/2022 will be available in the December 4th bulletin. Thank you!

**Second Sunday in Advent
Readings:**

*Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12*

The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem “humble, and mounted on a donkey,” riding on “a beast of burden” (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matt. 21:9). For we are called “to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,” His Holy Church, “that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths” (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we “walk in the light of the LORD” (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which “does no wrong to a neighbor” (Rom. 13:10). We “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,” for “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, “for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming” (Matt. 24:42).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	November Sunday Servants:	December Servants
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling	D. Jackson & L. Marchant
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	First Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Second Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am