

MID-WEEK 1  
ADVENT SERVICE

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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*Sunday*

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

*Adult Bible Class*

*Sunday School*

Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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# The First Week in Advent



## IN THESE LAST DAYS

“See then that you  
walk circumspectly,  
not as fools but as wise,  
redeeming the time,  
because the days are evil.  
Therefore do not be unwise,  
but understand  
what the will of the Lord is.”  
(Ephesians 5:15-17)

**Mid-Week 1 Advent Service  
December 1, 2021**

**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. 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.**

**AS WE GATHER**      “And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense” (Luke 1:11). The angel Gabriel appeared to an old priest named Zechariah. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had been childless into their old age. The angel told them that they would have a son named John and that he would prepare the people of God for someone even greater. Terrified, Zechariah doubted Gabriel and was struck dumb. But Elizabeth did conceive a son. And when the baby was born, Zechariah wrote on a tablet that his name should be John, and his speech was restored. The appearance of Gabriel was a clue that God was up to something never before seen in human history: He was sending His Son to redeem the world. Advent gives us time to ponder the mystery of God’s plan of redemption—quiet, contemplative time like dumbstruck Zechariah had as he awaited the birth of John. As we await the celebration of Jesus’ birth, we listen to the message of hope that God comes even now to save us.



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
 The sinful self be put away,  
 The new self now put on.



All glory to the Son,  
 Who comes to set us free,  
 With Father, Spirit, ever one  
 Through all eternity.

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*Please Stand*

**+ VESPERS +**

P Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**C the light no darkness can overcome.**  
 P By the Holy Spirit we cry out with the whole Church,  
**C "Prepare the way of the Lord."**  
 P All who wait for Jesus to return pray,  
**C Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 141*

**C Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.**

**C Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**P Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips. Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.**

**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.**

**Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*Please Sit*

**HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

**LSB 357; vs. 1,2,5**



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  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap-pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



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

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

1 Lord, I cry out to You; make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. 2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. 4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies. 5 Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness. and let him rebuke me; it shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked. 6 Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff, and they hear my words, for they are sweet. 7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one plows and breaks up the earth. 8 But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute. 9 Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity. 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:8-21*

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep,  
Arise from the dead,  
And Christ will give you light.”

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

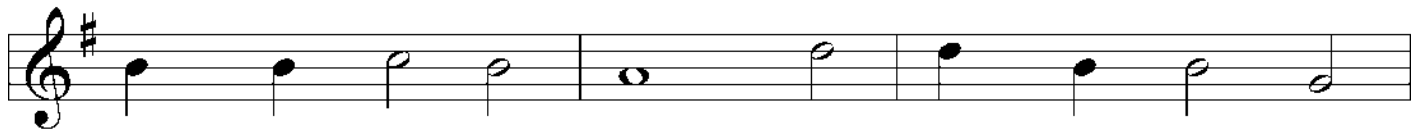
**C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**



**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* **LSB 697**



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And  
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From  
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who  
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its  
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's  
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle  
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.  
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.  
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

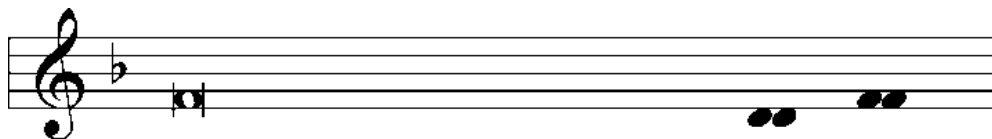
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**SERMON** *“As Children of the Light, Redeeming the Time  
 Among the Brethren”* (Ephesians 5:8-21)

**OFFERING**

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**CANTICLE**



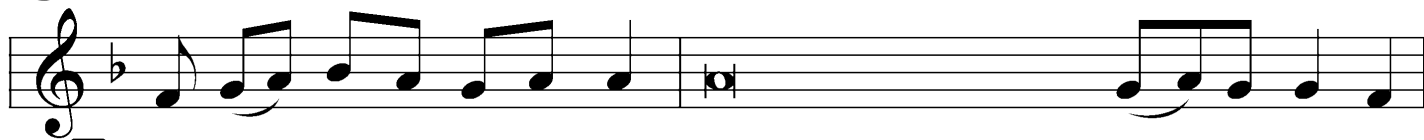
**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



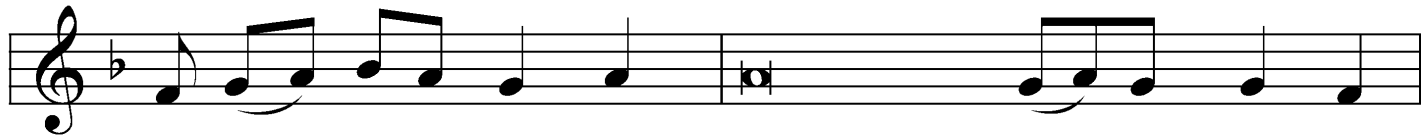
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



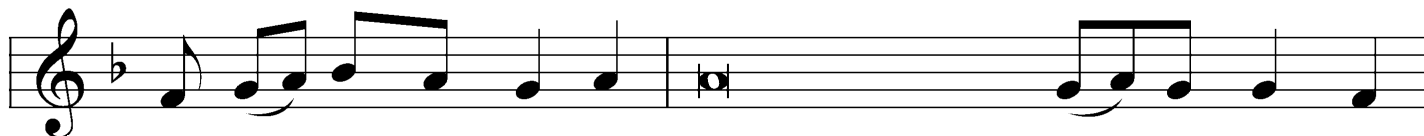
# Magnificat



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



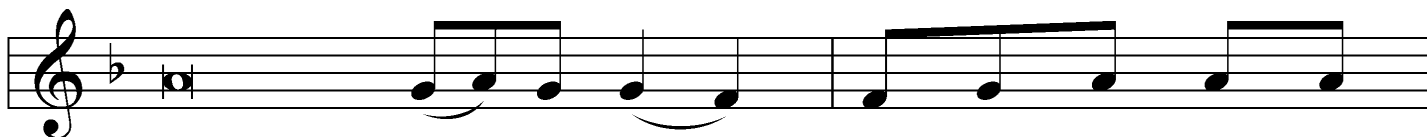
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



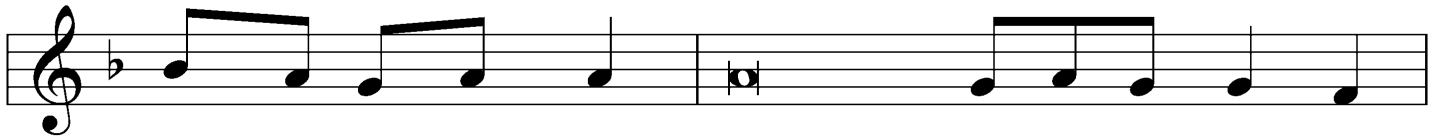
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



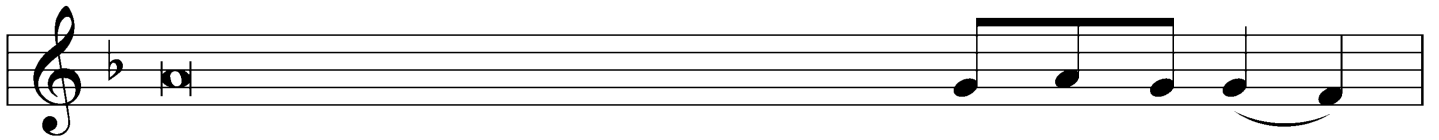
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



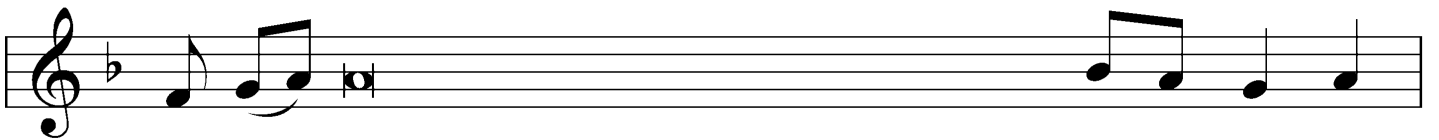
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



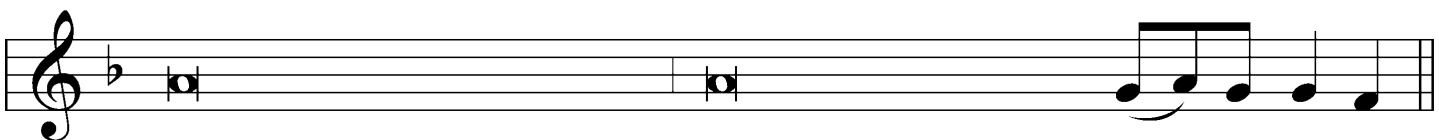
He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



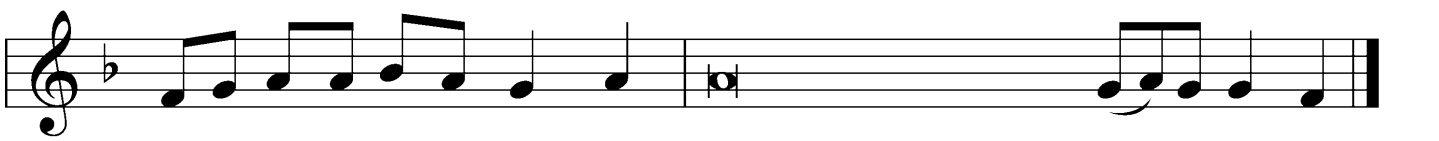
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**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.**

**COLLECTS**

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

**P Let us bless the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

**P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.**

**C Amen.**

*Please Sit*

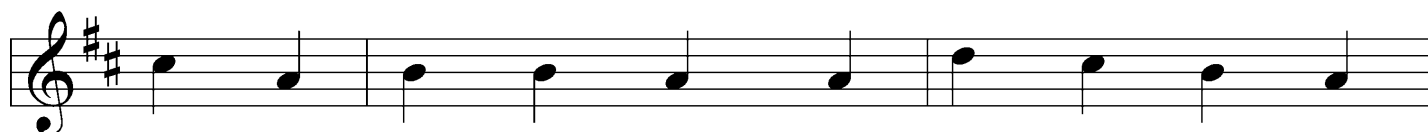
## CLOSING HYMN

*O Blessed Light, O Trinity*

**LSB 890**



1 O bless - ed Light, O Trin - i - ty, O ev - er -  
2 To You our morn - ing song of praise, To You our



last - ing U - ni - ty: As now the fi - ery  
eve - ning prayer we raise; We praise Your light in



sun de - parts, Send forth Your light in - to our hearts.  
ev - 'ry age, The glo - ry of our pil - grim - age.



All glory be to God above  
And to the Son, the Prince of love,  
And to the Spirit, One in Three!  
We praise You, blessèd Trinity.

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