SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AMAdult Bible Class
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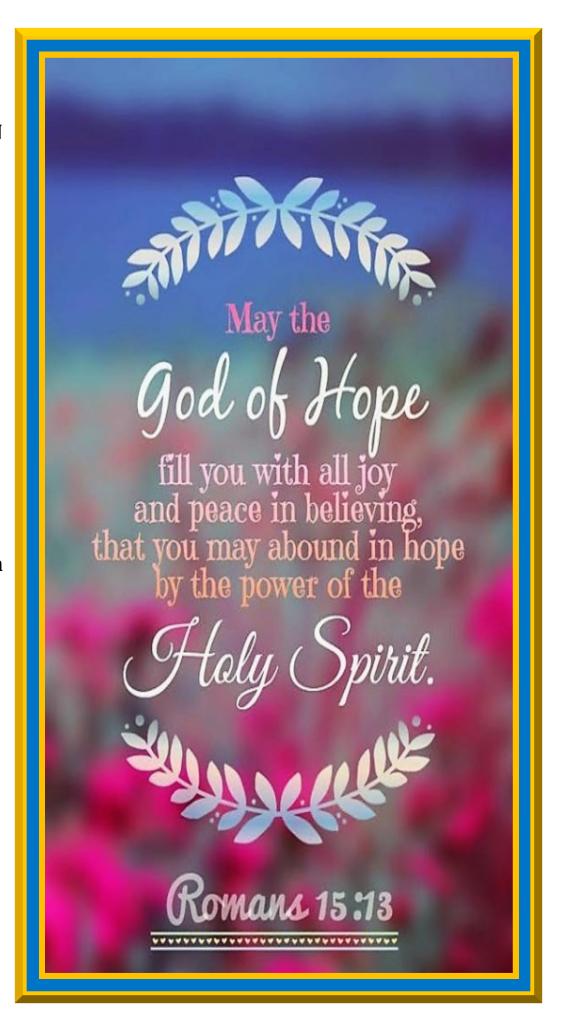
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

This 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 with Your presence. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a deep and abiding peace for all of my days. By the working of the Holy Spirit, lead me to share that joy I now know as Your gift. Keep me in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - For many Christian people, reading the Word of our Lord from a "red letter" edition of the Bible is a special blessing. Seeing the words of Christ highlighted in a special color may make them more immediate and

noticeable. The last sentence with red words in those Bible editions is Revelation 22:20, in which the Lord promises: "Surely I am coming soon." John, the writer of Revelation, follows with these inspired words: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Those words became part of the worship life for many in the Early Church as they expectantly awaited the return of the Lord to the earth and the completion of His promised eternal kingdom. In the season of Advent, we echo that ancient yearning cry: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

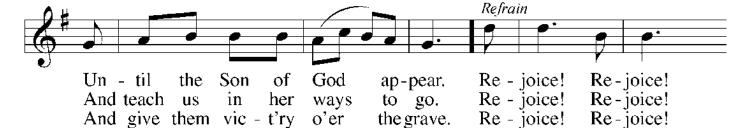
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357; VS. 1,2,4,7



- 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
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes se's tree, Free them from Sa tan's







ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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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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 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

- C Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore!
- P Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,
- C O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
- P He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
- C He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,
- P The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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

C Amen.

Please sit

During the singing of the hymn, two candles on the Advent wreath are lighted.



ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

(A shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse.)

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteous-

ness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 72:1–7*

- P Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son.
- C He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.
- P The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.
- C He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.
- P They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.
- C He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth.
- P In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.

EPISTLE Romans 15:4–13

(Paul points to Christ as the source of hope.)

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:

"For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name."

10 And again he says:

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

11 And again:

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"

12 And again, Isaiah says:

"There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the

Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope."

- 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

(John the Baptist preached in the wilderness.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight."

4 Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

branch - es

in

Your vine - yard

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540; vs. 1,3,5,6 1 Christ, the Word of God in nate. Lord and Son car -3 Christ, the phant From shoot that springs tri um -_ the stump of Christ, the ra - diance of ther. bra - ham; the Fa Christ, vine, You Jes - se's tree: true nur - ture branch - es shine un - van-quished, Light and life You bring to Light all: our You, O Say - ior: Prune our hearts so re - main Fruit - ful we us grace to heed Yourcall. with Your own pres - ence, Grant

Till

life we gain.

e - ter - nal

To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.



Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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SERMON "Abounding Hope through Faith in the Root of Jesse for All!" (Romans 15:12-13)

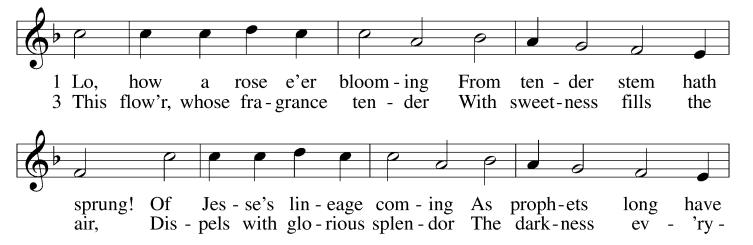
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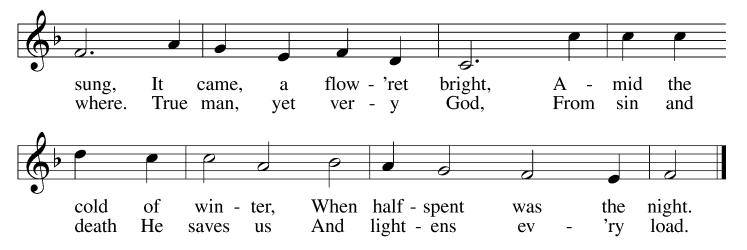
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OFFERTORY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359; vs. 1,3,4





4 O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) (Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.
 Come, O Lord, among us, that as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. With hope we pray:
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- P Come, O Lord, with Your presence on earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace. Come to our nation, that we find joy in that which is done through it by the leaders and by the people. With hope we pray:
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- P Come, O Lord, and walk beside us that Your love and blessing be evident in all that we say and do. With hope we pray:
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

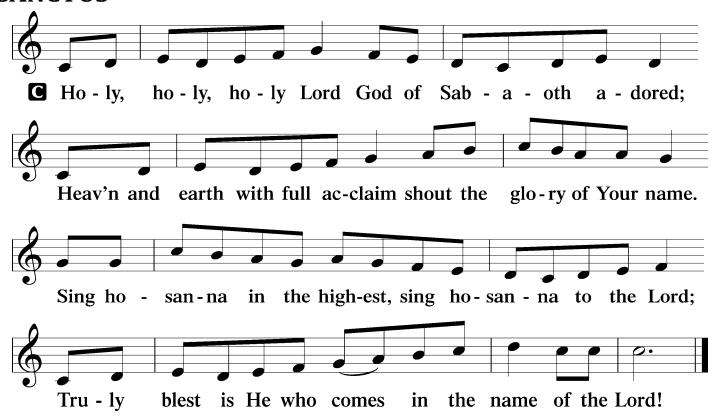
- P Come, O Lord, and bring Your response to the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs and situations that are part of life, [including . . .]. With hope we pray:
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- P For all those who have completed their earthly journey in faith and now rest from their labors in eternal peace and joy, serving as witnesses of Your never-ending care, we bless You, O Lord, and ask that we also be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting. With hope we pray:
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil, and blessing our lives with lasting peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table expectantly and hopefully with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow as people of faith and peace, awaiting with hope the eternal feast in glory everlasting.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

C 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.

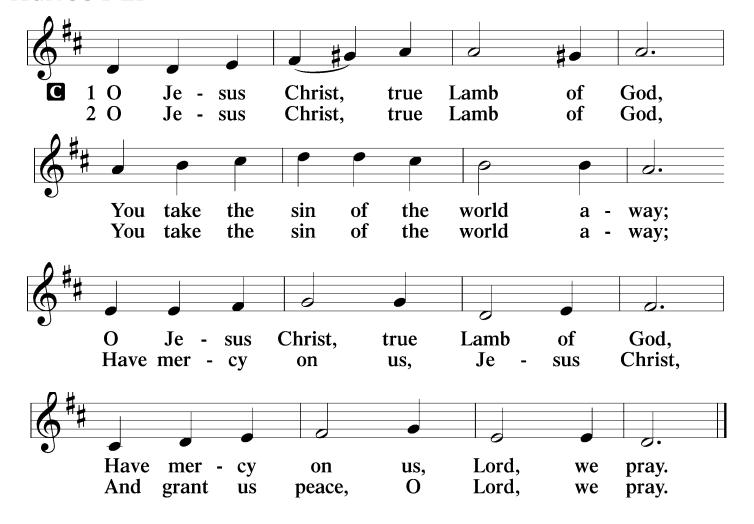
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P 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."
- P 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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

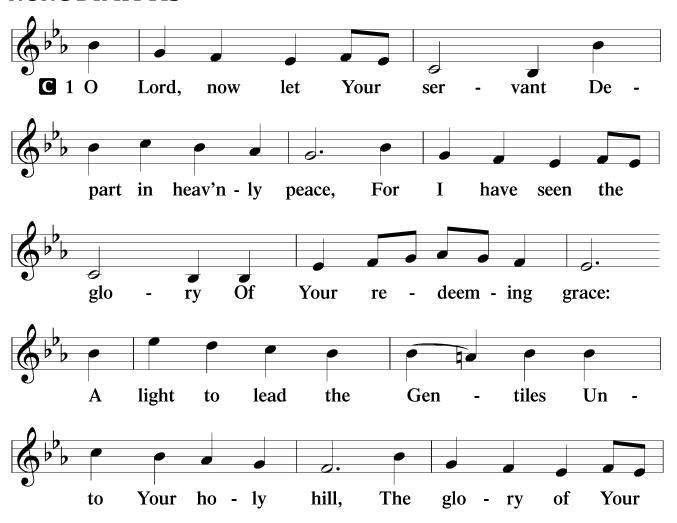
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

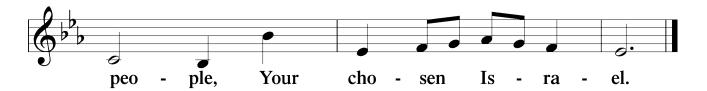
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2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for having welcomed us at Your Table, giving us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we may live in hope-filled anticipation of the end of all earthly things and await with joy Your final coming in glory. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be kept in the true faith until the last and greatest day of our Lord's return. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C 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.

SENDING HYMN

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342



- 1 What hope! An E den proph-e sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As ban-ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf-fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je sus, come, Mes si ah Lord, Lost Par a dise re store;



li - on side by Led The lamb and side, by a lit - tle child! Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: fruit of The God's de - sign. His death a dy - ing world Would ral-ly to the cross. an-gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o-pen heav-en's door. Lead past the

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes				



Mid-week Advent Services and Christmas 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.

December 25, 2022 Christmas Day Service 9:00 a.m.

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for January to March 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

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

Memory Verse Challenge

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

This week's memory verse: Exodus 31:13

You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you."





November Offerings

11/13/2022			11/20	/2022		
Sunday Worship		41	Sunday Wors	hip	37	
Plate:		\$ 301.00	Plate:		\$	1,285.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,173.00	Envelopes:		\$	1,105.00
Memorials:			Donation: Cer	netery from	\$	9,782.57
			Betty J. Schi	ndler Family		
	Total:	\$ 2,474.00		Total:	\$:	12,172.57
Bible Class:	24	\$ 38.00	Bible Class:	21		\$ 22.00

11/23/2022		
Thanksgiving Eve Service	21	
Plate:		\$ 60.00
Envelopes:		\$ 580.00
Memorials:		
Total:		\$ 640.00

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, "a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots" (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is "a signal for the peoples" (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. "With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips" (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the "root of Jesse" comes to us, "even he who arises to rule the Gentiles" (Rom. 15:12), that "we might have hope" and be filled "with all joy and peace in believing" (Rom. 15:4, 13).

11/27/20	022		Third Sunday in Advent			
Sunday Worship	4	4	Readings:			
Plate:		\$ 179.00	8 -			
Envelopes:		\$ 2,005.00	Isaiah 35:1-10			
Donations: On-li	ne	\$ 500.00	Psalm 146			
Rental Donation/Donation		\$ 170.00	James 5:7-11			
	Total:	\$ 2,854.00	Matthew 11:2-15			
Bible Class:	23	\$ 23.00				
	Bi-Weekly (Church Activity S	chedule			
	December Sunday Servants:					
Elder:	Ken Eilers					
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant					
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral					
This Week Second Sunday in Advent						
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am					
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am					
Next Week	Third Sunday in Advent					
Usher:	Ken Eilers					
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am					
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am					