FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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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 abiding presence. By the power of Your Spirit, direct my life to expressions of repentant joy. Bless my devotion and my prayers, and lead me in ways of faithfulness as I await Your final coming in glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER** The season of Advent reminds us that we as individuals are part of the big picture of salvation planned by our God as we reflect on the coming of Christ to earth for us. We are called to be resolute, as in the words of the hymn "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"—determined

and assured in Christ. We celebrate the season resolutely, sure that in Christ, God has done all that is necessary to keep us in His salvation picture for time and for eternity!

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332, VS. 1-5



God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

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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 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1

- P Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—
- C I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.
- P My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.
- C O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.
- P And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
- 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 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—

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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

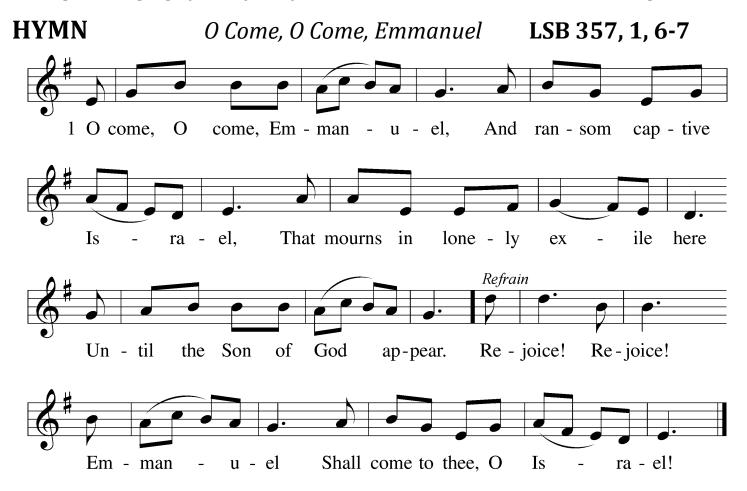
P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the

Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit

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



- 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
- 7 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**
- **ref** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-17

(The birth of Immanuel is prophesied.)

10 Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!"

13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. 15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings. 17 The Lord will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father's house—days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah."

- This is the Word of the Lord. P
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 24

- P The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.
- For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon \mathbf{C} the waters.
- P Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place?
- He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted \mathbf{C} up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.
- P He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek \mathbf{C} Your face.
- Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting P doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

- C Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- P Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
- C Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

EPISTLE Romans 1:1–7

(Paul greets the saints in Rome with words of blessing.)

1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

(The telling of the birth of Jesus)

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

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your

wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

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

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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 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.

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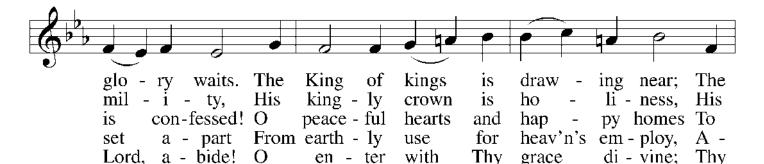
HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 340



- 1 Lift up your heads, ye might y gates! Be hold, the King of 2 A righ teous Help er comes to thee; His char iot is hu -
- 3 How blest the land, the cit y blest, Where Christ the rul er
- 4 Fling wide the por tals of your heart; Make it a tem ple
- 5 Re deem er, come and o pen wide My heart to Thee; here,









"A Christmas greeting from God to you!" (Romans 1:1-7) SERMON **OFFERING**

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OFFERTORY

LSB 332, vs. 7-8 Savior of the Nations, Come



From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides: In this light faith now abides.



Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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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 Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the Church as it awaits the final Advent of our Lord, that through it, the message of salvation be proclaimed, and the

gifts of God be shared. And we pray for the nations of the world, that we may know times of peace and may with thankful hearts enjoy the blessings we receive.

HYMN

Our Heavenly Father, Hear

St. 1: TLH 455

Our heav'nly Father, hear The prayer we offer now. Thy name be hallowed far and near; To Thee all nations bow.

P As we anticipate the joys of Christmastide, we pray for our family of faith and for all Christian people in God's kingdom around the world. Help us to share confidently the blessings that we know in Christ both within our family circles and beyond them.

HYMN

Our Heavenly Father, Hear

St. 2: TLH 455

Thy kingdom come; Thy will on earth be done in love As saints and seraphim fulfill Thy holy will above.

P We pray for those things needed by us as part of what we know to be our daily bread. And we remember people with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all on our hearts for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Help us to share love without limit and offer forgiveness as we have been loved and forgiven by our gracious Lord.

HYMN

Our Heavenly Father, Hear

St. 3: TLH 455

Our daily bread supply While by Thy word we live. The guilt of our iniquity Forgive as we forgive. Amen.

P We pray that we will not succumb to the many temptations that surround us in this and every season, and we ask that we be delivered from every evil. Inspired by and thankful for the witness of faithful Christians in times past, grant that we be led in paths of faith and faithfulness.

HYMN

Our Heavenly Father, Hear

St. 4: TLH 455

From dark temptation's pow'r, From Satan's wiles, defend. Deliver in the evil hour And guide us to the end.

P With thankfulness, we ask God's blessing on all who brighten these darkening days of the year—the shopworkers and postal clerks,

the musicians and carolers, the delivery people and all those who work long hours in these days. Grant that we be truly appreciative of all those who carry out their vocations for the betterment of our lives, and direct us to bring glory to God in all that we say and do.

HYMN

Our Heavenly Father, Hear

St. 5: TLH 455

Thine shall forever be Glory and power divine;

The scepter, throne, and majesty Of heav'n and earth are Thine.

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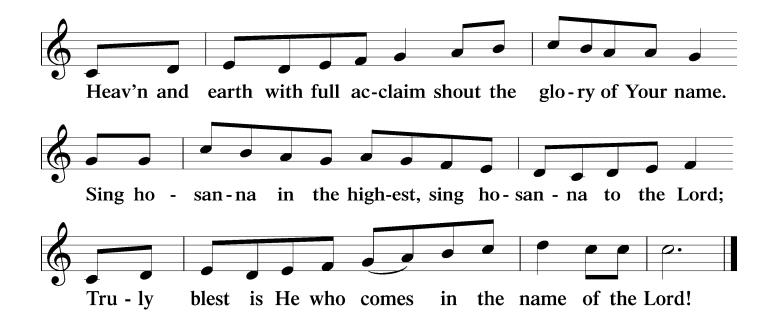
+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- \mathbf{C} And with your spirit.
- Lift up your hearts. P
- \mathbf{C} We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P
- \mathbf{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, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out upon us the gifts of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings joyfully and resolutely serve You in all we do. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

SANCTUS





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation has fulfilled the hope of the prophets and of Your people for countless generations. We thank You for calling us to be Your people in this time and place and for inviting us to Your holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- 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

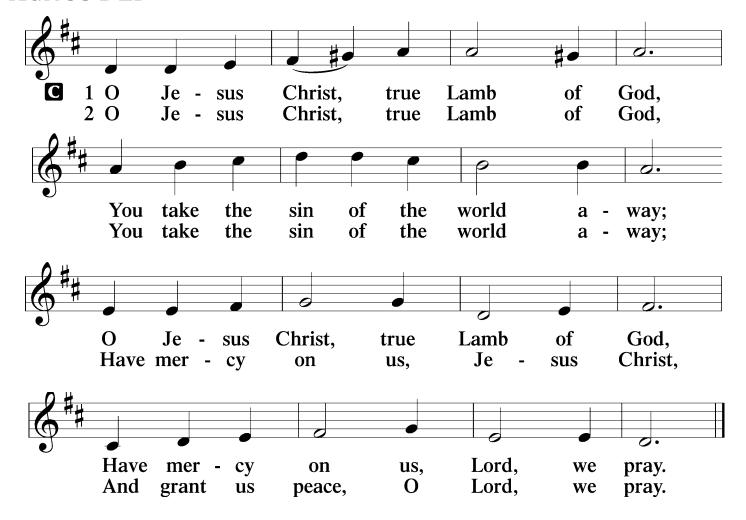
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given

- 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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NUNC DIMITTIS



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

- Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.
- Amen. C

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C**. Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine P on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.



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Sermon Notes	

2022 Midweek Advent Sermon Themes

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.

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

January 1, 2023 New Year's Day Service

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.

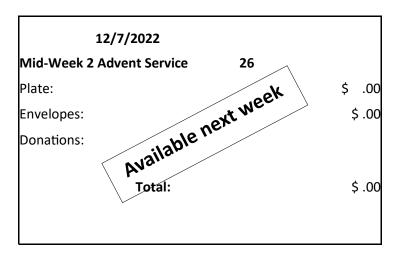


Memory Verse Challenge

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

This week's memory verse: Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.



God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus "descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

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Christmas Day Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-19 Psalm 2 Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12) John 1:1-14 (15-18)

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	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedul	e
	December Sunday Servants:	January Sunday Servants
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Don Vogel
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
This Week	Fourth Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Christmas Day	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am