

MID-WEEK 1  
ADVENT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 2, 2020

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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

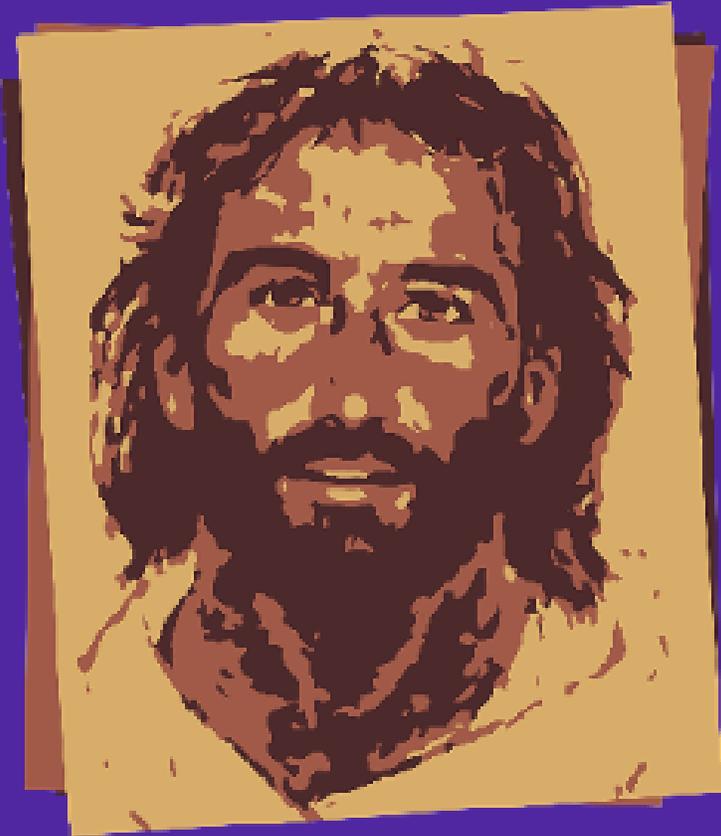
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**“For David did not  
ascend into the heavens,  
but he says himself:  
‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at My right hand,  
Till I make Your enemies  
Your footstool.” ’”  
(Acts 2:34-35)**

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

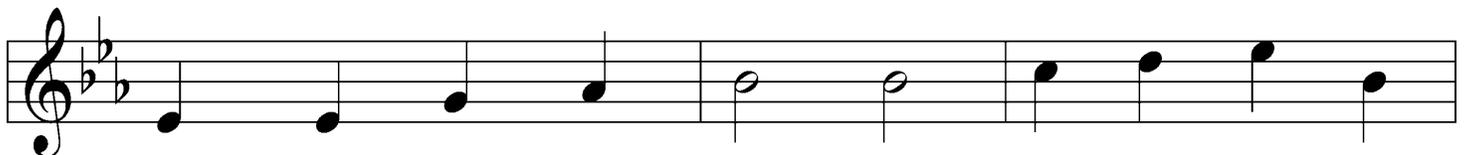
**We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance.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

**AS WE GATHER**      In his Gospel, before Matthew tells us about the birth of Jesus, he provides Jesus' family tree, His genealogy. Today, we consider how Jesus is the Son of David. Jesus is not only David's descendant but also his Lord. Although we, like David, are flawed sinners, the promise to David that his kingdom would be eternal comes down to us. Our Lord entered human history to wear a crown of thorns and die on the cross, His wooden "throne," so that we might enter heaven, the eternal Kingdom promised to His forebear David. The One whose birth we shall soon celebrate reigns today and forever in the Kingdom in which we are His grateful, forgiven subjects. Come quickly, Son of David.

**OPENING HYMN**

*Once He Came in Blessing*

**LSB 333**



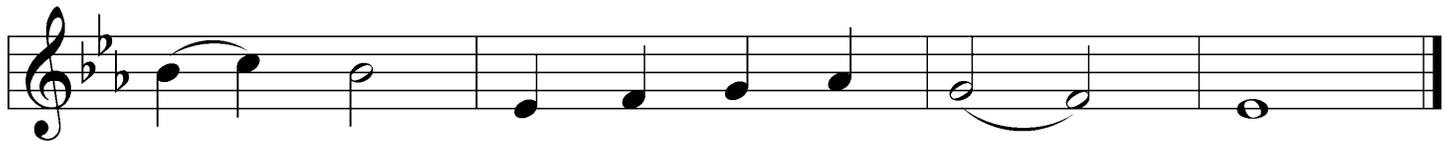
1	Once	He	came	in	bles - ing,	All	our	sins	re -
2	Now	He	gent - ly	leads	us;	With	Him - self	He	
3	Soon	will	come	that	hour_____	When	with	might - y	
4	Come,	then,	O	Lord	Je - sus,	From	our	sins	re -



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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### + VESPERS +

P Jeremiah wrote, “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ ”**

P David wrote, “The Lord said to my Lord,

C **‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ ”**

P Gabriel told Mary, “The Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

C **and of His kingdom there will be no end.”**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 145:1–13a; antiphon: v. 13a*

- P David recognized that God’s kingdom is eternal, continuing beyond earthly governments.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
- C Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**
- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
- C One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**
- P On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.**
- P They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- C The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.
- C All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**
- P They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,
- C to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**
- P Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

# HYMN

## *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our  
 3 O Da - vid's Son and Da - vid's Lord, Be here and ev - 'ry -

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 where a - dored. From us re - move re - bel - lious sin;

*Refrain*  
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 Thy end - less reign to ush - er in.

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

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 23:3–6*

P Jeremiah writes that David's coming Son will provide the righteousness we so desperately need. A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the Lord.

5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord,  
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;  
A King shall reign and prosper,  
And execute judgment and righteousness in the [c]earth.

6 In His days Judah will be saved,  
And Israel will dwell safely;  
Now this is His name by which He will be called:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Acts 2:22–38*

P On Pentecost, Peter preaches that Jesus is greater than His ancestor David: He has conquered death. A reading from Acts, chapter 2.

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—  
23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him:

'I foresaw the Lord always before my face,

For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.  
26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;  
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.  
27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.  
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;  
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’  
29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch  
David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to  
this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God  
had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his  
body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on  
his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrec-  
tion of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His  
flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which  
we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand  
of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the  
Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.  
34 “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:  
“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at My right hand,  
35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ’  
36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God  
has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”  
37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and  
said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren,  
what shall we do?” 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let  
every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for  
the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**



*Refrain*

This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come* **LSB 350**

1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,

O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er

let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

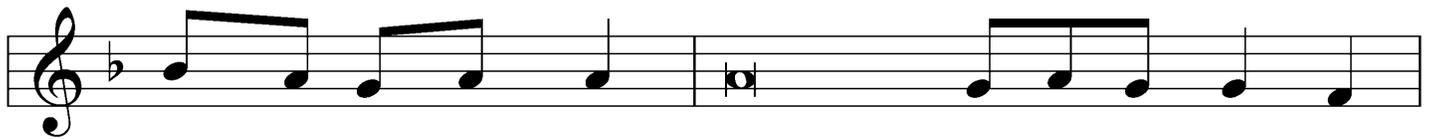




□ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



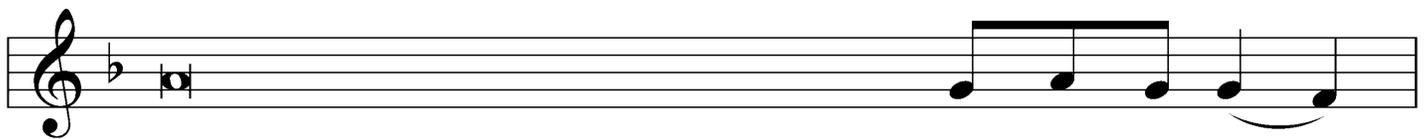
imagination of their hearts. □ He has cast down the



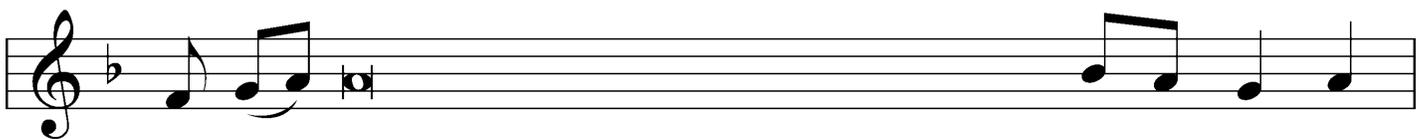
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



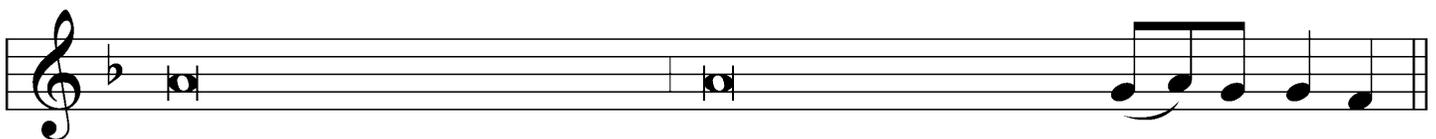
□ He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



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



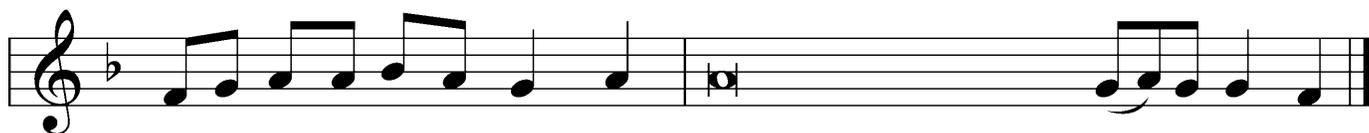
□ He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



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



□ 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 also with you.

## **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** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders of Your Church. Enable them to lift people's hearts and minds to look beyond global pandemics, natural disasters, and political upheavals to see the eternal Kingdom, which You have graciously opened to all people who trust in You for life and health and peace. Bless those

who till the soil, manage farms, transport supplies, and distribute food and clothing where they are needed. Son of David,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, give wisdom and courage to those who lead governments, command armed forces, and maintain order in society. Give them hearts to seek peace so that warfare with neighbor states and civil strife within them give way to prosperity, health, and cooperation. Increase our faith to depend on Your eternal promises of the better country that awaits us by grace. Son of Abraham,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, Light of the world, open the hearts of all who are burdened by their scandals and other past sins. Surround them with faithful people to tell them about Your coming in human history to give Yourself for them. Protect and guide all law enforcement personnel, first responders, health care workers, and counselors. Help them balance justice, mercy, and compassionate care so that many may have their lives repaired and hope restored. Son of scandal,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, cared for by Your adopted human father, Joseph, remember people like him, those who have been forgotten, whether dispossessed, incarcerated, or isolated for any reason. Remember not their sins and iniquities but give them a sense of Your abiding presence. Nurture in us all a love for Your will so that we obediently do whatever You ask. Son of Joseph,

**C hear our prayer.**





When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

*Matthew 1:1-16*

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of **David**, the son of **Abraham**.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the **wife of Uriah**, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of **Joseph** the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

