

MID-WEEK 1
ADVENT SERVICE
DECEMBER 4, 2024
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9:00 AM
Worship Service

10:30 am
Adult Bible Class
Sunday School

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Zacharias' Song



**“Now his father Zacharias was
filled with the Holy Spirit, and
prophesied,
saying: “Blessed is the Lord
God of Israel,
For He has visited and
redeemed His people,
And has raised up a horn of
salvation for us
In the house of His servant
David,
(Luke 1:67-69)**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

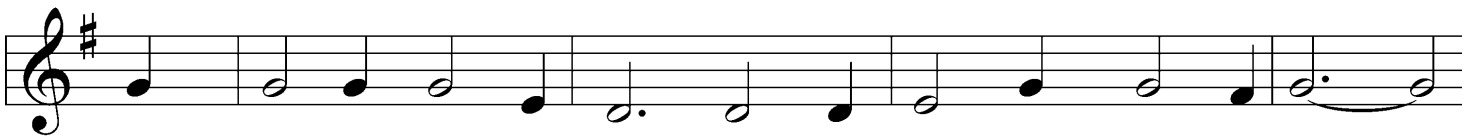
We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance.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

AS WE GATHER The first week of the Advent season starts the time that is referred to as the festival half of the Church Year. Between now and the final week of the Easter season, we will follow the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, from now, when we await His coming as a baby in Bethlehem, to the time when He physically leaves the earth at His ascension and then His disciples begin the new era of life in the church as it takes form in Jerusalem and beyond. It is a time for praise!

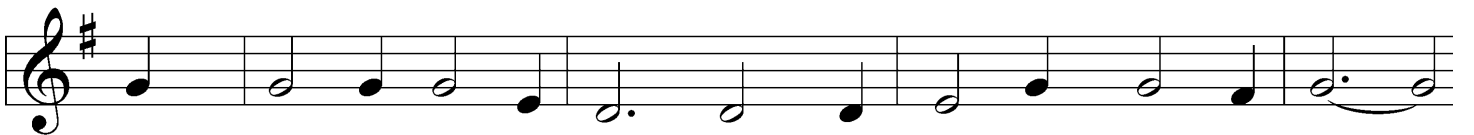
OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

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- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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The lighting of the first Advent candle on the Advent wreath occurs during the singing of the hymn.

Please Stand

+ VESPERS +

PSALM *Psalm 146:1-2, 5-6, 7b-8, 10*

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

C **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.**

P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

C **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world, the kingdom of heaven now is open to all who believe in Him. Give us grace to receive the Lord Jesus as our Emmanuel, God with us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, inspire our praises in this season of blessed expectation. Lead us joyfully to serve Jesus, our Advent King, in our daily lives, so that when He comes again on the Last Day in power and majesty we may, by Your mercy, be gathered into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our King.

C **Amen.**

Please Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 15:1–3*

(Moses sings a song of victorious praise.)

5 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: “I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!

2 The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

3 The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 5:15–21*

(St. Paul’s exhortation on living in Christ)

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.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 1:67–80*
(The Song of Zechariah)

67 Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

68 “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
 For He has visited and redeemed His people,
69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 In the house of His servant David,
70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
 Who have been since the world began,
71 That we should be saved from our enemies
 And from the hand of all who hate us,
72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers
 And to remember His holy covenant,
73 The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
74 To grant us that we,
 Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
 Might serve Him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of
 our life.
76 “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest,

for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people
By the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the
shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of
peace.”

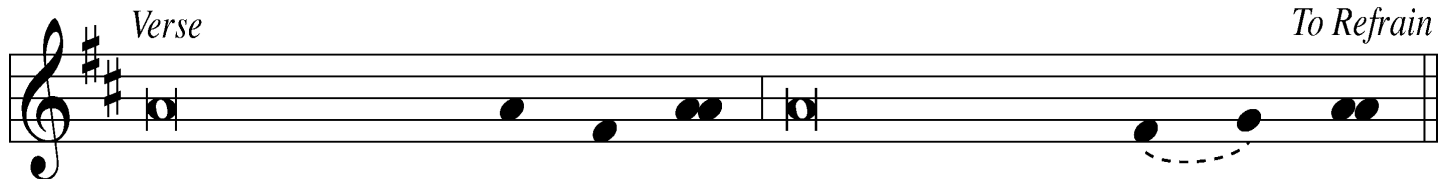
80 So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the
deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT RESPONSORY

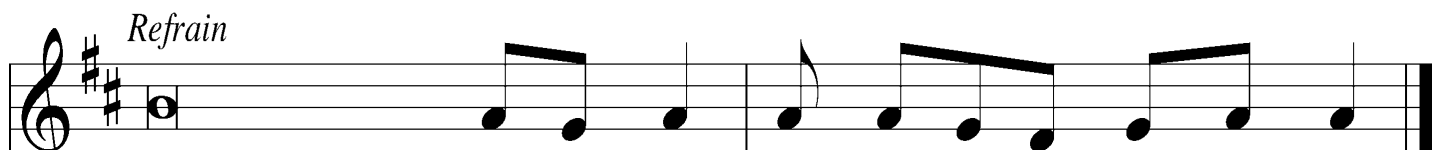
Based on Jeremiah 23:5–6; Acts 2:36; Luke 1:32–33



L 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a right-teous Branch.

2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.

3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

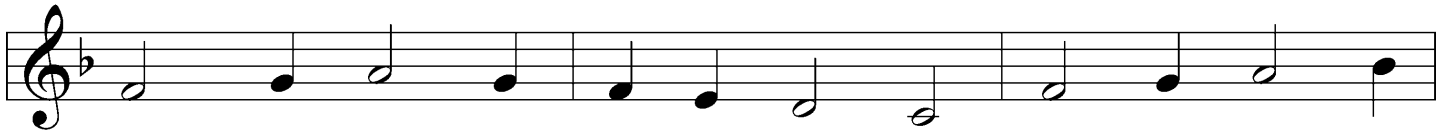


C This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Right-teous-ness.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise to You and Adoration

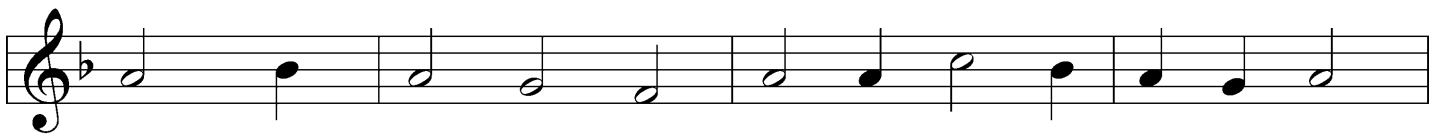
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1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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SERMON

"Zechariah's Song"

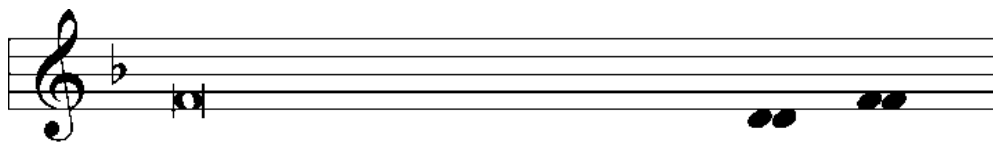
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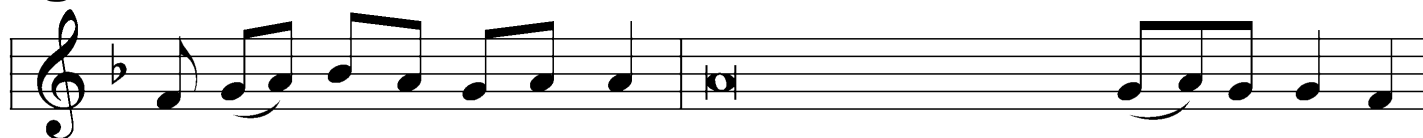


L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

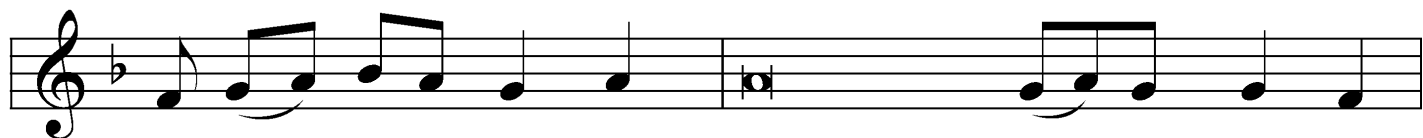


C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

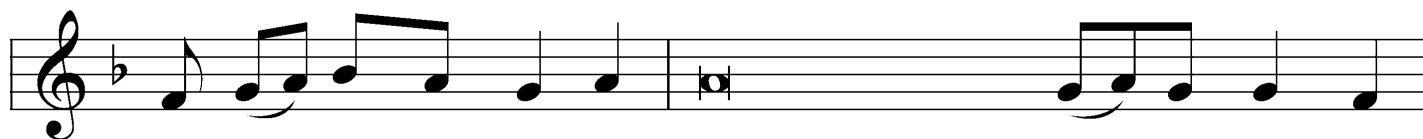
Magnificat



C 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.



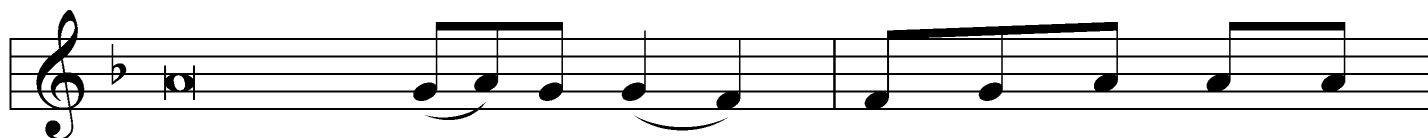
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



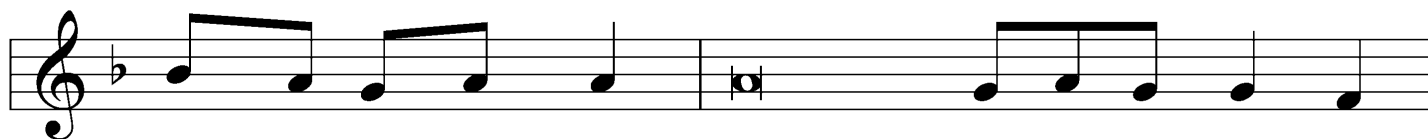
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



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



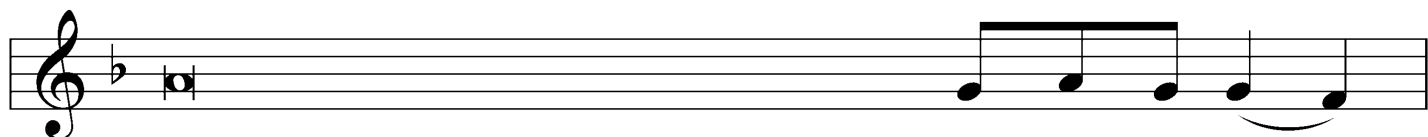
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



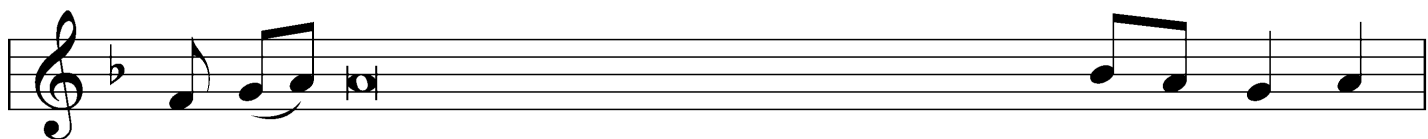
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



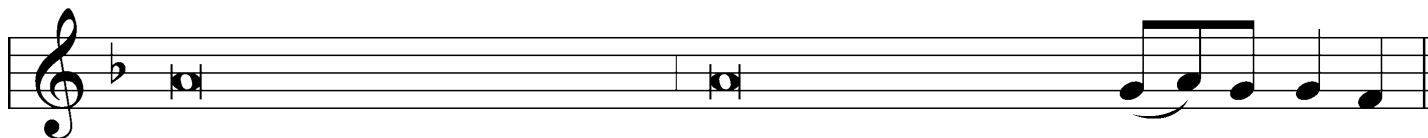
He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



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



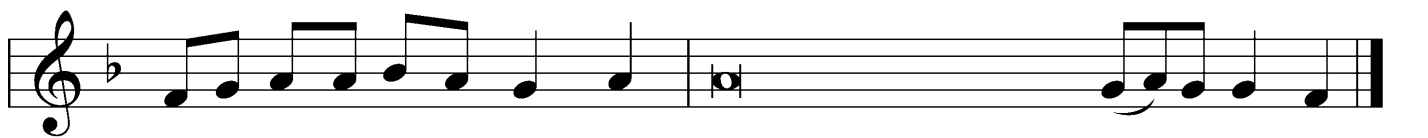
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



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.

KYRIE



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

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.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

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 saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING COLLECT

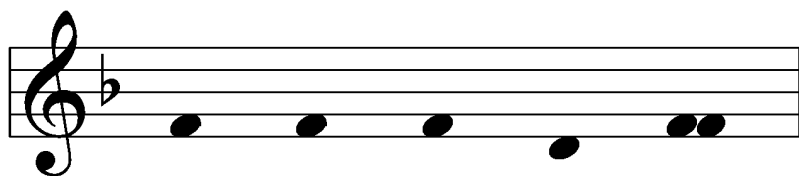
P Let us pray. Accept, O almighty Lord, our praise for Your blessed Son, Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh to seek and to save us in our lost condition. Grant that at His second and glorious appearing He may find in us the fruits of the redemption that He has graciously accomplished for us; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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



L Let us bless the Lord.

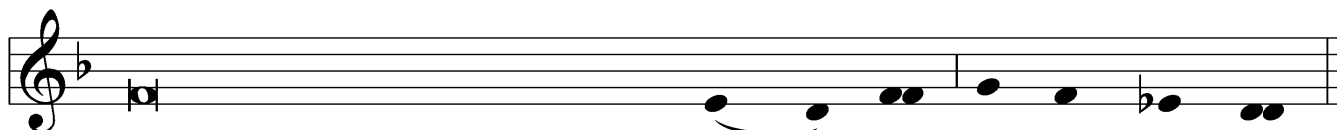


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Please Sit

CLOSING HYMN

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man-ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.