



*2nd Sunday of Advent*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*December 4, 2022*

**Welcome** to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family. We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.

The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.

We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

Because we strive to show equal respect for all preferences in worship music, we select hymns & songs meaningful to every age group via a balanced music selection consisting of (a) the great classic hymns written 1520-1870, (b) the old gospel hymns written 1871-1960, and (c) the three generations of contemporary praise songs written 1960-1978, 1978-1995, and 1995 to today.

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Worship is streamed live on Facebook. For those without internet access, items can be mailed out each week as requested.

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, 12/4: Second Sunday in Advent**

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion

10:00am Sunday School

10:15 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

4:00 - 5:00 PM: My First Bible

**Monday, 12/5:**

**Tuesday, 12/6:** Church Office Open: 8am– 12pm

Pastors Conference

**Wednesday, 12/7:** 9:00 am 3D Discussion

10:30 AM. By Heart Catechism Study

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, 12/8:** Church Office Open: 8am-12p

1:00pm Do Day

**Friday, 12/9:**

**Saturday, 12/10:**

**Sunday, 12/11: Third Sunday in Advent**

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion

10:00am Sunday School

10:15 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

4:00 - 5:00 PM: My First Bible

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

**#241**

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

In a world of war, violence and abuse, where families live in shelters and children grow up in fear, God, we call upon you to come.

**In a world where peace seems to be so far away, we call upon you, Prince of Peace, to come.**

In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Peace into our world. We await the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, who comes into our lives in a new way.

**Come, Messiah, come and save us.**

*Lighting of the candle of Peace*

**Dear God, we pray for the peace that only You can bring through your Son, Jesus the Christ. May we walk in the paths of peace. Amen.**

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.**

**He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**GLORY TO GOD**            **“Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest**

**Peace be to you, peace be to me, peace be to all, peace to all the Earth”**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up our hearts, **Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10**

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David’s royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness 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 kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **THE WORD FOR KIDS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (vs. 1)*

**#254**

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 3:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 3. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was

locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Bishop Malpica**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

**#256**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The response to each prayer will be, “Lord, in your mercy,”

Congregation reply will be, “**Hear our prayer.**”

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.*

**OFFERING** *(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)*

**OFFERING RESPONSE**

*He Came Down*

**He came down that we may have peace,**

**He came down that we may have peace,**

**He came down that we may have peace,**

**Hallelujah forevermore!**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, **you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1&2)*

**#257**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Bishop Malpica

## SENDING HYMN

*Prepare the Royal Highway (vs. 1, 3 & 4)*

**#264**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE