



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 2



Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 7:30 pm

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. Thank you for filling out an Attendance card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

PRESERVICE MUSIC / BELLS / WELCOME

EVENING PRAYER

Hymnal Supplement '98, pg. 17

OPENING HYMN, *LSB 351*, "Creator of the Stars of Light"
(Pastor Demski will sing v. 1 and the congregation will sing v. 2-6. Please stand on v. 6.)

Please stand

SERVICE OF LIGHT

L: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: All those who await His appearance pray:

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: The whole creation pleads:

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

HYMN

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments.

With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
Let faith - ful voic - es sing Your praise,



L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALMODY [Psalm 110:1-7]

L: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." ... He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

All: 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.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I

will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE, Acts 20:25-32

²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 20:41-44

⁴¹But he said to them, “How can they say that the Christ is David’s son?

⁴²For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ⁴³until I make your enemies your footstool.’

⁴⁴David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?”

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: **But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**


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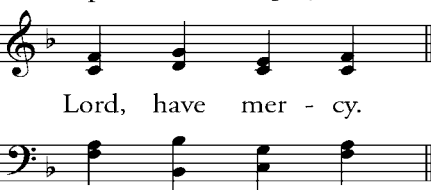


1 My soul re - joice - es, My spir - it voice - es— Sing the
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the
 great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He
 fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion
 bless-ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might-y and
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed, Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the
 ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
 wealth-y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the
 sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring
 Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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LITANY

L: 
In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: 
Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For Tony and Merritt, our pastors in Christ, for all the servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Alleluia.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for meditation.

L: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

C: To You, O Lord.

L: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C: Amen.

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Please be seated

HYMN, LSB 380, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

SERMON, The Athanasian Creed verses 27-40 (LSB pg. 320-321), Luke 20:41-44, “The God Man”

OFFERING

Please stand

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN, *LSB 877*, "God Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

BELLS / POSTLUDE

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