



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 3



Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 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

Please stand

SERVICE OF LIGHT

P: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: All those who await His appearance pray:

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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 voice - es sing Your praise,

Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
In eave - ning hymns we lift our voice - es
O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;
To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God,
Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days,

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

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

P: 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 146]

P: ¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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

HYMN, LSB 343, “Prepare the Royal Highway”

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and

Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - 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 Merritt and Tony, 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

OFFERING

HYMN, LSB 348, “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

SERMON, Isaiah 35:1-10, “The Day Approaches: Highway in the Desert”

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 349, “Hark the Glad Sound”

BELLS / POSTLUDE

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