



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Second Sunday in Advent



Saturday, December 7, 2019 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

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

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.

The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 341, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Please stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Opening Sentences (Matt. 3:11; Rom. 15:13; Is. 11:4,6; Psalm 72:19)

P I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming

C **will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

C **so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**

P With the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.

C **The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them.**

P Blessed be His glorious name forever;

C **may the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

Confession and Absolution (Matt. 3:11; Rom. 15:13)

P When John the Baptist was preparing people to meet the Messiah, he preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

C **We all should repent, for we have thought, spoken, and acted in hurtful, sinful ways.**

P John promised that the Messiah would “baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” It was the Spirit who worked faith in your hearts in Holy Baptism. Because of Jesus’ work revealed in Word and Sacraments, our sins are forgiven, and we are given strength to amend our sinful lives. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all

your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P

Paul writes, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b)

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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.

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Advent Candle Hymn, “We Light the Advent Candle”

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We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.

With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.

Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God’s favor.

We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

We light the Advent candle And thank the Lord for rest.

With peace, we know our Jesus Has come to be our guest.

This peace beyond all knowing Within our hearts is glowing.

We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

(10:15 am) **Choir Anthem**, “A Shoot Shall Come Forth” (R. Horn)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 344, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Sermon, Matthew 3:1-12, "Up Front and Personal with John the Baptist"

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

(based on Romans 15:4-13)

P As we live in hope until our Lord's return, we pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church, here and around the world.

C Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P For our communities and country and for all the nations of the world, wherever people long for an end to discord with their neighbors and calm across their borders, that God would use people of faith to order society at home and work for harmony among the nations, so that peoples and nations might welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.

P For all people in need of the Gospel, that God would inspire artists and craftspeople, musicians and poets to creatively praise Him among the Gentiles and sing to His name, carrying the news

of Christ's coming in history, His presence with us now, and His promised return, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

P For people who seek relief from long-term ills or sudden crises of health, looking for an end to unemployment and financial woes, (*especially...*), that God would provide comfort, relief, and health so that they "might glorify God for His mercy," let us pray to the Lord.

C **Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!**

P For the Church here and around the world, led by clergy and lay members, "that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" and together we may with one voice glorify God, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation.**

P For ourselves and everyone who eagerly looks for the return of our Savior, that the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

C **That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.**

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Saturday – Please remain standing; Sunday – Please be seated)

Offering (5:30 pm – Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.) [10:15 am – Choir Anthem, "Herald of Good News" (J. Bliersch)]

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 779 v. 1 & 6, "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

1 **Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.**

- 6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.**

The 10:15 am service continues on page 10.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.** (*Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*)

The 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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)
C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 346, "When All the World Was Cursed" (7:45 am – Played by Julie Zeiger on the keyboard)

LSB 349, "Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 358, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.
C Amen.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn, "To God Be the Glory"

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To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. *Refrain*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain***

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

Bells / Postlude

The 10:15 am service continues here.

The 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance on you and + give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn, "To God Be the Glory" (See the words on pg. 9-10 or on the screens.)

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server - Chuck Keller
 Media - Kelley Keller

Pianist - Ron Jones
 Acolyte - Masson Fink
 Greeter - Jim Pflasterer

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Server/Lector - Wayne Collmeyer
 Acolytes - Kaden Roberts & Kyle Rusteberg
 Ushers - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Media - Cathy Whelan

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
 Music Director - Ann Frank
 Acolytes - Lauren Patterson & Hunter Kettler
 Ushers - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher
 Media - Greg Hoeffken (with recording)

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski
 Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
 Server/Lector - Wayne Collmeyer

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 7:30 pm

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske, Tom McDaniel
 Acolytes - Kadin LaRue & Charli Major

Media - Lisa Clamors (with recording)

Ushers - Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:45 am - Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittieri
 10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Sunday, December 15, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Blake Nichols
 Sunday 7:45 am - Collin & Davin Dethrow
 Sunday 10:15 am - Zachary & Danny Bundenthal

Servers - Sunday, December 15, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand
 Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
 Sunday 10:15 am - Chuck Keller

Media - Sunday, December 15, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Pam Nagel
 Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)
 Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe

Lectors - Sunday, December 15, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Ny Bartels
 Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
 Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Altar Guild - Sunday, December 15, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm - Ny Bartels
 Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
 Sunday 10:15 am - Janet Goessling

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