



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 3



Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 6:30 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

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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])

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.**

ADVENT 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,



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 89:19-29]

P: ¹⁹Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. ²⁰I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, ²¹so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. ²²The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. ²³I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. ²⁴My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted. ²⁵I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. ²⁶He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' ²⁷And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. ²⁸My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. ²⁹I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.

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 367, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. *Refrain***

*Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain***

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain***

- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain***

- △ 5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the_ eternal Three in One. *Refrain***

OLD TESTAMENT READING, 1 Samuel 2:1-3

¹And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. ²“There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is

no rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING, Luke 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

After the reading:

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MAGNIFICAT

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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

bles - sing, 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!

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 *(You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex, drop it
off in the church office, or mail it to the church anytime.)*

HYMN, LSB 357, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain***

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain***

**3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain***

**4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. *Refrain***

**5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav’nly home;**

**Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Refrain***

**6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain***

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain***

SERMON, “Wait Upon the Lord With Rejoicing”

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 333, “Once He Came in Blessing”

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**1 Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,**

**Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.**

- 2 Now He gently leads us;
 With Himself He feeds us
 Precious food from heaven,
 Pledge of peace here given,
 Manna that will nourish
 Souls that they may flourish.**
- 3 Soon will come that hour
 When with mighty power
 Christ will come in splendor
 And will judgment render,
 With the faithful sharing
 Joy beyond comparing.**
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
 From our sins release us.
 Keep our hearts believing,
 That we, grace receiving,
 Ever may confess You
 Till in heav'n we bless You.**

BELLS / POSTLUDE

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National Lutheran Schools Week



The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Waterloo, Illinois
January 23–30, 2022
Col. 1:15-20
**Preschool and Day School
Alumni Needed**

In honor of **Lutheran Schools Week** in January, the Preschool staff, students, and alumni are working with Ann to create a music video and art show featuring current students **and alumni**. **If you are an Immanuel Preschool or Day School Alumni, we need your help!** If you no longer live in the area – **No Problem!** There are several ways that you can participate.

We want to keep parts of the program a surprise for our congregation so - **Please contact one of the following for more details.**

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If you know of someone who went to Immanuel preschool or day school, please forward this information to them. We would love a large turnout both virtually and in person.

Shut-in & Homebound Members

During this Advent & Christmas time, the Board of Social Ministry is asking for the congregation's help by sending "thinking of you" cards to our shut-in & homebound members. See the list below.

Thank you!

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