



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## Midweek Advent Service 3



**Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

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## 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.

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### PRESERVICE MUSIC / BELLS / WELCOME

## EVENING PRAYER

LSB 243

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

**OPENING HYMN**, *LSB 352*, "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

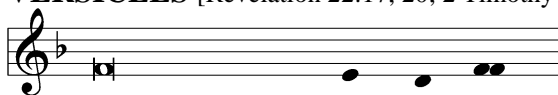
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### INVOCATION

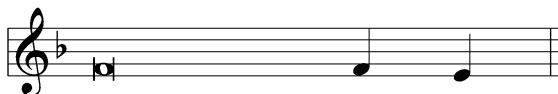
**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

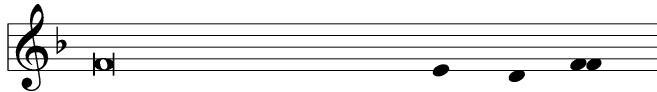
### VERSICLES [Revelation 22:17, 20; 2 Timothy 4:8; Romans 8:22]



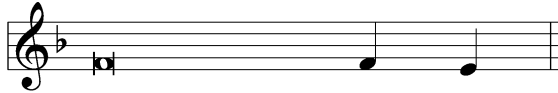
**L** The Spirit and the Church cry out:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.



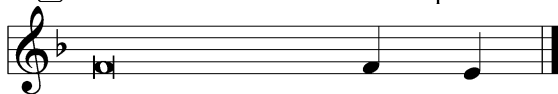
**L** All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.

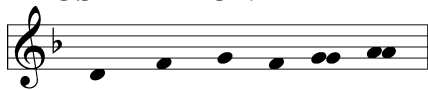


**L** The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.

## PHOS HILARON



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



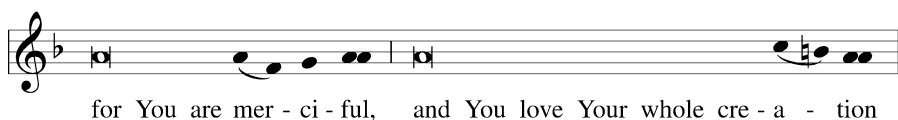
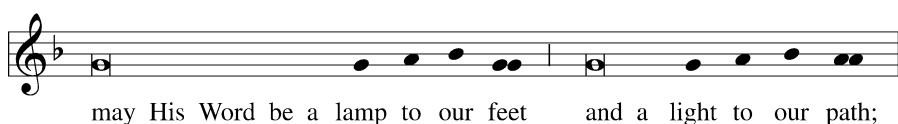
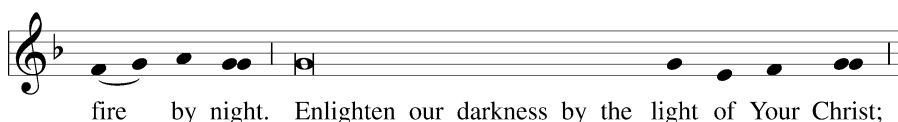
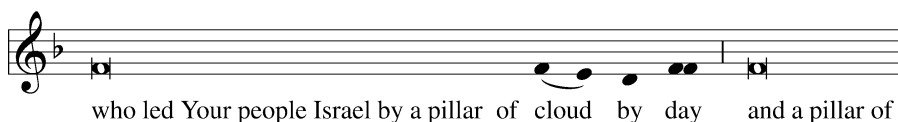
You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT



**C** A - men.

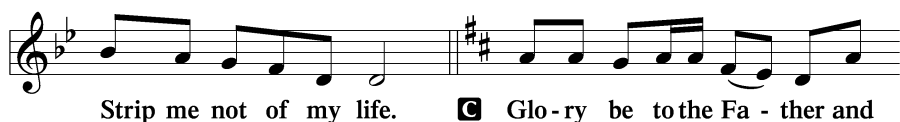
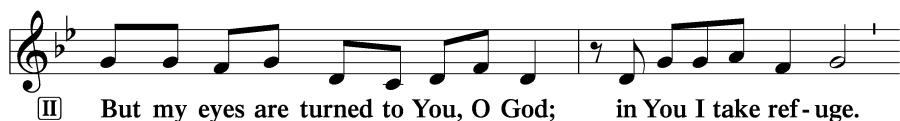
+ PSALMODY +

*Please be seated*

**PSALM 141** [Psalm 141:1-4, 8]



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,





**P**

Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C**

**Amen.**

+ READINGS +

### FIRST READING, Isaiah 9:6

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*After the reading:*

**P**

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING, John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my

hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

*After the reading:*

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.  
(Hebrews 1:1-2a)

**HYMN, LSB 412, "The People That in Darkness Sat"**

**SERMON, Isaiah 9:6, "Everlasting Father"**

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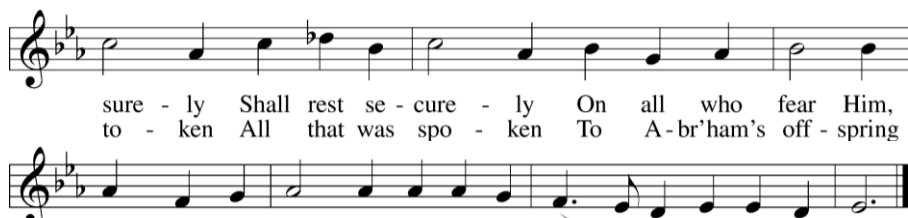
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**MAGNIFICAT [LSB 933]**

(Luke 1:46-55)

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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  
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



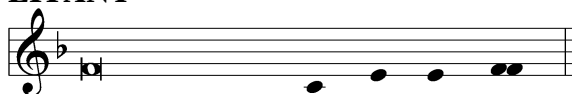
sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

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!

**OFFERING** *(Please place your attendance cards and offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after this service.)*

+ PRAYER +

## 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 Matthew, Timothy, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For President Biden, for all 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.**

*The prayers then continue (spoken):*

**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 individual prayer*

**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.**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** 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.

## BENEDICAMUS

(Psalm 103:1)

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN, LSB 883, “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”**

## BELLS / POSTLUDE

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 17 – 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 – 7:45 a.m.



*O Christmas Tree*  
Reveal To Us The Savior



A Christmas Worship Service  
Led By The Congregations Children

**Children's  
Christmas Service  
Sunday, Dec. 18  
10:15 a.m.**

*A "Birthday Party for Jesus" will  
follow this service. Cake, ice  
cream & drinks will be served.*

**Wed., Dec. 21**

*An Advent  
Service of*

**6:30 p.m.**

*Lessons  
&  
Carols*

***Refreshments will follow.***