



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **The Last Sunday in the Church Year**



Then the King will say to those on his right,  
**COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER,  
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU  
FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.**

Matthew 25:34

**Saturday, November 25, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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*“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 guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** 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. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to 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, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## 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.*

## **Divine Service, Setting Four**

*(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 203)*

### **Preservice Music**

### **Bells / Welcome**

### **Opening Hymn, LSB 353, “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”**

### **✠ Confession and Absolution ✠**

*Please stand*

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

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

(Psalm 130:3-4)

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. (John 20:19-23)

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit of the Day (Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12; antiphon: v. 2 Peter 3:13 NIV)

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

**the home of righteousness.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

**let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

**and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

**My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

**For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

**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 keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

**the home of righteousness.**

### Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you! (2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you!

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I 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... <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up

over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

(John 20:31)



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **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.

*Please be seated*

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

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 532, "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"

## Sermon

*Please stand*

### Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.


**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

*Please stand*

### Offertory, *LSB* 955, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we





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## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of 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 how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

### 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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

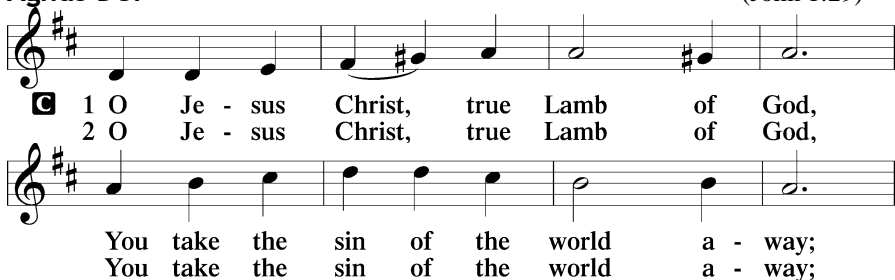
(Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

## The Peace of the Lord

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

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution Hymns

*LSB 564, "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"*

*LSB 950, "Splendor and Honor"*

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood...Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry it, Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



## Post-Communion Collect

**P**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**

**Amen.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P**

Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

**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, *LSB* 837, "Lift High the Cross"

## Bells / Postlude

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## Worship Helpers

### **Saturday, November 25, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Audrey Braun

Media - Gwen Wiegand

### **Sunday, November 26, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Chase Richey & Nolan Prather

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Sandy Thompson

Media - Carson Filipiak

### **Sunday, November 26, 2023 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Michael Evers & TJ Joellenbeck

Media/Facebook Live - Ashlyn Whelan

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Daniel Niemeyer

Altar Guild - Susan Hargrave

### **Ushers - Sunday, December 3, 2023**

7:45 a.m. - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink

### **Acolytes - Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Myla Eggemeyer & Will Hanks

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Brady Drewes & Liam Garner

### **Servers - Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

### **Media - Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Melissa Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Keaton Roberts

### **Lectors - Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Linda Gutknecht

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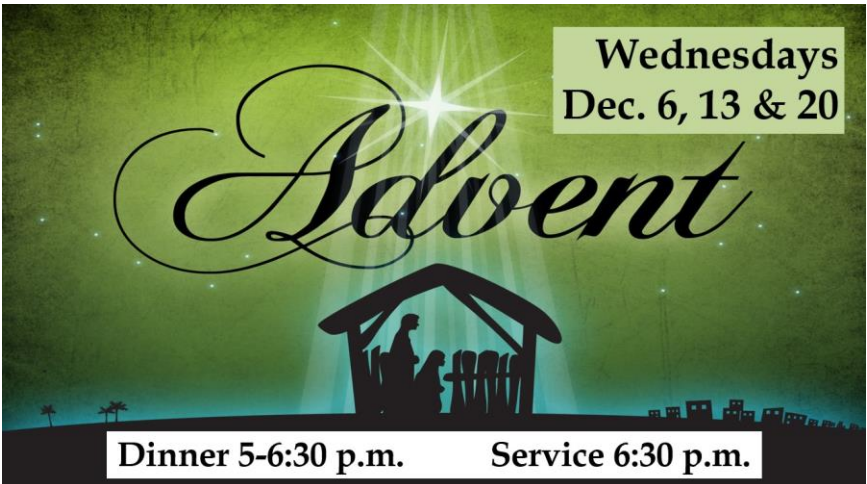

# Cookie Walk

**Saturday, Dec. 2 | 9a-12p**  
 No Early Sales | While Supplies Last

*All proceeds benefit Immanuel's Youth  
 and Preschool ministries.*



*See the insert for more details about the Cookie Walk or to  
 volunteer to donate homemade cookies or to help.*



**Wednesdays  
 Dec. 6, 13 & 20**

# Advent

**Dinner 5-6:30 p.m.      Service 6:30 p.m.**

*All are welcome! Join us!*

# Youth Group News & Fun!!

Come join us for Christmas fun on Sunday,  
November 26th!

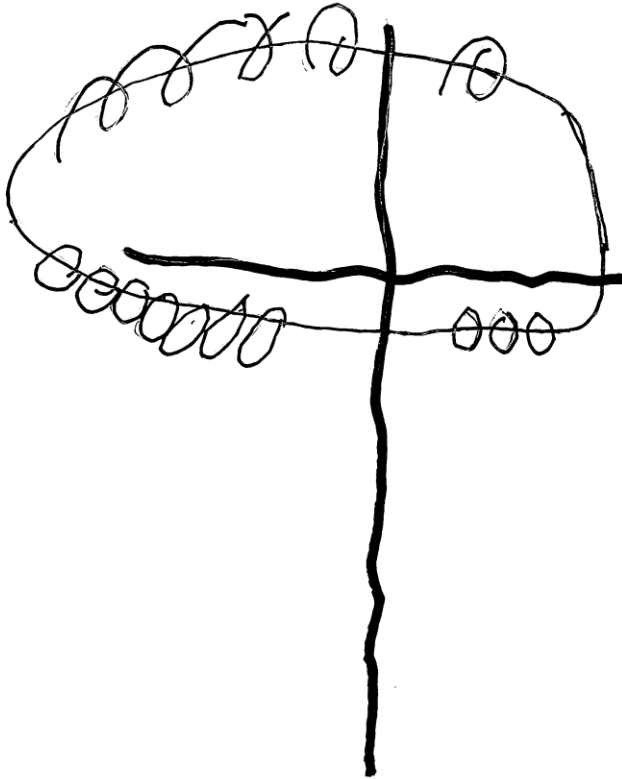
Caroling downtown from 3-4. Meet at the  
Waterloo Mercantile Co around 2:50. Come  
dressed in festive Christmas apparel, if you like,  
or dress as your favorite Hallmark Christmas  
movie lead character, as we plan to Deck the  
Halls and make some memories!

After caroling, we will head to the church  
kitchen for hot chocolate, some cookie making,  
and fun as we do some freezer meal prep for the  
Advent Supper that we are hosting Dec 6th. Plan  
to be wrapping up by 7pm.

If you can't join us for caroling, plan to come  
from 5-7 in the Kitchen/Multipurpose room!

## Connected to Christ:

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Jonah Krebel