



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 1



Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

“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

LSB 243

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

OPENING HYMN, *LSB 331, “The Advent of Our King”*

Please stand

INVOCATION

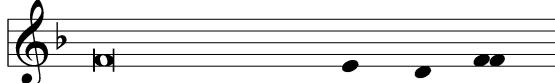
(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

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

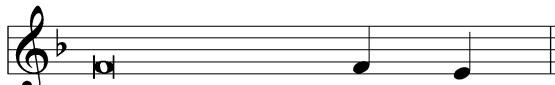
C Amen.

VERSICLES

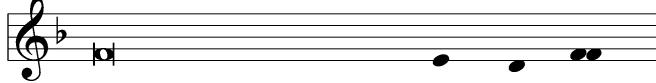
(Revelation 22:17, 20; 2 Timothy 4:8; Romans 8:22)



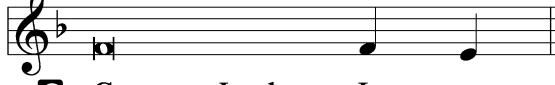
L The Spirit and the Church cry out:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



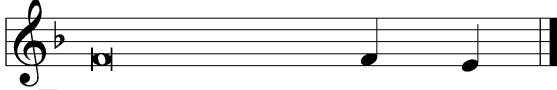
L All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



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:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - - ry.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
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 mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

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,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



[I] O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. [C] Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri -fice.



[II] Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



[I] Let not my heart in -cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed -ness with e - vil - do -ers.



[III] But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. [C] Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

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.

HYMN, LSB 342, “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING, Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

After the reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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)

Please be seated

SERMON, “Foretold: Christ Foretold in Covenants”

+ CANTICLE +

Please stand

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!

Please be seated

OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

Please stand

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.**
- 〔L〕 For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . 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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Reminder

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
PRACTICE

DECEMBER 10TH @ 12:30PM
DECEMBER 16TH @ 10 AM

PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 17TH
KIDS MUST BE IN THEIR
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS
AT 8:45 AM

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Christmas Cards of Love

The Board of Social Ministry invites the congregation to join them in brightening the Christmas season for our shut-in and homebound members. They delivered goody bags to each shut-in and homebound member on Sunday, December 3rd. In addition to this gift, we are asking the members of Immanuel to remember them as well.

Please consider sending a Christmas card during this Christmas season. Your help will brighten their Christmas and extend the love of Immanuel to them.

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