



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **Second Sunday in Advent**



**PREPARE  
THE WAY**  
*The Gospel of Mark*

**Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 10, 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 354, “Arise, O Christian People”

#### ✠ 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 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3)

Restore us, O God;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God of hosts:

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**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.**

Restore us, O God;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Advent Hymn, “We Light the Advent Candle” [Tune: *LSB 343*]**

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- 1 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!**
- 2 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!**

**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** **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*

**Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle, 2 Peter 3:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the

heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

*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, Mark 1:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is

mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*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* 344, “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

## **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 956, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

Text: Psalm 51:10–12. Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**✠ 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)

**G** 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 508, "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 621, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

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

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

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 -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect



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.



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 733, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

## Bells / Postlude

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*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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

## Worship Helpers

### **Saturday, December 9, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Peter ILL

Server - Cal Neeman

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Logan Kettler

Media - Melissa/Gwen Wiegand

### **Sunday, December 10, 2023 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Ken Sievers

Server/Lector - Bob Polansky

Acolytes - Jakson Gregory & Chase Richey

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Debbie Olsson

Media - Michael Evers

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

Pastor - Rev. Ken Sievers

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Jacob & Everly Dethrow

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel, Collin Dethrow

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Chris Michael

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

### **Worship Helpers - Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.-**

Acolytes - Avery Collmeyer & Nash Bradley

Ushers - Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison, Jeriah Fink, Jacob Dethrow

Media/Facebook Live - Jensyn Collmeyer

### **Ushers - Sunday, December 17, 2023**

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather

10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Chase Richey, Jakson Gregory

### **Acolytes - Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Tyler Major

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Nolan Prather & Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

### **Servers - Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Bob Polansky

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

### **Media - Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors

### **Lectors - Sunday, Dec 17, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, Dec 17, 2023**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL – WATERLOO, ILLINOIS**

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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**

# Christmas Cards of Love

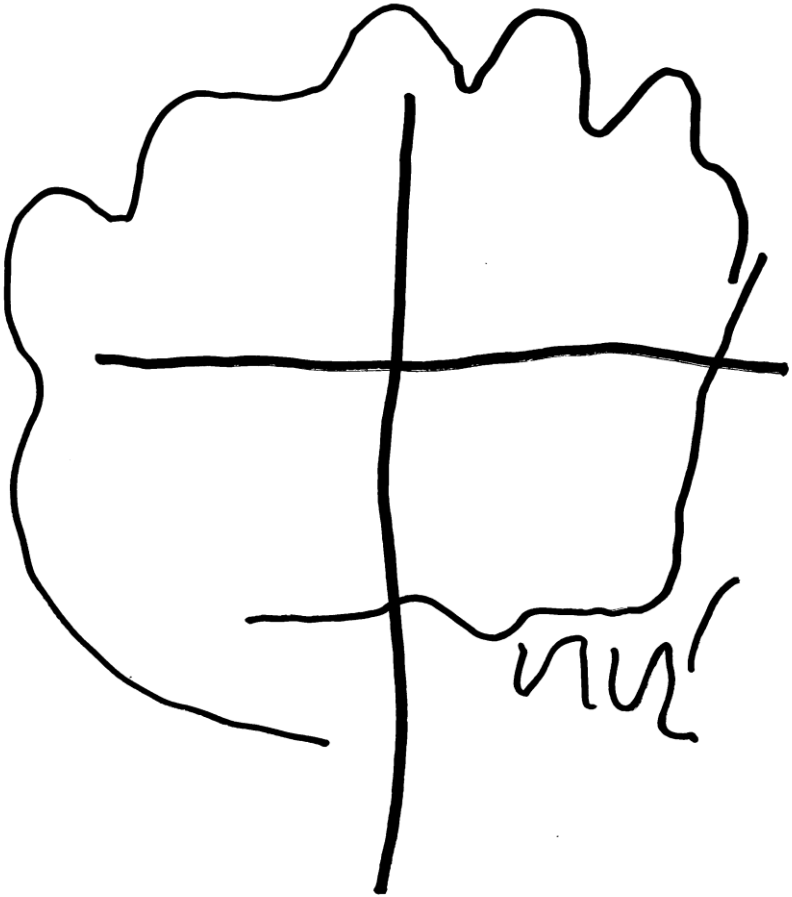
The Board of Social Ministry invites the congregation to join them in brightening the Christmas season for our shut-in and homebound members. They will be delivering goody bags to each shut-in and homebound member on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition to this gift, we are asking the members 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.

| NAME                     | ADDRESS                            | CITY, STATE, ZIP     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Altes, Gary              | 419 Sycamore Dr                    | Waterloo, IL 62298   |
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| Henry, Marvin & Carolyn  | 411 Janice Drive                   | Waterloo, IL 62298   |
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| Jarvis, Beverly          | Magnolia Terrace, 623 Hamacher St. | Waterloo, IL 62298   |
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| Rabbermann, Lois         | 1020 Turtle Dove Trail             | Waterloo, IL 62298   |
| Bush, Rosemary           | 526 Legacy Dr.                     | Waterloo, IL 62298   |
| Ruff, Gladys             | 735 Columbia Ave, Apt 32           | Waterloo, IL 62298   |
| Prigge, Arnold           | 835 Circle Drive                   | Red Bud, IL 62278    |
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## Connected to Christ:

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



Abram Schreder