



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Saturday, December 7, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 8, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.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 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 (7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. – Agape Ringers, “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” and “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. J. Mueller)

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, *LSB* 349, “Hark the Glad Sound” (accompanied by Agape Ringers at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 124:8; 30:3-4)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
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.**
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.
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 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

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.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)



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

Advent Candle-Lighting Hymn, “We Light the Advent Candle”

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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

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” arr. M. Larkin

Old Testament Reading, Malachi 3:1-7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment.

I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. ⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in

you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem, “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”**

(LSB 335)

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 3:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” ¹⁵As the people were in

expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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, "I will refine My people"---based on Malachi 3:2

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.

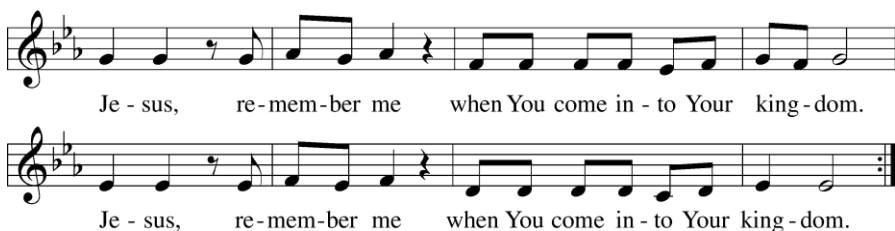
Please be seated

Offering (*During our Saturday evening service, please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

Please stand

Offertory, LSB 767, “Jesus, Remember Me”

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Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king-dom.

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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)

Pax Domini

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

LSB 353, "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

LSB 347, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...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 Son, For I have seen the
 part in heav'n - ly peace, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry 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 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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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



Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)



Thanks be to God.



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.



Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 352, “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Server - Cal Neeman
Altar Guild - Marilyn Collette

Organist - Justin Tayon
Acolyte - Avery Collmeyer
Media - Michael Evers

Sunday, December 8, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Server/Lector - Warren Frank
Acolytes - Tyler Major & Kennedy Filipiak
Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

Music Director - Ann Frank
Altar Guild - Pam Nagel
Media - Carson Filipiak

Sunday, December 8, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs
Servers - Bob Polansky & Doug Simms
Acolytes - Rosie Fink & Brielle Fink
Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink
Media/Facebook Live - Will Hanks

Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Bob Polansky
Altar Guild - Carol Kassel
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Worship Helpers – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Acolytes - Gwen & Kenzie Wiegand
Ushers - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Cal Neeman

Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, December 15, 2024

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

10:15 a.m. - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lorelei Griffin
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - M. Wilhelm & O. Rusteberg
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

Lectors - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

Servers - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Jason Valerius
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

Altar Guild - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Barbara Altes
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - n/a

Media - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Clark Deptula
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Reagan Wilhelm
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Clamors

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUNERAL LUNCHEONS



Diane Hoffmann, head of our Funeral Luncheon Committee,
needs your help!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Provide a side dish or dessert for our funeral luncheons
- Help serve at our funeral luncheons
- Pick up food needed for our funeral luncheons

Contact the office if you would like to help in one or all of
these ways! 618.939.6480 / immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com

Advent Dinners

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 11th

Creamy Sausage & Tortellini Soup

White Chicken Chili

Breads - Desserts

hosted by our Youth Group



Wed., Dec. 18th

Mexican Night!

hosted by our Mission Team



churchwide CHRISTMAS Caroling

**Sunday, December 8th
2:00 p.m.
Meet in Overflow Room**

Board of Evangelism hosting fellowship
dinner afterwards in multipurpose room!



Preschool Student of the Week
December 9-13, 2024

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of our Faith
HIS love endures forever!
Heb. 12:1-3



Eli Cordevant