



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 2



Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 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 / GREETING

Please stand

OPENING HYMN, *LSB 355, “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”*

[Alt. Tune: *LSB 805*]

INVOCATION

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

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

C Amen.

+ ADVENT LITANY +

P Lift up your heads and open your eyes.

C **for he is coming.**

P Who is coming?

C **The King of glory!**

P Blessings on Him

C **who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P As we light our Advent wreath, we remember the One who comes—Jesus, the light of the world.

(The acolyte will light a candle in the Advent wreath as the hymn is sung.)

ADVENT HYMN, LSB 357 v. 1, 3-4, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

P He came as a baby in a manger,
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P He came to be our Savior.
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P With joy and gladness,
C **we celebrate His coming.**

P He comes to us each day in the promise of His presence.
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P Let us open our hearts to Him,
C **and walk in His ways.**
P He will come again to take us to Himself in heaven.
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 Mighty and
holt - 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!

ADVENT COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world, the kingdom of heaven now is open to all who believe in Him. Give us grace to receive the Lord Jesus as our Emmanuel, God with us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, inspire our praises in this season of blessed expectation. Lead us joyfully to serve Jesus, our Advent King, in our daily lives, so that when He comes again on the Last Day in power and majesty we may, by Your mercy, be gathered into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our King.

C Amen.

Please be seated

ADVENT SCRIPTURE, Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we

have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

ADVENT HYMN, LSB 338, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ADVENT SCRIPTURE, Isaiah 40:1-5

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak 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. ³A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every 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. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT HYMN, LSB 347, “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

ADVENT MESSAGE, “Come down---surround us in Your Comfort” based on Isaiah 64:1, 40:1

Please stand

ADVENT PRAYER

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith; let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth; let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of silence, in which we may listen and hear the Word of the Lord, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

P Stir up, we pray, Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening danger of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance. We pray 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.

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN, LSB 392, “God Loves Me Dearly”

BELLS / POSTLUDE

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FREEZER

Meals

Take home one of these delicious soups for a quick and delicious meal! Quantities are limited.

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MIDWEEK ADVENT

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.

Dec. 4 - 11 - 18



Regular weekend services throughout...

Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

Sundays
7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2024
4:00 p.m. / 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Service – Sunday, Dec. 15th – 10:15 a.m.