



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 3



Wednesday, December 18, 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* 348, “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

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, 5-7, “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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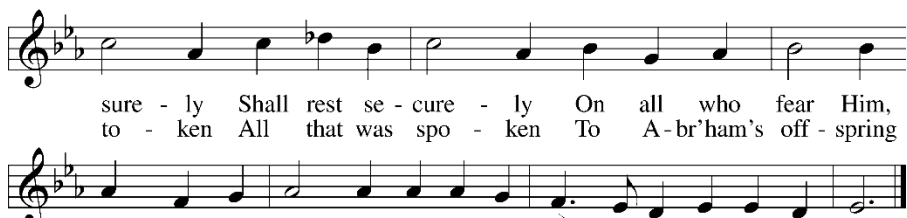
1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

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 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!

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 7:10-14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

L

This is the Word of the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE, Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her

quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT HYMN, *LSB* 349, “Hark the Glad Sound”

ADVENT MESSAGE, “The Promise---Immanuel” ----- based on Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23

HYMN OF RESPONSE, *LSB* 358 v. 1-5, “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

OFFERING (*Please feel free to place your offerings and attendance cards in the plate in the narthex.*)

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, “Jesus, Name Above All Names” [AGPS 145. CCLI License #1102860.]

BELLS / POSTLUDE

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IMMANUEL YOUTH GROUP

Servant
EVENT

Helping the children
prepare for Christmas!

SATURDAY, DEC. 21ST
10:30 – 3:30

Meet at Immanuel at 10:30. Plan to bring a sack lunch or bring money for a stop at Culvers on our way home! Please sign up for this event by clicking the link below, so we can set up transportation and plans!
<https://forms.gle/mTPq812ia8nFhz6u5>

The poster features a blue background with white polka dots. On the left is a circular logo for the 'CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS' with a red cross in the center. The text 'IMMANUEL YOUTH GROUP' is at the top in white on a dark blue banner. The event title 'Servant EVENT' is in a large, stylized font. The date and time are prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, there is a call to action and a registration link.

JOIN US DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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.

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FOLLOWING THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUNDAY | 29 | DECEMBER

BRUNCH MENU:
CASEY'S BREAKFAST PIZZA
DONUTS - FRUIT
COOKIES - COFFEE
ORANGE JUICE