



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Midweek Advent Service 2



"No Place Like Home" based on Isaiah 55:1-5

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 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.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 260)

PRESERVICE MUSIC

BELLS

WELCOME / GREETING

OPENING HYMN, *LSB* 349, "Hark the Glad Sound"

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.

OPENING VERSICLES

(Psalm 50:2-3a; Isaiah 40:3, 45:8)

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
C 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.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

(Isaiah 12:2b-6)

Refrain



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
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.



Please be seated

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

(Isaiah 55:1-5)

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

(Jeremiah 23:5, 6b)

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Please stand

TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Exodus 20:2-17)

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- 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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY, *LSB 754* v. 1-4, “Entrust Your Days and Burdens” [Tune: *LSB 644*]

ADVENT MESSAGE, “No Place like Home” - based on Isaiah 55:1-5

HYMN OF RESPONSE, *LSB 754* v. 5-6, “Entrust Your Days and Burdens” [Tune: *LSB 644*]

OFFERING (*Please place your attendance cards and offerings in the offering plate on the table in the narthex before or after this service.*)

Please stand

PRAYER

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, 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 this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, 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 ... *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* ... 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you left your throne in glory to enter our
exile, so that we might be welcomed home to the Father.
Keep us from seeking refuge in the false shelters of this
world, and anchor our hearts in you, the shoot from Jesse's
stump and the King of all kings. For you live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them,
read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience
and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever
hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

EVENING PRAYER

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ,
Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this
day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body**

and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE (1 Cor. 15:20a, 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11)

Refrain



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

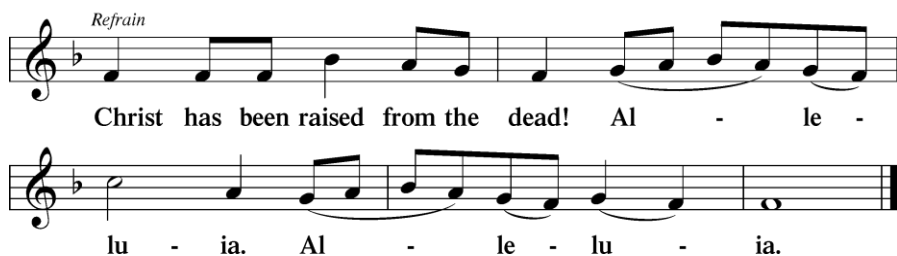
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lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.



BLESSING

(Psalm 103:1)

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN, *LSB* 353, “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

BELLS

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP HELPERS

PREACHER/LITURGIST – Pastor Brian Downs
 LECTOR – Seminarian Seth Weinberg
 MUSIC DIRECTOR – Mrs. Ann Frank
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Shut-in & Homebound Members

The Board of Community Care is asking for the congregation's help by sending "thinking of you" cards to our shut-in & homebound members periodically. See the list below. Thanks You!

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
Binder, Nina	406 Avington	Waterloo, IL 62298
Bush, Rosemary	526 Legacy Dr Apt 31	Waterloo, IL 62298
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Clamors, Helen	6703 Susewind Lane	Waterloo, IL 62298
Dietzel, Marie	832 Cheshire Dr	Waterloo, IL 62298
Henry, Marvin	411 Janice Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Henry, Carolyn	623 Hamacher St, #703	Waterloo, IL 62298
Hitzemann, Judy	709 Mahala Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jarvis, Beverly	623 Hamacher St, #201	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jones, Pat	246A Hamacher St.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Knoke, Gloria	735 Columbia Ave Apt 23	Waterloo, IL 62298
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Prigge, Arnold	835 Circle Drive	Red Bud, IL 62278
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Jeremiah 3:15 - "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Installation Service of Rev. Benjamin Hayter as the Administrative Pastor at

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
522 S. CHURCH STREET
WATERLOO, IL



**Dec. 22, 2025
5:00 p.m.**



CATERED DINNER TO FOLLOW SERVICE.