



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Second Sunday in Advent



Saturday, December 8, 2018 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 9, 2018 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. 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. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot 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, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

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.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 345, “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”
(Please stand on last verse.)

Invocation

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

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

Opening Sentences

(based on Luke 3:4-6)

P Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

C **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

P Every valley shall be filled,

C **and every mountain and hill made low.**

P The crooked shall become straight,

C **and the rough places shall become level ways.**

P All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

C **We wait for Christ’s return and the resurrection of all flesh.**

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C **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

(Luke 3:6; Psalm 66:1-2)

P In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish and cruel. We have treated our neighbors with**

injustice and prejudice. We have oppressed the weak in order to gain power. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?

P As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, he said, “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” God sent Jesus to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: 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.

C **Amen. “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!”**

+ 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.”

Advent Candle Hymn, “We Light the Advent Candle”

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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!

**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!**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: 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, 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.”

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 Christ. ³I 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 3:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd 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.”¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.¹⁹ But 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,²⁰ added 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.

Please be seated

Children’s Message (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 344, “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Sermon, Luke 3:1-20, “Preparing the Way”

Please stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

(Luke 19:38)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, as we prepare the way for Christ to come, we proclaim: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

P Lord, we have kept our distance from You. Our repentance and return has been halfhearted and imperfect. Forgive us, and return to us despite our failures, for “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**
P Lord, we have kept our distance from our neighbors, from the suffering and forsaken, from the widow and the orphan, from the foreigner and refugee. Strengthen us to serve our neighbors, and strengthen them in their trials. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**
P Lord, heal the sick, injured, and recovering among us, (*especially...*). Strengthen them with Your gracious hand and with Your unwavering presence. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**
P Lord, console the grieving with Your presence. Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life that is ours in Christ Jesus. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**
P Lord, help us to live under Your perfect care. Prevent us from turning aside to idols and distractions. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus that we evermore proclaim: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**
P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your ever-present mercy.
- C** **Amen.**

(Saturday – Please remain standing; Sunday – Please be seated)

Offering (*5:30 pm – Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 788 v. 1-2, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” [Text: © 1965, renewed 1993 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526.]

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
 For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
 For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
 While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware:**

**2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
That shows Your message ever new and near.**

The 10:15 am service continues on page 10.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

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.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 350, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (*Played by Julie Zeiger on keyboard during the 7:45 am service.*)

LSB 621, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P 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.

C Amen.

Benediction

- 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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 333, “Once He Came in Blessing”

Bells / Postlude

The 10:15 am service continues below.

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.

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Bells / Postlude

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.*

Worship Helpers

Saturday, December 8, 2018 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Greg Wiegand

Media - Lisa Clamors

Organist - Joan Ruwald

Acolyte - Ali Kloeppel

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Travis Henry

Acolytes - Charli Major & Autumn Whelan

Ushers - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin Whelan

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Lector - Wayne Collmeyer

Organist - Sarah Koester

Media - Adrianna Whelan

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Organist - Sarah Koester

Acolytes - Reese Downing & Hunter Kettler

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.

Liturgist - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.

Media - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe (with recording)

Worship Helpers - Wednesday, December 12, 2018 - 7:30 pm

Ushers - Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Hayden Morris & Kyle Rusteberg

Media - Lisa Clamors (with recording)

Ushers - Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:45 am - Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 am - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes

Acolytes - Sunday, December 16, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lauren Patterson

Sunday 7:45 am - Kaden Roberts

Sunday 10:15 am - Kyra Drewes & Tucker Wilson

Lectors - Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Sean Arians

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Servers - Sunday, December 16, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Wayne Collmeyer

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Travis Henry

Altar Guild - Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

Media - Sunday, December 16, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Tyler Cooley

Sunday 7:45 am - Greg Hoeffken (with recording)

Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

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