



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **First Sunday in Advent**

**SIGNS**

**Saturday, November 27, 2021 – 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, November 28, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am**

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*“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.*

**Preservice Music** (10:15 am - Agape Ringers, “You Raise Me Up,” arr. by S. Eithun and “Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?” by L. Larson)

## **Bells / Welcome**

**Opening Hymn, LSB 331, “The Advent of Our King”**

- 1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.**
- 2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant’s form puts on  
To set His servants free.**
- 3 O Zion’s daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.**
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav’n to reign.**
- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.**
- △ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.**

## 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

(Jeremiah 33:14-15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.)

- P** The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”
- C** **We thank You, O Lord!**
- P** The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”
- C** **We adore You, O Lord!**
- P** The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”
- C** **We praise You, O Lord!**
- P** The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”
- C** **We worship You, O Lord!**

## Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 25:6-7)

- P** Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

*A time of silence is observed.*

- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we have sinned with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- C** **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**
- 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.
- C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

**Introit of the Day** (Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.)

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- C** **Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**
- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.
- C** **Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**
- P** who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.
- C** **For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**  
**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.**
- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

**Lighting of Advent Candle, “We Light the Advent Candle” (v. 1)**

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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!**

**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 Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

(10:15 am) **Agape Ringers**, “Meditation on Beautiful Savior” (C. Moklebust)

## Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.””

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Holy Gospel, Luke 21:25-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

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

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 515, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets Your people free!

## Sermon, Luke 21:25-28, “All About Signs”

*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

**P** As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

**C** **hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

**C** **hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

**C** **hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

**C** **hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Offering** (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

**Offertory, LSB 806, “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”**

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat once)**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat once)**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**

### **+ 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)

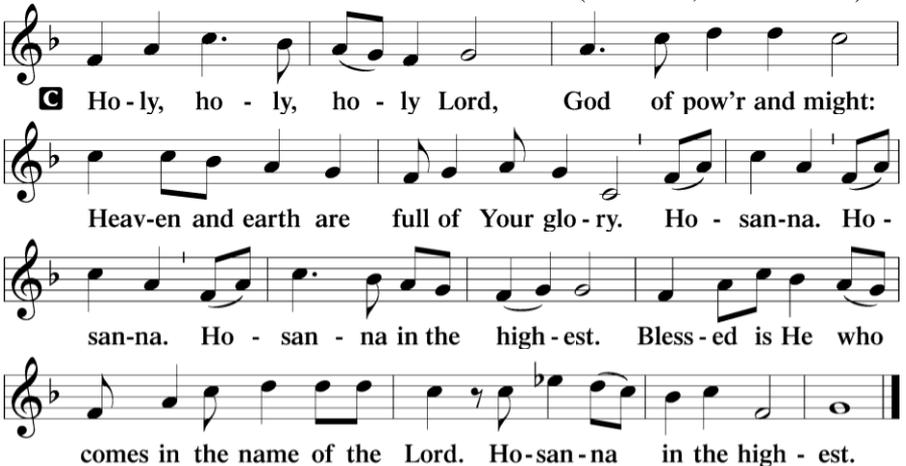
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, 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** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(*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)

**Pax Domini**

(John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution Hymns**

*LSB 629, “What Is This Bread”*

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- 1 What is this bread?**  
Christ’s body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
  
- 2 What is this wine?**  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
  
- 3 So who am I,**  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.
  
- 4 Yet is God here?**  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

**5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

*LSB 332, “Savior of the Nations, Come”*

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- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.**
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.**
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.**
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.**
- 5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.**
- 6 For You are the Father’s Son  
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.  
By Your mighty pow’r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.**

**7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.**

**△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.**

*Please stand*

**Dismissal**

**P** Now may this... Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; 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**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

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 966, "Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

**1 Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King!**

- 2    **The nation You have blest  
      May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
      Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
      For this fair land—  
      Gifts of Your hand—  
Our thanks we pay.**
- 3    **May ev'ry mountain height,  
      Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
      And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
      Be tuned to praise  
      And join to raise  
A grateful song.**
- 4    **Earth, hear your Maker's voice;  
      Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice,  
      And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride,  
      Your sin deplore,  
      And bow before  
The Crucified.**
- 5    **And when in pow'r He comes,  
      Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
      Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
      With joy to sing  
      To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!**

**Bells / Postlude**

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*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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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### **Saturday, November 27, 2021 - 5:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Cal Neeman

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Sydney Kuergeleis & Lorelei Griffin

### **Sunday, November 28, 2021 - 7:45 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Chuck Keller

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Don Birrittier

Acolytes - Logan Kettler & Jacob Dethrow

Music Director - Ann Frank

Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Media - Kelley Keller

### **Sunday, November 28, 2021 - 10:15 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Lector - Jen Janssen

Acolytes - Ayda Eggemeyer & Ava Hemmer

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

### **Ushers - Sunday, December 5, 2021**

7:45 am - Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

### **Acolytes - Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Evan Williams

Sunday 7:45 am - Ava Hemmer & Collin Dethrow

Sunday 10:15 am - Keaton & Kaden Roberts

### **Lectors - Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Travis Henry

Sunday 10:15 am - Bob Polansky

### **Servers - Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Dean Harbsion

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 am - Janet Goessling

### **Media - Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - open

Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

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**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**LUKE 21:25-28**  
**“ALL ABOUT SIGNS”**

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1. I especially like signs that \_\_\_\_\_  
you for what’s coming up. You know what I mean.  
“\_\_\_\_\_ in the road,  
\_\_\_\_\_ in 50 feet.” “Rest stop coming up  
in 1 mile.”
2. God will bring \_\_\_\_\_ events, such  
as eclipses and comets, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ events such as storms  
and tidal waves, to signal the end of this present world.
3. Unlike a road sign that says, “\_\_\_\_\_ of  
the line in 40 miles,” God doesn’t tell us,  
“\_\_\_\_\_ of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ in 40 years.”
4. But Jesus could come at any time –today, tomorrow, a  
week from now –an hour from now. Sure, it’s been a long  
time since Jesus ascended into heaven, but God doesn’t  
\_\_\_\_\_ the  
way we do.
5. Yet Jesus encourages Christians to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ when they see these signs.  
We’re to \_\_\_\_\_ at the thought of  
and the very appearance of Jesus’ coming again.
6. The bottom line is this. We don’t have to be afraid of the  
coming signs of the end because of the other  
\_\_\_\_\_ God has given us.

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