

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*November 30, 2025
The First Sunday in Advent*



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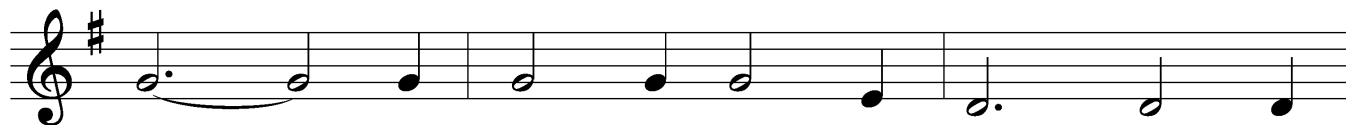
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Opening Hymn #302

“Prepare the Royal Highway”



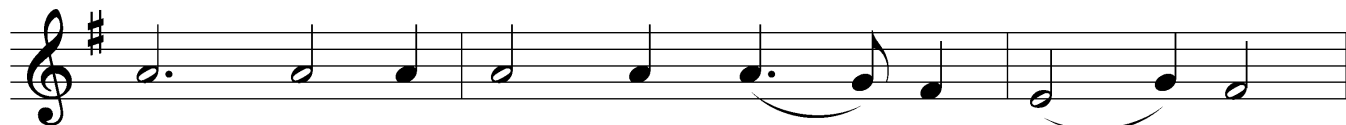
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a -



near! Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a
King! Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread
King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its
bove. His rule is peace and free - dom and



lev - el road ap - pear! Then greet the King of
gar - ments! Shout and sing! God's prom - ise will not
trib - ute too should bring. All lands, bow down be -
jus - tice, truth, and love. So let your praise be



glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
fore him! All na - tions, now a - dore him!
sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho-san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

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Please stand.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins and Lighting Candle

M: God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

C: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

M: Dear friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation as we await Christ's second coming on the Last Day. We prepare our hearts to meet him as we humbly seek his forgiveness.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.

Hymn #310 st.1

"Arise, O Christian People"



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
day; pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, who
takes your sins a - way. To us by grace a -
lone the truth and light were giv - en; the prom - ised
Lord from heav - en to all the world is shown.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–1662; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.

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M: God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was fulfilled in the coming of his Son. Jesus Christ humbled himself by submitting to God's law. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God promises to lift up the humble and fill the hungry with good things because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

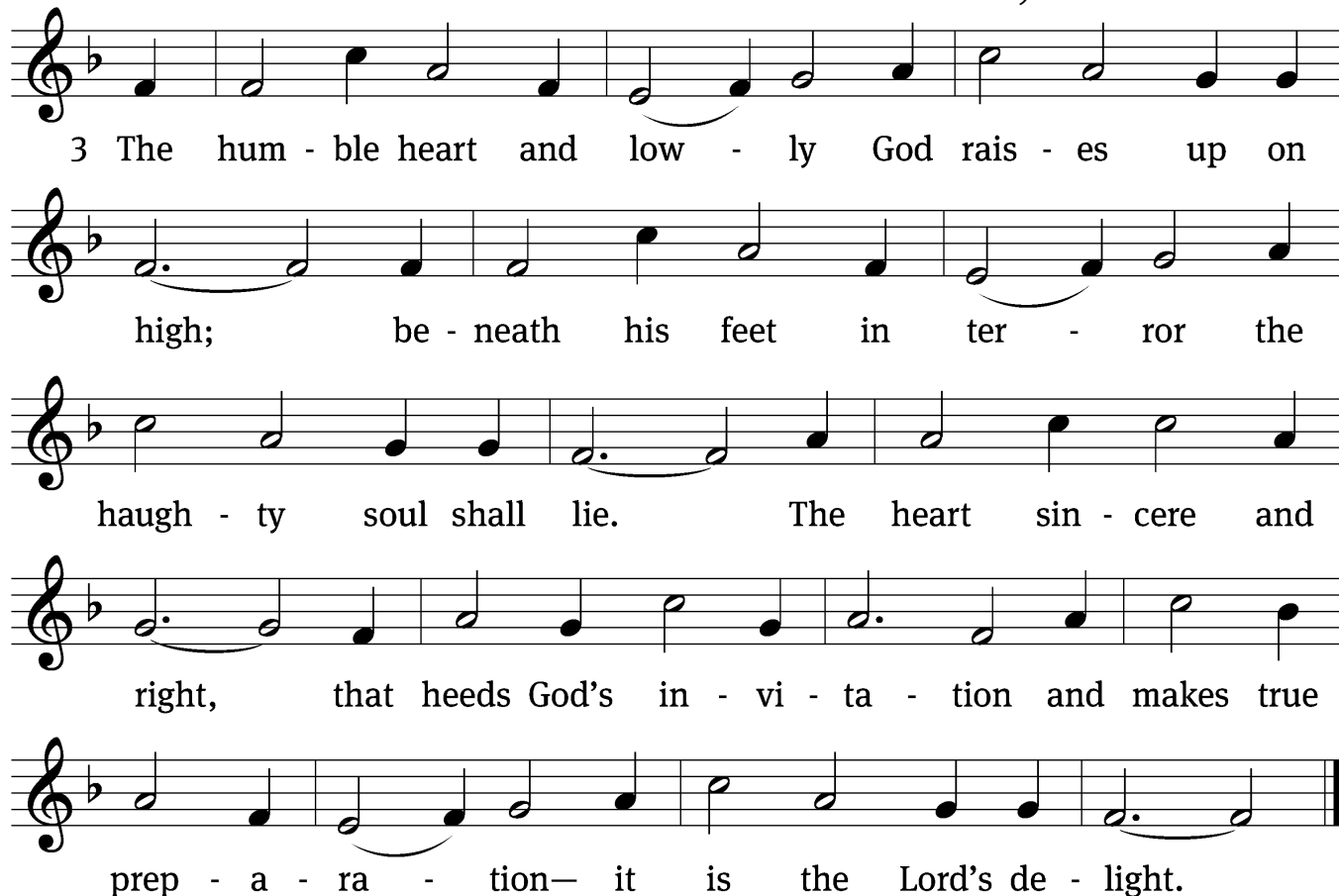
C: **Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich.** 2 Corinthians 8:9

M: Even as we await Christ's second coming, he comes to us here and now in the words he gives his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #310 st.3

"Arise, O Christian People"



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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: **We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blest.**

Hymn #310 st.4

“Arise, O Christian People”



4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; turn not from me a -
side, and help me to re - ceive you this
bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger
low come now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing your
prais - es glad - ly and forth your glo - ry show.

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

- ¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;
the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

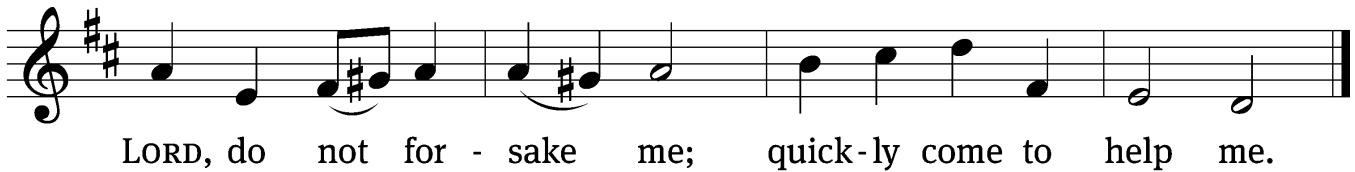
C: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 38B

“LORD, Do Not Forsake Me”

Refrain



Tone



LORD, do not rebuke me in your / anger
or discipline me / in your wrath.
Your arrows have / pierced me,
and your hand has come / down on me.
My guilt has over- / whelmed me
like a burden too heav- / y to bear. *Refrain*

All my longings lie open be- / fore you, Lord;
my sighing is not hidden / from you.
LORD, I / wait for you;
you will answer, / Lord my God.
I confess my in- / iquity;
I am troubled / by my sin.
Come quickly to / help me,
my Lord and my / Savior.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading *(read responsively)*

Romans 15:4-13

M: ⁴For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

**C: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."**

M: ¹⁰Again, it says,

C: "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

M: ¹¹And again,

**C: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."**

M: ¹²And again, Isaiah says,

**C: "The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."**

M: ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

St. Luke 3:4,6

M: Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
And all people will see God's salvation. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 3:1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’ ”

⁴John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Hymn #308

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"



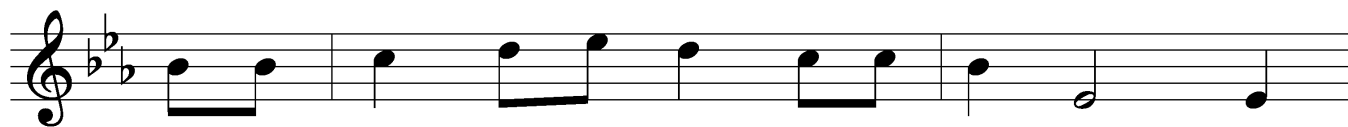
1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O — Chris - tians, you bring — good ti - dings; get
3 But the Word of our God is e - ter - nal; the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of the



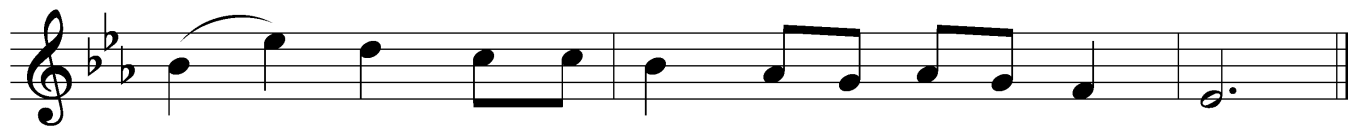
high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple the com - ing of their King.
na - tions, and he shall right the wrong.



The — val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
Like the flow'rs of the field they — per - ish; like
He shall feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass their works de - cay. The pow'r and — pomp of
lambs shall gent - ly hold, to pas - tures of peace shall



plac - es where the Lord our — God — may go!
na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way.
lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

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Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: Jesus, our Lord Immanuel, you are the shoot from the stump of Jesse. You bring us hope out of hopelessness, life out of death, and power from weakness. Empower us to live holy lives as we look forward to the day of your coming. We wait for you, Lord, we wait for you.

C: In your Word we put our hope.

M: Let the earth be full of your knowledge as the waters cover the sea. As your kingdom comes to human hearts, cool the heat of hatred and calm the frenzy of anger. Give us your Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and power. We wait for you, Lord, we wait for you.

C: In your Word we put our hope.

M: John the Baptist called out, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." Fill the world with the sound of your gospel that more people may enjoy your forgiveness and peace. We wait for you, Lord, we wait for you.

C: In your Word we put our hope.

M: We pray for those who watch over us for your sake: pastors, teachers, elders and others who teach and lead us in your church, so that through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Fill their hearts with your Word that they take to heart what they also teach. We wait for you, Lord, we wait for you.

C: In your Word we put our hope.

M: Bring your holy comfort to your people, especially those who suffer sickness and hardships of all kind, [*especially...*]. Remind them that you came to bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, and that their sins have been paid for by your blood. We wait for you, Lord, we wait for you.

C: In your Word we put our hope.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Lord, move our hearts to constant repentance, and turn our hearts from every temptation and evil, that at your coming we may be ready to receive what you have promised; you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Visitors:** Please see our communion statement on page 20 before joining us at the Lord's table.



M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns are printed on the next 2 pages.

Distribution Hymn #316

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin and fur - nished
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and lift us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; come, then, and lis - ten,
for a Guest with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
up to fall no more; O make your face on
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings good news a - bout the King of kings.
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
us to shine, and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Distribution Hymn #312

“Comfort, Comfort All My People”



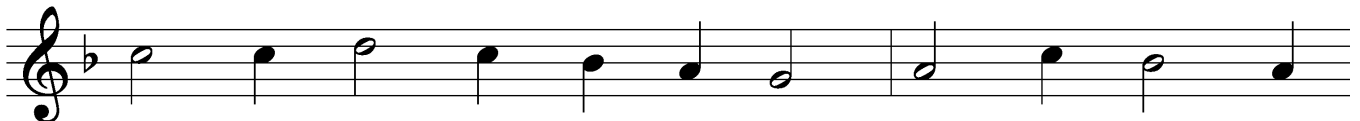
1 “Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; speak of peace,” so
2 All their sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each
3 John the Bap - tist’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert
4 Then make straight the crook - ed high - way; make the rough - er



says our God. “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, groan - ing
dark mis - deed; all that well de - served his an - ger he no
far and near, call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance for the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, read - y



from their sor - rows’ load. Speak to all Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. They have suf - fered man - y a day;
king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
for his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their
now their griefs have passed a - way. God will change their
Now pre - pare for God a way; let the val - leys
now o’er earth is spread a - broad, and all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, that their war - fare now is o - ver.”
ach - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #304

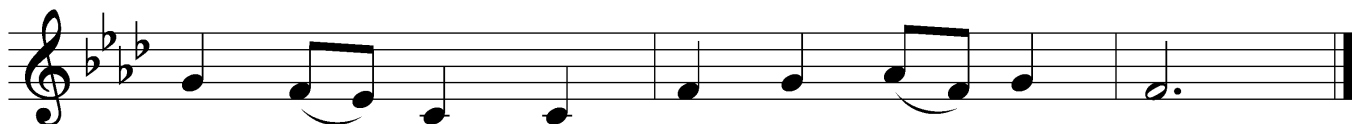
"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied where
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, a
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, lost



tame live with the wild, the lamb and li - on
branch from Da - vid's line, a Prince of Peace in
came to suf - fer loss, that by his death a
Par - a - dise re - store; lead past the an - gel's



side by side, led by a lit - tle child!
Beth - le - hem: the fruit of God's de - sign.
dy - ing world would ral - ly to the cross.
flam - ing sword—come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Thank you for the cards, prayers, calls and text messages after my recent surgery. -Mary Colburn

Babysitting? A member family of Immanuel in Findlay is looking for someone to watch their 1 1/2 year old child for 3 weeks for 3 hours a day (while both parents work and grandparents are gone). If you could help them, please contact Pastor Krueger.

Advent Service this Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Church decorating this Saturday at 7:00 AM.

Usher/Greeter Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the entry. If you already are an usher or greeter, we will just include you on next years list unless you tell us to remove you.

Christmas for Kids Volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas for Kids this Saturday, 1-4 PM. Also, if you have not registered your children to attend, please sign them up online on the church website: immanuelfindlay.org. This is very helpful with the planning process to know how many supplies will be needed.

Holiday Feast The church is having our Holiday Feast next Sunday, December 7, after the late service. The Stewardship Committee is providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to sign up to attend and to also bring a side dish or dessert.

Japanese Christmas Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 PM. If you are able to drop off a dessert or side dish for the meal for the Japanese families, please sign up in the narthex.

Advent by Candlelight Tea at Trinity: Women are invited to Trinity in Jenera to attend an evening of music, fellowship, and the Word to help prepare your hearts for the Advent season on Sunday, December 7 at 6:30. Finger foods and tea will be served in the church basement. This year's program seeks to focus our attention right on Jesus by taking a deeper look—through Scripture, narrative, and song—at the names we hear him often called during Advent. Each name reveals a priceless gift just waiting to be opened and treasured for a lifetime. Each name is a perfect gift to unwrap. Please email Jenny at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org if you plan to attend.

BIBLE STUDY	Sunday	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings	9:20 AM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study	James	10:00 AM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Study	The Incarnation	7:00 PM

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
11/30 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	<i>Brad & Sarah S.</i>	<i>Helen R.</i>
12/7 8:00	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
10:30	<i>Marjorie H.</i>	<i>Jim & Jamie T.</i>
12/14 8:00	Bob H.	Volunteer
10:30	<i>Denny & Sharon P.</i>	<i>Laura & Mike B.</i>

November Ushers: 8:00 *Bob H., Howard W.* 10:30 *Denny P., Paul W.*
December Ushers: 8:00 *Dob L., Mike W.* 10:30 *Mike S., Kris A.*

Calendar	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Adult Choir Practice, 5:55 PM Advent Service, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Saturday	Church Decorating, 9:00 AM Christmas for Kids, 1 – 4 PM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Holiday Feast, noon Japanese Christmas Service, 4:00 PM Confirmation, 6:30 PM



December 6, 2025 from 1-4 pm

Kids ages 4 through grade 6

Children will: hear the true Christmas story make a craft play games learn and sing songs and celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Register online at: immanuelfindlay.org

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.