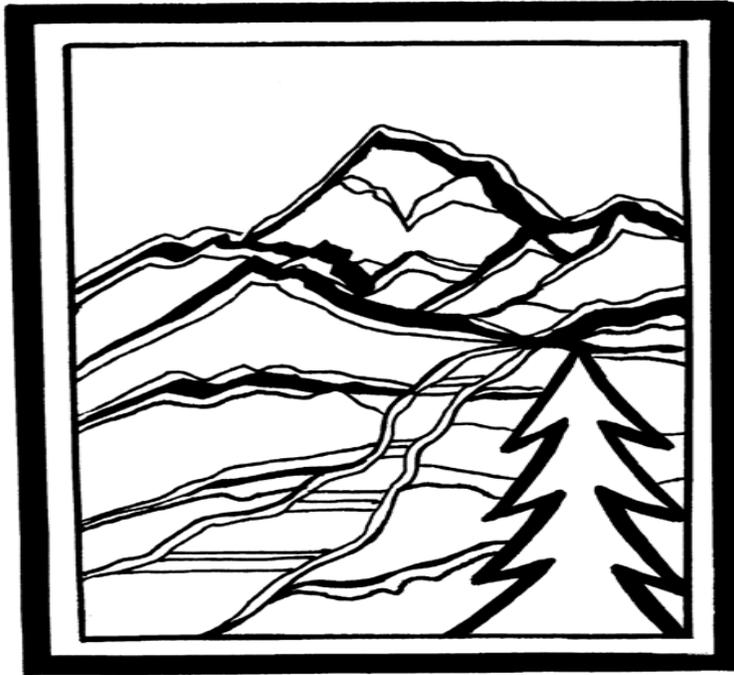


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



COME, LET US GO UP TO  
THE MOUNTAIN OF THE  
LORD, TO THE HOUSE  
OF JACOB. HE WILL  
TEACH US HIS WAYS SO  
THAT WE MAY WALK  
IN HIS PATH.  
ISAIAH 2:3

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**Opening Hymn #309 sts.1-2,4-6**

*"The Advent of Our King"*



1 The ad - vent of our King our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son, in flesh con - tent to be,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain  
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
6 All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,



and we must hymns of wel - come sing in strains of ho - ly joy.  
him - self a ser - vant's form puts on to set his ser - vants free.  
and his true mem - bers all u - nite with him in heav'n to reign.  
the old self all be put a - way, the new self now put on.  
with Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.

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*Please stand*

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

C: **Amen.**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C:** A - men.

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*\*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.*

**The Prayer of the Day**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated*

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established  
as the highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #305 sts.1-2** (early service)  
(sung from hymnal or display)

*“Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”*

**Choir Anthem** (late service)

*“A Joyful Benediction”*

## **Second Reading**

Philemon 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 22:20



### Refrain



**M** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**C:** *Refrain*

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## Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left."  
<sup>42</sup>"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.  
<sup>43</sup>But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.  
<sup>44</sup>So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (NIV)

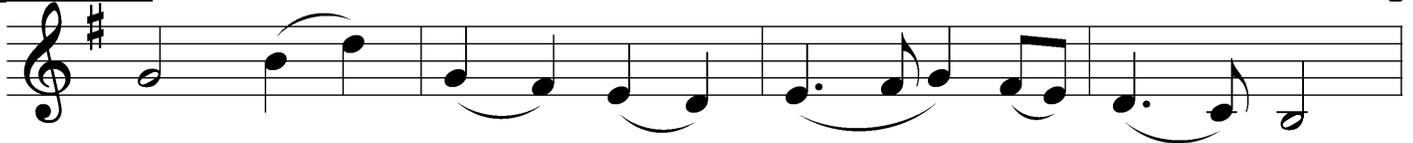
**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

Hymn #487

"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"



**Sermon**

“Let Us Walk In The Light Of The Lord!”

*Please stand*

**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**

**Friendship Card** is available on the tables by the entrances and in the mailboxes of members.  
If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

**Offering** The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via  
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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Please stand*

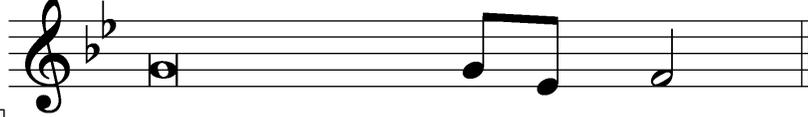
**Preface**

M: The Lord be with you.



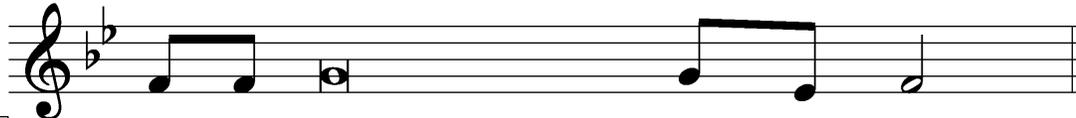
**C** And al - so with you.

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.

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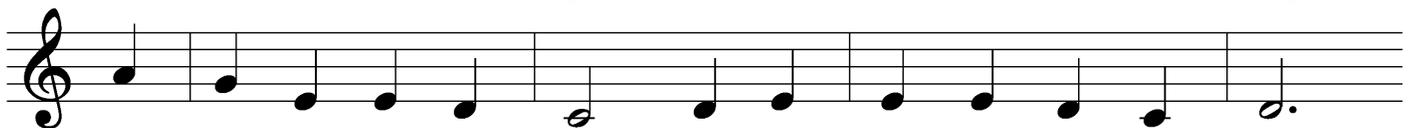
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away 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**

Tune: EWING



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**M:** Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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.

**Jesus, Lamb of God**

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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*Be seated*

**Distribution Hymn #320** (from hymnal or display)

*“As Angels Joyed with One Accord”*

**Distribution Hymn #890** (from hymnal or display)

*“Jerusalem the Golden”*

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

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand*

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: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.**

*Be seated*

## Closing Hymn #491

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"



1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home,  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,  
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, shall pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bid.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come with all your an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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**Advent Service** on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 PM.

**Christmas Decorating** will be Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:00 AM – noon. Many hands make light work, so please help prepare our church for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

**Holiday Feast** will be held on Sunday, December 4 at noon. Please sign up to attend.

**Japanese Christmas** celebration will be held on December 11 at 4:00 PM. If you would like to assist with this outreach event please sign up in back. We will need help with watching the children, crafts for the kids, setting out the food, cleaning, and taking down tables after the meal.

**Christmas For Kids** will be held on Saturday, December 10. The children are here from 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM. This is for children ages 4 – through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to help, and for items that are needed.

**Please note:** we will have only one service and no Sunday School on these Sundays: Dec. 18-Children's service, Dec. 25-Christmas Service, Jan.1-New Year's Day Service

## Join us in Adult Bible Studies:

Adult Sunday School, 9:15AM	End Times	In person only
Wednesday Bible Class, 1:30PM	1 Chronicles	In person & Zoom
Thursday Zoom Bible Class, 7:00PM	Pharisees	Zoom only

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Adult Bible Class, 1:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	<b>Thursday</b>	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	<b>Saturday</b>	Church Decorating, 9:00 AM – Noon
	<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15 AM Confirmation class, 11:45 AM Holiday Feast, noon

## November

### Greeters

11/27 8:00am  
10:30am

### East Doors

Marge Penhalegon  
Volunteer

### North Doors

Jan Sherman  
Laura & Mike Bennett

### Acolyte

Josie Weihrauch  
Elder/Usher

**November Ushers Early Service:** Howard Wilch, Bob Huber **Late:** Denny Putman, Paul Weihrauch

## December

### Greeters

12/4 8:00am  
10:30am

### East Doors

Karl & Lynn Farwig  
Larry & Diane Schaller

### North Doors

Howard & Nancy Wilch  
Diane Lab

### Acolyte

Conner Niese  
Justin Arnott

12/11 8:00am

Volunteer  
Jim & Jamie Travoli

Volunteer  
Ron & Kay Myers

Hunter Niese  
Eric Davis

**December Ushers Early Service:** Don Lucas, Nate Weihrauch **Late Service:** Mike Schaible, Kris Alge  
**Accompanist:** Connie Krueger

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

**There are children's books, coloring pages,** pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

**Silence is golden.** Please silence cell phones before worship.

**If you would like something put on the bulletin board** please contact the office.

**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