

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist December 9, 2018

Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any
 time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the
 church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across
 the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking
 meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the
 elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the
 elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel", password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

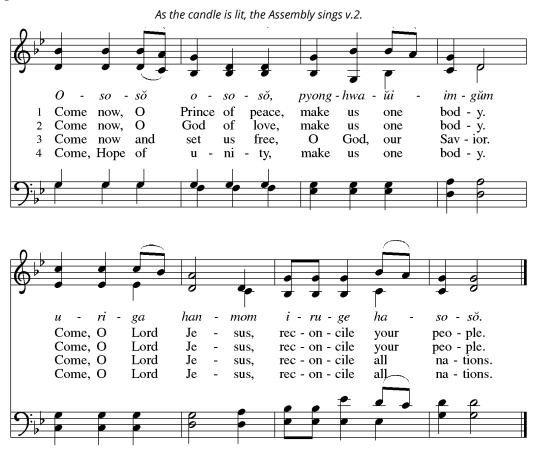
Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God.".

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly + All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music

Variations on "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" and "Lo, How a Rose is Blooming" by Bohm, Brahms et al.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



Advent Wreath Prayer

L We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

A Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

A Amen.

P Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P To you, O God,

A we lift up our souls.

You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.
Remember the gift of baptism:
your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.
Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.

A Amen.

Gathering Song

Please turn to face the doors. You may reverence the cross as it passes you.



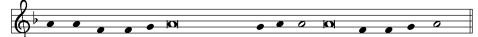
Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- A And also with you.



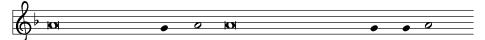
us pray to the Lord. In let peace,





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

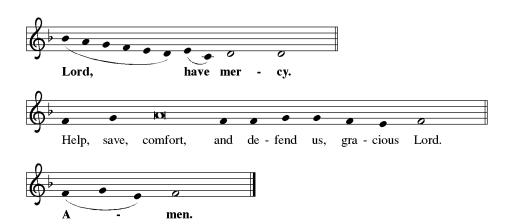






For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,





Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Baruch 5:1-9

R A reading from Baruch.

¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

⁴For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;

look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east

at the word of the Holy One,

rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶For they went out from you on foot,

led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,

carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸The woods and every fragrant tree

have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹For God will lead Israel with joy,

in the light of his glory,

with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Canticle: Luke 1:68–79 Hymnal 250



R A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal p. 160





Prepare the way | of the Lord. *All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He 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 the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out 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 be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

6and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.

Sermon

Time of Silence

A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word or phrase from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word.



The Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

A 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;

For us and for our salvation

through him all things were made.

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of the People

- L As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.
- L Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and dwell among us. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Sara, our Council, and for all whom you have called here in your name. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Protect the creation, life-giving God. Sustain the mountains and hills. Restore the rivers. Give us wisdom and compassion to care for wilderness areas and urban ecosystems. Move us to care for your creation in all its forms and richness. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Purify the hearts of all people, life-giving God. Remove the hate that lives within us and among us. Mold us into peacemakers. Raise up leaders rooted in your love and fed by your word. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Wrap them in your tender care. Remember the forgotten and send us out to share your love with them. Be with the wandering, the worried, and the woeful. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick. We pray especially for Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, the Nakic Family, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Deliver them from their struggles into havens where they can find healing and faithful companionship. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L Bless this congregation, life-giving God. Give strength and joy to worship leaders, musicians, our Worship Committee, and Table Preparers as they prepare the way for the celebration of the Christ Child's coming among us. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

- L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

 The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.
- L Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

L We remember the generations who have shown us your faithfulness, life-giving God. Shine your light on those who mourn and prepare us for that day when we see you face-to-face. We remember especially this week Lucy and John of the Cross. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Hear us, O God.

A Your mercy is great.

P Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing
as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

Offering An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.

Offering Music

"Veni Emmanuel" Zoltan Kodaly

Presentation of the Gifts

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymnal 254

The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward and the Table is prepared.



- 2 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king;
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Is -rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

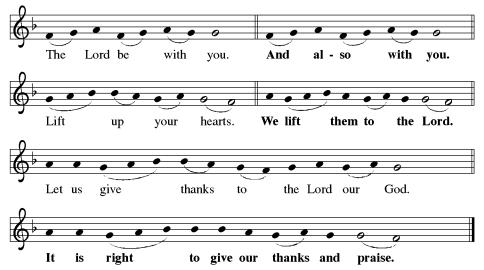


Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- A God of abundance,
 we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
 and with them our very lives.
 Teach us patience and hope
 as we care for all those in need
 until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue



This Week's Commemorations

Lucy, martyr, d. 304

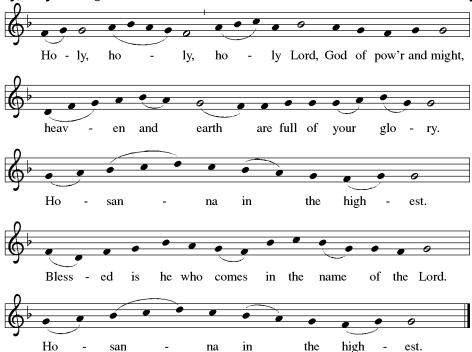
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Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

John of the Cross, renewer of the church, d.1591 Friday, December 14, 2018

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.





Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. All sing:



Christ has died. Christ is ris Christ will come a-gain. en.

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

A Come, Holy Spirit!

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,

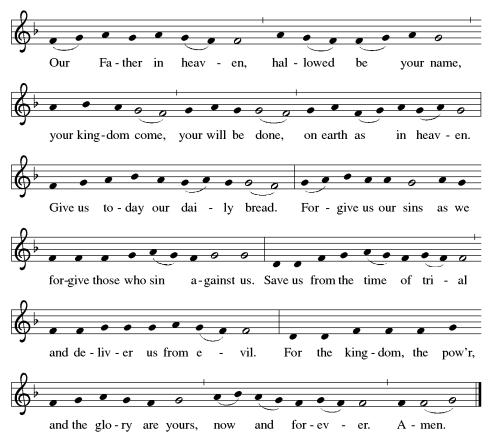
Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever. All sing:



The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: All sing:



The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

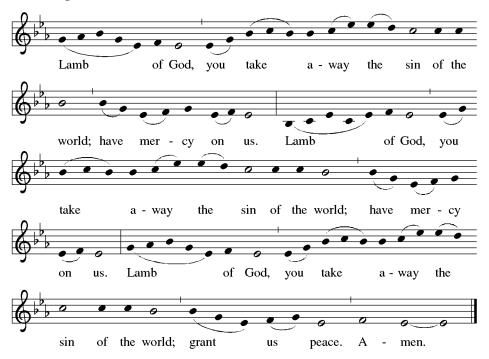
- L God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.
 - Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able. See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.

Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal 164



Communion Song

"Let the Broken Ones Be Healed" [to be sung as a round]

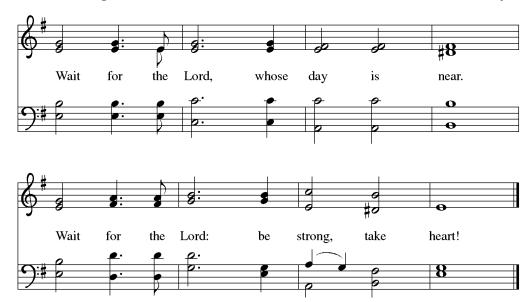


The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

Blessing after Communion

- P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.

Post-Communion Song



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

A Amen.

Upcoming Events

| Wednesdays | Holden Evening Prayer | 7:00 PM |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Saturday, Dec. 15 | Farmers' Market | 8:30 AM |
| Sunday, Dec. 16 | Poinsettia Orders Due | 10:30 AM |
| Monday, Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Service | 9:00 PM |
| Friday, Dec. 28 | Morehead Family Christmas Praise | 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, Dec. 30 | Lessons & Carols | 10:30 AM |

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Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A Amen.

Sending Song

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (printed on next page) Hymnal 249

Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.

Blessing

P I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through + Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

A Amen.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service.

Refreshments today are provided by the Hummels and Knohls in celebration of Santa Lucia.

Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

Serving in worship today...

| Presiding Minister | Pr. Keith Fry |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | |
| Acolyte | Caroline Nakic |
| Lector | Christine Imhoff |
| Communion Minister | |
| Music Director | James Morehead |
| Organist | |
| Table Preparation | Joanne Shearer |
| Communion Bread | |
| Ushers | Nicolai Schousboe, Steve Warner |

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

| The Rev. Keith Fry | Pastor |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sara Krentz | |
| James Morehead | Music Director |
| Greg Hummel | Organist |
| Laurie Stivers | Associate Organist |
| Jane Kaihatsu | Parish Administrator |

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