

First Sunday of Advent, November 29th, 2020

Zoom Service 10:30 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Prelude Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, ELW 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



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;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting

Sing verse 1 as the candle is lit.

1. Light a can-dle bright and tall For the Hope with - in our world.
2. Light a can-dle bright and tall For the Peace we wish to know.
3. Light a can-dle bright and tall For the Joy this sea - son brings.
4. Light a can-dle bright and tall For a Love which knows no end.
5. Light a can-dle bright and tall For the Christ we greet to - day.

Hope that heard the a - ges' call As the stars and pla - nets whirled.
Peace on Earth for great and small God's Good News to us be - stows.
Joy like foun - tains brim - ming full. Through our world now let it ring!
Love that comes to one and all. Fear and ha - tred to up - end.
Christ has come, our all in all. With the an - gels, let us say:

Shine with - in our hearts to - day Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.
Shine with - in our hearts to - day Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.
Shine with - in our hearts to - day Come, O Joy, to us, we pray.
Shine with - in our hearts to - day Come, O Love, to us, we pray.
Shine with - in our hearts to - day Come, O Christ, to us, we pray.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light

and to seek your ways of justice and peace,

for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

and welcome him into our hearts and homes,

for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

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!

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

Reading from the Old Testament, Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

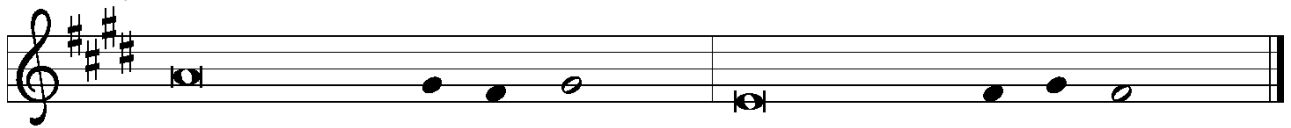
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



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- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
- ²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**
- ³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ⁴**O Lord | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**
- ⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
- ⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**
- ⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**
- ¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
- ¹⁹**Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will

not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Sermon [VIDEO OF BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY]

HYMN: Wake Awake for Night Is Flying, ELW 436

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

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The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Prayers of the People

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need, responding to each petition muted or un-muted with the words 'Your mercy is great'.

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. We pray especially for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, pastor Kim, our president Scott, our council, call committee, and reopening team. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather; for those who are unemployed, underemployed, and overemployed; for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for relief from the pandemic. Bring meaningful work to those furloughed. Guide and watch over all first responders and essential workers. Surround with your presence family and friends who are anxious for those on the front lines of crisis. Inspire healthcare workers and medical researchers as we rejoice in news of vaccines. Be a powerful presence with those in quarantine, those who feel isolated, and with all students, teachers and staff in academic communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for leadership of our congregation. Guide our process of discernment as we seek to know your will for identifying those who will lead this assembly on our Council in the coming year. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses. We pray especially for Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Laura Burdick, Mid Carlson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Jim Jung, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Ernie LeVon, Elaine Nelson, Veronica Repasz, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, George Stewart, Leslie Thais, Scott Weidler, and those whose names we call out to you here, muted or un-muted: . . . *A brief silence.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

And now, siblings, for what else shall we pray, silent or spoken aloud? *A longer period of silence.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the lives and witnesses of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Offertory Anthem: Awake From Slumber, Wake From Sleep, by J. William Greene

We worship God with our offerings. We give thanks for those who support Immanuel's life and mission. [We invite you to do that online](#) or by mail, and with your presence, prayer, and talents.

Offertory Prayer

And now, as we unmute ourselves for the Great Thanksgiving we pray together:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to all be blessed.

Feed us with your living bread, that all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer at the Table

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

And for this we pray: **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
And for this we pray: **Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

A 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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Come for all things are now ready; the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing may receive their bit of bread from God's hand, and may share with others in their household also using these words.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

All communing may drink of the cup they have prepared, and may share with others in their household also using these words.

For those fasting, receive this prayer of blessing in God's presence:

May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of your baptism.

Table Dismissal

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Benediction

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✠ now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Coffee hour/Announcements

TODAY AT IMMANUEL

Today we will begin reading from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's gospel is considered the earliest of the four Gospels. It is also one of the shortest, so we have opportunity to also hear from the Gospel of John in this set of readings to take us through the year of grace.

Council Discernment Process: As part of our discernment process for deciding which persons God is calling forward from the Assembly to serve as leaders on our Congregation Council, the Nominating Committee is asking all baptized and confirmed members of the congregation to prayerfully name one person they believe the Holy Spirit is lifting up as a leader. These leaders must be baptized, confirmed members of the congregation. This year the Nominating Committee is also offering space to hear what gifts these leaders would bring to their Council service. All responses are anonymous. Submissions will be through an online form, which you can access by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/HndbQCPXAp4fY6su8>. Please submit by December 8th.

Our stewardship campaign *Alive in the Spirit and Active in Mission* was celebrated in the ingathering and dedication of pledges last Sunday. If you would still like to return an estimate of giving, you are still invited to do so at giving@immanuelevanston.org These estimates of giving, and your plans to share of your resources, help our household of faith make decisions about how best we can support the core mission of Immanuel in times we know are uncertain.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Finance Team

7 pm Tuesday on zoom

Love Comes Down! Advent Midweek Worship and Fellowship Advent 1: Love Seen & Felt

7 pm Wednesday on zoom

Our Midweek Gatherings on Wednesdays in Advent will be Holden Evening Prayer, with a brief meditation and time for reflection. This week we consider Love Seen and Felt, in the stories of John of Damascus, and St. Nicholas, followers of Jesus whose lives are commemorated in December. Fellowship will follow the end of the evening prayer as we share the peace.

Quilters and Knitters

10:30 am Thursday on zoom

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Free Little Pantry At Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Church has received a grant to support an existing Little Pantry, modeled after the Little Libraries. While we're a bit distant from Grace, if you run into people who might benefit from the free food offered there, or if you have any questions please contact conniewood44@gmail.com or 847.869.2289

Chicago Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Show is this coming weekend under the artistic direction of Jimmy Morehead! Virtual performances are Dec 4 & 5 at 8 pm, and Sunday Dec 6 at 3 pm. For tickets, go to <https://www.cgmc.org/2020-events/holiday/>

Invitation to Contribute to Interfaith Action Council Hospitality Center for the Homeless

Every weekday St. Mark's Episcopal Church opens its doors to guests at the Interfaith Action Council Hospitality Center for the Homeless. They get support from a job coordinator, learn computer and other job skills, and find a place of welcome. Your gift makes it possible to bring people together to serve hungry and homeless people, pursue interfaith dialogue, and engage in advocacy that promotes social justice. You can make a contribution through Interfaith Action's website or send a check to Interfaith Action of Evanston, P.O. Box 1414, Evanston IL 60204. Be sure to put St. Mark's in the subject line.

GoFundMe page for Swedish Covenant Meals through Prairie Grass Café is still open. Now more than ever we give thanks for our front line medical workers. God's work, our hands! [Go Fund Me Page](#)

THE SEASON AT HOME

Consider using our offertory prayer for the season as your table grace this Advent, perhaps as you light your advent wreath candles.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to all be blest.

Feed us with your living bread, that all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Looking for something more extensive for your advent household devotions? We have this brief household liturgy from the Krentz family through the generations!

Daily Advent Devotions for Use at Home

Use this prayer alone or as a family, either morning or evening, or both. The parts marked I and II may be divided as seems best, or may be done in unison. Some days it will be possible to use the complete form of prayer as given. And some days the prayer will include just a simple candle-lighting and the Our Father. A fine exercise for any age is to copy these prayers by hand for use together.



A Song may be sung, either "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" or another.

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

II: Amen

I: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

II: Come, Lord Jesus.

I: All those who await his appearance pray:

II: Come, Lord Jesus.

I: The whole creation pleads:

II: Come, Lord Jesus.

*The Bible reading for the Day may be read,
followed by:*

I: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

II: Thanks be to God.

*Now one of the family lights one or more
candles on the wreath, according to the number
of weeks that have passed in the season.*

I: Let us pray. *(The prayer for the week is
said)*

II: Amen

All say together:

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen

I: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil,
and bring us to + everlasting life.

II: Amen



See Next Page for the weekly or daily prayers, readings and hymn

The Advent Prayers

Week 1: 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.

Week 2: 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.

Week 3: Stir up the wills of your faithful people. Lord God, and open our ears in the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Week 4: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Advent Hymn

1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *(Ref)*

3. Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Ref)*

4. Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Ref)*

Suggested Advent Readings 2020

Eve of Advent 1 Psalm 24
1st Sunday in Advent (Nov 29) Matthew 21:1-9
Monday Genesis 3:1-15
Tuesday Genesis 12:1-5
Wednesday Genesis 28:10-15
Thursday Genesis 49:10
Friday Numbers 24:15-19

Saturday Deuteronomy 18:15-22
2nd Sunday in Advent (Dec 6) Psalm 2
Monday 2 Samuel 7:12-17
Tuesday Isaiah 7:13-14
Wednesday Isaiah 9:1-6
Thursday Isaiah 11:1-9
Friday Isaiah 40:1-11

Saturday Isaiah 42:1-9
3rd Sunday in Advent (Dec 13) Psalm 72:1-15
Monday Isaiah 55:1-9
Tuesday Isaiah 60:1-3
Wednesday Isaiah 61:1-11
Thursday Jeremiah 23:3-8
Friday Jeremiah 33:14-22

Saturday Zechariah 9:9-12
4th Sunday in Advent (Dec 20) Luke 1:5-25
Monday Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday Luke 1:39-66
Wednesday Luke 1:67-80
Thursday (Eve of Christmas) Luke 2:1-14