



ADVENT 2020

hope

AND HEALING

December 2, 2020 4:30 & 7:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church Seymour, IN

Welcome to Worship Many things have been put “on hold” lately, from family gatherings to travel and so much more. How long it will continue is unknown, but we pray for relief, soon! God’s Word today reminds us that the God who knows the events of the future also has a plan to help us through today. May the Lord give us faith and patience as we wait.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

+++ The Service of Prayer and Preaching, Page 260 +++

THE PRELUDE: 4:30 - “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

7:00 - “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven” - P Manz

THE HYMN: “What Hope! At Eden Prophesied”

Hymn 342

- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse’s stem, A branch from David’s line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God’s design.
- 3 As banner of God’s love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.
- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel’s flaming sword - Come, open heaven’s door.

THE OPENING VERSES: page 260 (Advent verse)

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**
- L Prepare the way of the Lord.
C **Make His paths straight.**
- L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who

wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

+++ **4:30 THE ANTHEM: "Light One Candle"**

THE EPISTLE READING: Thessalonians 2:5-12

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

L: This the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT, page 263

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

THE CATECHISM: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, page 264

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**Honor your father and your mother.
 You shall not murder.
 You shall not commit adultery.
 You shall not steal.
 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,
 his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

THE HYMN: The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn 644

- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

THE SERMON: "Life on Hold - How Long for Relief"

THE PRAYERS, page 265

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER, page 266

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

THE BLESSING, page 267

- L Let us bless the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
 C **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Abide with Me"

Hymn 878

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" - P Manz

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Preacher: Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez and Vicar Fredstrom
Lector: Pastor Bloch **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer
Special Music: 4:30 - Woodwinds and Brass Ensemble

Advent 1 “Life on Hold: How Long for Relief?” Wednesday, December 2

4:30 pm - Elders: Glenn Benter, Ryan Williams **Audio:** Jay Hubbard

7:00 pm - Elders: Corey Zaring, Josh Daugherty **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Larry Harlow, Gordon Kovener, Troy Hehman, Nathan Nichols, Cary Bell, Dave Boggs, Chris Stahl, Corey Zaring, Charlie Tungate, Andrew Bell, Ryan Williams, Caleb Williams, David Pollert **Counting:** Mark Nichols, Matt Lambert, Joe Bullard, Kevin Lister, John Thomas, Kyle Gentry **Audio:** Kevin Foster

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Wednesday Advent Series: “Advent—A Time of Hope and Healing” is the special Advent worship series for our Wednesday evening services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. It seeks to apply words from Isaiah that sound like they were written for this very time.

- Dec. 9: “Brought to Our Knees, then to Our Feet”
- Dec. 16: “Good News that is More than a Promise”
- Dec. 23: “God’s Global Plan for Justice”

Advent Activities Between Services:

“**Hope and Healing Activity Kits**” for the children to come pick up in between the 4:30 and 7 pm Midweek service. This will be a “grab and go” art activity for home. The kit is designed to be fun, full of learning, and give families with children the opportunity to share with each other, and also with a friend or neighbor, the love of Christ during the season of Advent.

Grab and Go Cookies! Immanuel’s youth will be serving delicious cookies from 5-6:30 PM every Wednesday in Advent (December 2, 9, & 16, 2020). Just swing through the Fellowship Hall, pick up your individually wrapped cookies and a cup of your favorite beverage (fruit punch, coffee, milk). Free will offerings will also be accepted to help support the youth ministry of Immanuel.