



## Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4 & 5, 2022

**Welcome to Worship!** As you and I know, Christmas will be here before you know it. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Son of God, that sweet, warm, inviting little baby Jesus who was born to Mary. But before we get to the sweet little baby Jesus in the manger, we have to pass through John the Baptist. To some, John is a Debbie Downer. He makes people look squarely at the spiritual ugliness in their own hearts, and that can be difficult. But John was ultimately not a Debbie Downer. He was a messenger of God who reminds us of why we need a Savior. John points us to the One who removes the ugliness of our sin. Jesus came to this earth because of His great love for you, and we have been made beautiful by the One who loves us.

**Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.**

A “Wee Wiggle Room” is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Sunday School classes** meet UPSTAIRS. **Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall, and the **Adult Information Class** meets in Heritage Room.

**Where do I put my offering?** You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel. Thank you!

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing. Gluten free wafers are available in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

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**THE PRELUDE:** “Once He Came in Blessing” -J.G. Walther

**+++ 9:00 THE HYMN:** “See This Wonder” **Hymn 593**

- 1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”
- 3 Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place them, With Your love and peace embrace them.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.



+++ 11:15 & 7:00 THE HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" **Hymn 343**

1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

Ref. Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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**THE INVOCATION:**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**THE EXHORTATION:**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of**

**them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** (we sing Hymn 333 v. 2)

**2** Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.

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### **THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)**

**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together)**

**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

**+++ 9:00 THE ANTHEM:** "The King Shall Come"

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:4-13**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:** Page 190 C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12 C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **(sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**+++ 11:15 NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**+++ 7:00 THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"      Hymn 344**

- 1** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2** Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3** We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4** Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

△5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

**THE SERMON: "Made Beautiful"**

**THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me", Page 192**

**THE PRAYERS**

**+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Preface**

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

**Sanctus**

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**Distribution Hymns: 610, 619, 342, 354**

**610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me**

1 Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

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### **354 Arise, O Christian People**

1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;  
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.  
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.

2 Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.  
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav'nly guest.  
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.

3 The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;  
Beneath His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie.  
The heart sincere and right, That heeds God's invitation  
And makes true preparation — It is the Lord's delight.

4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive You This blessèd Adventtide.  
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

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### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the  
face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

### **THE THANKSGIVING**

**P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C: and His mercy endureth  
forever.**

### **THE SALUTATION**



P The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**

## **THE BENEDICAMUS**

P Bless we the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## **THE CLOSING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn 341**

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

## **THE POSTLUDE: "The King Shall Come" -David N. Johnson**

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**Preacher:** Pastor Fredstrom **Lector:** Pastor Blumenberg  
**Liturgists:** Vicar Farney, Pastor Bloch, Pastor Rodriguez  
**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Adult & Youth Choir**(9:00)

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