

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Rev. Jennifer Gold, Interim Pastor

Adrienne Stone, Organist

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

8:00 am worship service & 10:30 worship service with Live Streaming via Webex

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Confession & Forgiveness

Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway" (# 26)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to 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, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Let us pray together: We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen

Special Music (10:30 AM only) by Wendie Roser

First Reading Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalms Psalm 126
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
The Holy Gospel John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Sermon Rev. Jennifer Gold

Hymn "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" (# 25)

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of First Communion (10:30 AM)

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

"Let Us Break Bread Together" (# 212)

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling!" (# 734)

Advent Post-Communion Prayer

Advent Blessing

Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (# 259)

Advent Dismissal

Please wait to be ushered out, from back to front.

Greetings and welcome to all. Your presence in worshiping the Lord is our joy! Thank you for your faith which brings you here; please come again!

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Lillian Kosub in honor of Gemma Corbin's
2nd birthday.

If you have prayer requests, please call or email the church office with them during the week.

Please place your offerings in the plates provided
in the narthex and annex as you arrive or leave the sanctuary today.

Holy Communion - All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. Come forward at the direction of the usher. We will do a continuous Communion. If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you. **Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;** let the pastor know of your need as you are served. Any who have not been instructed in the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

IMPORTANT - Call church office (830) 253-8121 to reserve your place at a Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

Order your poinsettias now to beautify the Sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Pick up a form today in the narthex or annex and complete it and return it to the office by **Friday, December 18th**.

Christmas Teacher Appreciation Cards - A table will be set up in the annex with cards and markers so that you can let your favorite teacher (or any teacher at LVISD) know that you are thankful for everything they do for you! **These will be put with the lunch boxes that the Ministerial Alliance is providing to all teachers in the school district on December 14th**.

Thank your for the 40 bags of flour provided to the LV Food Pantry for the Christmas Baskets. We're also certain the 44-\$25 gift certificates for the children's gifts will be **greatly** appreciated by those most needy in our community.

The NALC Disaster Response team always needs to be ready to respond to relief efforts. Bring any needed items to the annex and/or put gift cards in the offering plates.

Just a reminder – Choose to order through AmazonSmile and select **Immanuel Lutheran Church** as the designated charity. All donations done thru AmazonSmile go towards the New Building Fund. This quarter we made \$49.87. Every little bit helps!

Immanuel is currently seeking a person to provide **cleaning / custodial services** for the sanctuary and parsonage. If interested or know of someone, please contact a council member or church office.

All good things must come to an end, and, in early January, volunteers will be needed to take down the Christmas decorations. Call the church office if you are able and willing to assist in this endeavor.

Greater Is Coming Because Jesus Is Involved
Advent is a time of expectation for followers of Jesus to remember He is coming! He has come to save us all in entirety from the sin that plagues us, and He will come again. Greater is coming. Hope is in the making. God promises in Psalm 121 that He blesses our coming in and our going out for our entire life!

By Janine Bolling, CPH Blog

OUR PRAYER LIST

Those in our congregation: Larry Bailey, Marie Becker, Yvonne Beran, Kyle Ferguson, Doris Johnson, Otis Myers, Martha Trotter, Bernice & Fred Waltisperger, Rita Witte

Those in our community (will remain on list for three weeks unless instructed otherwise): Sam Bowling, Susan Bruno, Cindy Burks, Loretta Gabby, Jack and Jan Hallum, Bruce Heimbach, Adalee Lahodny, Johnnie Mae Lahodny, Larry Milton, Georgia Myers, Larry Rose, Lisa Saxe, Alene Waneck

For those grieving: The families of Roger DeHaven, Malford 'Hank' Henkes, Richard Butts, and Joshua Fowler

For those in crisis due to the Corona virus
For those affected by natural disasters
For our building project

For those serving in military service here and abroad: Brian Alderson, Thomas Elder, Joe Gawlik, Stephen Ferry, Stephan Mattke, Nathan Pianfetti, Eric Koepp, Farrah Schluter, Michael Troy, Jr.

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	8:00 AM	Worship - S
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship - S
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Mon	5:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
Tue	6:00 PM	Handbell Choir - S
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting - S
Wed	6:00 PM	Meal / Bible Study - P

Upcoming Events

12/24/20 5:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Svc. (Also live-streamed)
7:30 pm	Candlelight Christmas Svc.
11:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Svc.

No Christmas Day Service

