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1st Sunday in Advent

Hanging of the Greens Service

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November 27, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

P: Today we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King.

All: Today we make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus Christ.

P: We begin this special holy season of Advent, the season of preparation for the birth of the Christ Child.

All: Advent brings new hope and the promise of salvation.

P: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

All: Let us honor his birth through our songs, our decorations and Christmas symbols.

P: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal re-dedication to the glory of God and the manifestation of His love through His son, Jesus Christ.

All: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Hymn

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

LBW # 34, v. 1, 2, 4

Advent Confession and Forgiveness

P: The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 33:14)

All: Amen.

P: The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and He will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: God of grace,

All: we confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of Jesus, God's only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ's holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Declaration of the Good News

P: Hear the good news which we receive, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Jesus Christ was born, He lived and died on a cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The reality of His resurrection declares that we are given new life, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life. These gifts are given to all who believe in Him. Amen.

Introduction *(Reader 1)*

The Advent Wreath *(Reader 2)*

Lighting of the First Candle

Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway" **LBW # 26**

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Paraments and Advent Colors *(Reader 3)*

Hymn "What Child is This" **LBW # 40**

The Sanctuary Evergreens *(Reader 4)*

Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **LBW # 55**

The Christmas Tree *(Reader 5)*

The Christmas Poinsettia *(Reader 6)*

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **LBW # 41**

The Nativity *(Reader 7)*

Hymn "Hark, the Glad Sound!" **LBW # 35**

The Gifts of Christmas *(Reader 8)*

Christmas Caroling *(Reader 9)*

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" **LBW # 71**

The Christ of Christmas *(Reader 10)*

Offering Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten" **LBW # 42 v. 1, 2, 5**

The Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" **LBW # 30**

Sending

Greetings and welcome to all. Your presence in worshipping the Lord is our joy! Thanks be to God that grants you faith which brings you here. Please come again. Join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall between services.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Darryl & Rebe Peshorn in honor of their granddaughter, Journi Helmke's birthday.

Flowers are needed for the altar for December 11th please notify the office if you would like to place flowers in honor or in memory of someone on this Sunday.

Attendance Book & Prayer Card – Please complete any pertinent information in the Attendance Book and pass it to others in your pew; if you do have a **Prayer Request, the card will be picked up by an Usher during the first hymn.**

Offering & Attendance on 11/20 were \$3,797 and there were 91 members / 13 visitors who attended; Facebook Live had 38 views.

OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	8:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School or Confirmation Coffee Fellowship No Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship
Mon	7:30 pm	ZOOM Meeting for Sunday School teachers & Youth leader
Tue	6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Cantata Practice
Wed	6:00 pm	Adult Meal / Bible Study Peacemakers' Fellowship Fun Night
Fri	9-12	Christmas Market Set-Up; Bring your baked goods / items for ILC table

The Christmas Market is next Saturday, December 3rd. Bring any canned items, hand-sewn, crocheted or knitted items, and Christmas items for the ILC table **on Friday, December 2nd, between 9 and 12 noon.** Please label any baked goods (for allergy purposes). If you have questions, contact Darla Buccigrossi.

Senior Saints' Luncheon – To honor and celebrate our Senior Saints at Immanuel (ages 55+), we invite you to the Annual Senior Saints' Luncheon on Saturday, December 10th from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Parish Hall. Our church youth will be serving a delightful turkey and dressing meal along with delicious desserts. Attendees will also be treated to a preview of the youth Christmas program. Invitations are available in the Parish Hall or church Narthex. Please RSVP by signing up in the Narthex or calling the church office by December 2nd.

Christmas at the LV Food Pantry – Instead of providing gifts, we have been asked to collect 40 - \$25 gift cards from Wal-Mart for the children **by Friday, December 9th.** Please find it in your heart to give to this ministry.

Poinsettias - It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Pick up a form in the narthex or annex, complete it and return it to the office by **Sunday, December 18th.**



OUR PRAYER LIST

Those in our congregation: Kyle, Larry Bailey, Gary Beran, Willie-Jean Boeck, Chrystal Coble, Barbara Cunningham, Gloria Henkes, Patsy Mehr, Sharon Poarch, Carl Rivers, Phyllis Stensgaard, and Martha Trotter.

Those in our community (will remain on list for three weeks unless instructed otherwise): *Hector Arredondo*, Ivy Baumann, Rodney Bartlett, John Briscoe, Rodney Brown, Susan Bruno, Jay Bullington, Missy Bumper, Jim Ellis, Diane Giddings, Milton Henkes, Andrea Herrera, Connie & Wayne Howard, Kathy Hutchinson, Kim Jameson, *Tina Kruse*, Ashley Leyendecker, Chelsea Lyssy, Milagros Martinez, Mike McEnery, *Laura Neuhaus*, Edna Otto, Teresa Plesek, Geary Ransom, Carl (Kip) Richter, Rafy Rivera, Carmen Rodriguez, Larry Rose, Russell Smith, Alene Wanek, Billy Willeford, Paula Williams, Maggen, Gerald, Brandon, Robert, Junior, Sherry, Bo, Leo, Nova, Brenda, Popo, Chelsea, Lilah, and Maddie.

For those grieving: *The family of Elaine Schnitz, the family of John Matocha, and the family of Brenda Kruse.*

For those affected by natural disasters

For our building project

FOR RAIN!

For those serving in military service here and abroad: Brian Alderson, Taylor Clarke, Thomas Elder, Stephen Ferry, Eric Koepp, Joshua Miller, Nathan Pianfetti, Farrah Schluter, Larkin Tremaine, Ashley Trompeter, and Michael Troy, Jr.



UPCOMING EVENTS



December 3 rd	9:00 – 2:00 pm	Christmas Market
December 10 th	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Senior Saints Luncheon in the Parish Hall
December 18 th	8:00 & 10:30am	Christmas Program
December 24th	5:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Service (Also live-streamed)
	11:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Service
December 25th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service

This week's NALC devotions: November 27 – December 3

Sunday

▪ Isaiah 1:1-9 ▪ 2 Peter 3:1-10 ▪ Matthew 25:1-13 ▪ Psalms 24 & 150 (AM) ▪ Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)

Monday

▪ Isaiah 1:10-20 ▪ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ▪ Luke 20:1-8 ▪ Psalms 122 & 145 (AM) ▪ Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)

Tuesday

▪ Isaiah 1:21-31; 2:1-4 ▪ 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20 ▪ Luke 20:9-26 ▪ Psalms 33 & 146 (AM) ▪ Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)

Wednesday

▪ Ezekiel 3:16-21 ▪ Romans 10:8b-18 ▪ John 1:35-42 ▪ Psalms 19 & 147:1-12 (AM) ▪ Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)

Thursday

▪ Isaiah 2:5-22 ▪ 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 ▪ Luke 20:27-40 ▪ Psalms 18:1-20 & 147:13-21 (AM)
 ▪ Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)

Friday

▪ Isaiah 3:1-4:1 ▪ 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 ▪ Luke 20:41-21:4 ▪ Psalms 102 & 148 (AM) ▪ Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)

Saturday

▪ Isaiah 4:2-6 ▪ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ▪ Luke 21:5-19 ▪ Psalms 90 & 149 (AM) ▪ Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)