

# First Sunday of Advent

*November 29, 2020*



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**Welcome to Worship!**  
**We are a “Church Together”**

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshiping Jesus Christ. You might do this by:

- Using this bulletin as a devotional.
- Watch and follow the worship video on our website at [www.immanlutheran.org](http://www.immanlutheran.org).

**Offerings may be mailed to the office:**

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**Contact the Office and Pastor:**

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:** Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah *vs 1*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of goodness and loving kindness,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**

**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.  
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.  
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,  
those we know and those known only to you,  
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through ✝ Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger,  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as 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!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From 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.  
<sup>5</sup>You 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.  
<sup>6</sup>We 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.

<sup>7</sup>There 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.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then 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.

<sup>28</sup>“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. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It 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. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

**Hymn of the Day: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.  
Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer.

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 or underemployed, and 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.**

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

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Meal**

### **Offering**

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 God thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **Communion**

*After all have communed:*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

*Prayer after Communion:*

Let us pray:

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that  
day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to  
make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your  
name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sending

Purpose and Mission Statements:

**Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.**

**Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.**

Blessing

### **Sending Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**



- 1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - ti - ence their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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#### Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman  
Organist: Stan Elmquist

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Pastor Daren Erisman**

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*In this time of COVID19, Please feel free to make appointments with Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.*

**INSERT FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

Sunday, November 29      Deadline for Calendar & Notepad Orders to Amy Herold

Tuesday, December 1      Men's Weekly Coffee is discontinued until COVID-19 risks diminish

9:00 am      Sewing & Lunch

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November 22 will be the last time we worship on-line only. Starting November 29, worship will be held inside with COVID restrictions, outside in the parking lot via FM and live streaming online. Please choose a way to worship that is best for you and your family.

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Immanuel's ASAP team has been and STILL IS keeping you in prayer.  
If you have concerns or praises for the team,  
contact Pastor in the church office or any member of the prayer team.  
Roma Arithson, Dianna Fuller, Diane Felipe, Shirley Marine, Don Peterson, Janet Willis

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Celebrating birthdays this week are:  
December 1 – Brooks Carlson

Anniversaries this week are  
December 1--Marvin & Connie Deines – 47 years  
David & Melanie Hoyland – 41 years

**Immanuel's Youth are selling Wall Calendars & Magnetic Notepads!**



**2021 Wall Calendars: \$10      Magnetic Notepads: \$5**



This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are asking that you kindly place your order with Amy at 970.978.0870 or by email at herold\_amy@hotmail.com before **Sunday, November 29, 2020.**

All orders can be paid for and picked up at Immanuel on **Sunday, December 6 from 10am-12pm.**

Or, if you are unable to pick up your order, contactless porch delivery will be available for an additional \$3.00 fee!

These make great gifts and stocking stuffers for all your friends and family! Supplies are limited so be sure to place your order ASAP.

**This is will be the only fundraiser Immanuel's Youth will do in 2020. Your support is truly appreciated! Thank you!**

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**It's time to order poinsettias for the Christmas Season!**



Due to COVID, the suppliers have an abundant supply of poinsettias this season so please consider purchasing poinsettias for church, your home, or as a special gift for a friend or relative.

Price -- \$12.00

Order deadline - Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Pick up - Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the church

To order: please contact Cheryl Clausen at 970-978-0726 or cclausen80@yahoo.

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**Your Immanuel Council is aware of the rising COVID numbers and will be monitoring the situation.**

Council is ready to comply with any health mandates that may be issued. In the meantime, plans are progressing for new worship procedures starting November 29, 2020.

You will have the option to worship in person, in the parking lot or on-line. Inside, social distancing is designed to exceed the 6 feet distancing recommendation, masks must be worn at all times, and congregational responses and singing will be strongly discouraged.

In the parking lot, you will tune in to an FM station to hear and participate in worship. Communion will be provided for those worshipping in the parking lot. And, on-line, the worship service will be live-streamed. You will be able to worship at home at the same time with those worshipping inside the church and in the parking lot.

Thank you for responsibly choosing the worship option each week that will work best for you and your Immanuel family members during this health crisis.

## Pledge Sunday 2020

Remembering you are a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Family; we recognize this year has been difficult in many ways for many people. These difficulties are not to be ignored, as we look at Pledge Sunday 2020.

A pledge is an estimate of how much money you plan to give to the church over the next year. It is not a binding contract as circumstances can change – and pledges may be revised depending on your situation.

Your pledge makes it possible for Immanuel to create a budget for staffing, ministries, programs and outreach for the coming year. Pledging is the primary basis for what we can accomplish as a church. It provides a way for you to grow in your faith by sharing the resources God has blessed you with.

Just as everyone has a different financial situation, the amount of your pledge is also an individual decision. Pledges of any amount are welcome.

On the pledge form, indicate the amount of your pledge on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis-whichever way will work the best for you. Please also remember there are many other ways you can pledge to help Immanuel continue to grow and be successful! Most of all, thank you!

If you have any questions about pledging, please don't hesitate to ask.

*\*\*Includes information from The First Congregational Church of Hanover, MA. "What is a Pledge? "\*\**

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### Lap Quilts for Indoor Services



If you chose not to bring your own blanket for services, we have lap quilts you can purchase for \$10.00/each. If you would like a bigger quilt or a fleece blanket, shop our sewing display room off the Fellowship Hall. All items are for sale. Proceeds are used to purchase supplies, participate in Immanuel projects and assist in paying for repairs.

Immanuel Sewing Group  
*Any questions? Call Bev Peterson at 970.324.0106*

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If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)