

Immanuel Evangelical
Lutheran Church

*“Inspired by God’s Grace
to Love and Serve all”*



**“But of that day and hour knoweth
no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven,
but my Father only.”**

Matthew 24:36 (KJV)

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

9:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome & Announcements

WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of her father from Beth Bloom.

We welcome Karen Carter to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Karen for sharing your gifts and talents!

OFFICE HOURS—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—Noon. Pastor John Kuziej: Tuesday 10:00 am—Noon and by _____ appointment. Cell: 906-932-4165; email: johnckuziej2@gmail.com. Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits.

LEFSE AND BAKE SALE—There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for the bake sale. Lefse and bake sale will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Doors open at 9:00 am for coffee and treats. Sale starts at 9:30 am until we are sold out!

QUILTERS CAN USE YOUR USED SHEETS—If you have any sheets please drop them off in the quilting room on the lower level.

CHOIR IS BACK! We need your voice! All interested singers will gather to _____ practice under JoAnne Barrix's able direction Sundays after worship. _____ No experience required, and all are welcome!!!

DECEMBER WORSHIP – *Please sign up in the narthex* OR call the office if you can assist with Worship. We need readers, ushers, live stream assistant, and communion assistant.

SNOW SHOVELING - sign up sheet in narthex to volunteer for snow shoveling in the winter months.

WARM FOR WINTER donations are being accepted. Please place your clean, gently used winter clothing and bedding in the box in the narthex.

BLOOD DRIVE—Tuesday, November 29 from 2:00—6:00 pm. Please reach out to Jackie Waldorf at 715-482-0513 to schedule an appointment.

THE GIVING TREE will be up in the Gathering room soon! Please stop by and choose an ornament or two from the tree and purchase a gift for those in need. Once again for Friendly Village and Heritage House. *ALL gifts are due back before Sunday December 11!* We will also have envelopes for the Backpack program! Thanks from the Outreach Committee

THE TABLE—Immanuel is in charge of The Table meal on Friday December 30. Outreach is looking for someone to plan and lead the meal. If you can help, please contact Jackie Waldorf, Cory Dellenbach, or Darlene Machtan.

MEMORY CAFE—We are still looking for volunteers to help with Memory Cafe. If you are interested or need details, please contact Sue Kirby or Darlene Machtan.

Prelude

Statio: Holy Pause—Silence

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,

and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God,

A new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

We have put on † Christ,

and our sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn *“My Lord, What a Morning” ELW #438*

Pastoral 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.

Kyrie (Sing)

Also Found on Page 213

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise (Sing) **Also Found on Page 213-215**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

CHOIR HYMN *“Every Day is a Gift from the Lord”*

WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122**Read Responsively**

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’
- ² **Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
- ⁴ **To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
- ⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
‘May they prosper who love you.**
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.’
- ⁸ **For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’**
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Lesson**Romans 13:11-14**

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation Also found on Page 151

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

Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner 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. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Karen Carter

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Soon and Very Soon" ELW #439*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader - Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "coming" and in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we prepare for his coming is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world. The Advent wreath includes many symbols to help us think about Christ and his gifts. The wreath itself is in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no end to God and that God's love and caring are forever.

All - The light from the candles - which grows stronger each Sunday in Advent, reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Leader - Today we light the candle of hope. The people of Israel hoped in God's promises and were not disappointed. Again and again God delivered Israel from its enemies. We too have the same experience of salvation. That is why we believe in God's promise to send Jesus to us once again to judge the world and establish his kingdom forever upon the earth. *(light the candle)*

All- Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Leader - Let us pray: Thank you God for the hope you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Our Worship continues with professing our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing
and respecting others boundaries.*

Please be seated.

MEAL

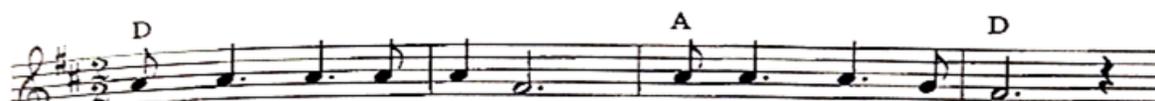
Offering (Please sing hymn while the collection is being taken.)

Offering Song—"What Have We to Offer?"

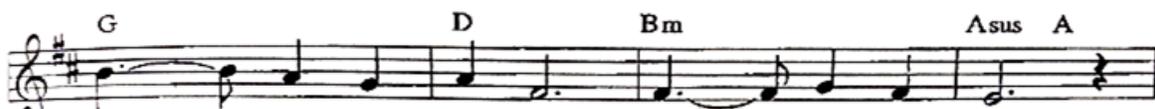
Text and music by Ray Makeever

© copyright 1982 Augsburg Fortress

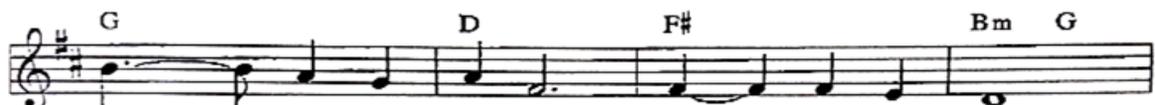
Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-740449



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



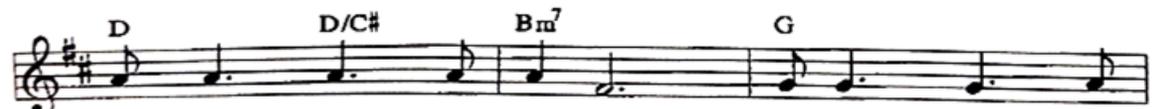
Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray,
Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive this simple gift of money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

Please be seated.

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"

Text and Music: African American Spiritual

Arr: © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-740449

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

- Portions of text from Sundays and Seasons. Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress
- Readings from New Revised Standard Version, Biblegateway.com/passage
- CCLI License # 11393042
- OneLicense.net #A-740449

Ushers

Reader

Live Stream

Coffee &

Counters

Serving Today

Sue Larsen, Mary Wolf

Gloria Moore

JoAnne Barrix

Crystal Barnard

Christy and Cory Dellenbach

LEFSE AND BAKE SALE DECEMBER 3rd

Thanks to the many lefse makers who have been hard at it for the last two weeks. Now it's time to crank up our home kitchens to prepare cookies, candies, pies, cakes, breads, jellies, soups—whatever your specialty—to augment the lefse at the December 3 bake sale.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Items can be dropped off Thursday, Dec. 1 from 9:00 am to noon and Friday, December 2, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. You are encouraged to plate and price your donations, but volunteers will do so if you prefer. Due to inflation, all items will increase by at least \$1.

Doors will open at 9:00 am Saturday with complimentary coffee and treats. Sales begin at 9:30 am and run until the goods are gone. Often that happens by 11:30 am, so plan to come early for best selection.

Volunteers are needed for setup, takedown, and during the sale itself. Contact Dianne Syms for more information. All proceeds go to fund WELCA community projects in 2023.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE—7:00 pm Thursday, December 15th at Calvary Baptist Church. This service is for all who mourn the loss of people in their lives or who struggle with the Christmas holiday.



**THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER**

connecting lives | sharing life

BRAD

Proud dad. Loves baseball,
music and really good coffee.

Received blood, platelets
and bone marrow.
Relied on donors like you.

Donate blood today!

**IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

21 W Timber Drive, Rhinelander, WI 54501

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

To schedule your donation, please contact
Jackie Waldorf at (715) 482-0513.
We kindly request you register in advance.
Thank you!