

*Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;  
and in that day the Light shall be great. Hallelujah!*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** First Saturday in Advent  
Church Phone: 867-5088 --- December 2, 2023 --- 5:30 pm

**Opening Prayer** /// **Opening Hymn:** “*Savior of the Nations, Come*” 332 vs. 1-4

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.	<b>C:</b> <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Behold, the days are coming, saith the Lord	<b>C:</b> <i>I will raise to David a righteous Branch</i>
P: A King shall reign and prosper	<b>C:</b> <i>He shall execute justice on the earth</i>
P: This is His name whereby He shall be called	<b>C:</b> <i>The Lord our Righteousness</i>
P: Prepare Ye the way of the Lord	<b>C:</b> <i>Make His paths straight</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	<b>C:</b> <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it</i>

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 80: 1-7*

P: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. **C:** *Awaken Your might; come and save us.*

P: Restore us, O God; make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. **C:** *O Lord God Almighty, how long will Your anger smolder against the prayers of Your people?*

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears; **C:** *You have made us a source of contention to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.*

P: Restore us, O God Almighty; **C:** *Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.*

**All:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

**Quartet:** “*The Potter’s Hand*”

**O.T. Lesson:** *Isaiah 64: 1-9* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 1: 3-9*

**Holy Gospel:** *Mark 11: 1-10* /// **Hymn:** “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*” 341 vs 1-3

**Children’s Sermon** /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of Hymnal)*

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Newman, Theresa, Greg, Jacob and Rachel; Newmaster, Jacob, Laura, Brooks, Baker and Charlie Jo; and Newmaster, Mark, Krista, and Josie.

**Lord's Prayer** (back of hymnal)

### **Confession of Sins**

**C:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**Absolution:** 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. Amen.

**Admonition to Communicants:** I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

**Blessing of Elements** /// **Distribution - Quartet:** *“Total Praise”*

**Hymn:** *“Once He Came in Blessing”* 333

**Closing Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Benediction**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor**  
**Karen Whitehead, Organist**

### **WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, “This is my body” and “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, “Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” and, “let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.” There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you

are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

### THIS WEEK

**TONIGHT:** Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**TOMORROW:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Council Meeting & Luncheon after 10:15 am, SCRIP orders due  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Advent Meal 6:10 m, Advent Worship 7 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am-Children's Christmas Service

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Nov 25: 59 LS: 47 ; Sun, Nov 26: 8 am: 54: 40; 10:15 am: 60; Thanksgiving: 49 LS: 41

**Member Prayer List:** Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Nicholson, Carl and Mareta; O'Brien, Christian and Caleb; and O'Neal, Zach, Brittney and Kinleigh.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** December 10 in 10:15 am service. If your child is participating in the Christmas Service please let me or their Sunday School teacher know. Thank you, Ann Welte 812-459-3909

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

**Mid-Week Advent Meals:** December 6, 13 & 20 begin at 6:10 pm  
**Mid-Week Advent Worship:** December 6, 13 & 20 at 7 pm  
**Council Luncheon & Organizational Meeting:** Sunday, December 3 after 10:15 service  
**Children's Sunday School Christmas Program:** December 10 during the 10:15 am service  
**Saturday, December 23 Worship Service w/HC at 5:30 pm** (normal time)  
**Sunday, December 24** there will **ONE Service at 9:45 am** in the morning which will involve *Confirmation & High School Youth* participation; and **two services** in the evening at **6:00 pm** with Choir Participation and **10:00 pm** Candle- Light Service  
**Monday, December 25 at 9:30 am** Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

**SCRIP NEWS: It's time to begin thinking of your holiday grocery shopping and gift giving needs. All SCRIP cards are not available each month, so shop early to make sure you get the cards you need. SCRIP also is a good way to give back to Immanuel as well. Current Cards available listed in the SCRIP Binder in Lounge. The December order will go in on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Turn your orders into, Waverlyn Karch in the church office or put in the SCRIP MAILBOX in the lounge hallway.**