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+ Ad Te Levavi (First Sunday in Advent) +

Service of Prayer & Preaching

November 27, 2022

As We Gather: The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us
The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

Opening Hymn 'Creator of the Stars of Night'

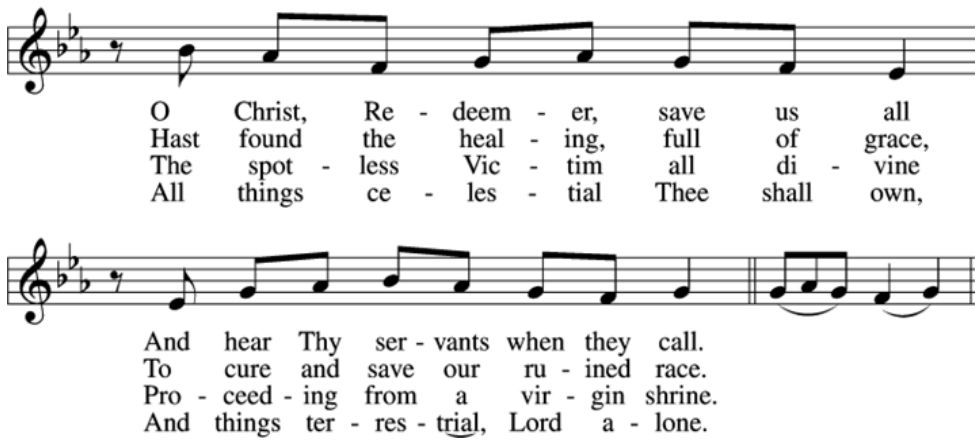
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1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse
3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,
4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
As drew the world to e - ven - tide,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



- 5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us from the ancient foe
While still we dwell on earth below.
- 6 To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

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Tune: Sarum plainsong, c. 9th cent., mode IV
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Opening Versicles: Advent

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- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.
- L Prepare the way of the Lord.
C Make His paths straight.
- L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down
righteousness.
C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,




make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

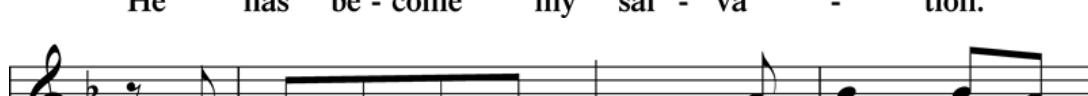
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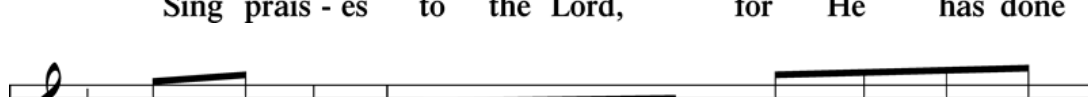
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

Jeremiah 23:5–8

5“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

7“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ 8but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- |
vation;*

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Reading

Romans 13:8–14

8Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 21:1–9

1When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: Advent

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L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

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.

Sermon Hymn 'Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding'

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Prayer

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For unashamed hope in the Lord's return, that sustained by His Holy Spirit, we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Holy Church, that God would preserve her against all enemies and lead His people to walk in His ways and follow His paths, so that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Christian homes, that God would defend husbands, wives and children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation, its leaders and our armed forces, that God would take them under His care and let His blessing rest upon them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the suffering and those in need, [especially _____], that our Father in heaven would ease their pain, increase their faith, and grant them healing and peace in accordance with His own wisdom and will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune, that the Lord, who humbly rode into Jerusalem for our salvation, would give to us hearts that confess our sin and rejoice in His presence in the Holy Communion for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Holy God, You declared that the days were coming when You would accomplish our salvation, and in Your time You caused Your Son, the righteous Branch, to spring up for David. By Your grace, keep us joined as branches to Christ, that we might bear fruit until the day He returns in glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

L O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L 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.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

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Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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Benediction

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L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn ‘Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers’

LSB 515



1 Re - joice, re-joice, 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 - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings 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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Malachi 4:1–6, Romans 15:4–13 and Luke 21:25–36.

Stewardship: Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

Ushers: We are in need of volunteers to be on a list of ushers for next year. It will be a dedicated list much like the Altar Guild. Stop by the entryway table to sign up! Thanks!

Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service are \$15. Please have your order form filled out and leave in the offering basket by Dec 11th.

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Building Healthy Families for Nov 27th: As you prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth with your family, remember those you know who are struggling. Lutheran Family Service is here as a uniquely Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod mission to help those in need as an extension of our church’s ministry all year long. No government dollars are used to maintain its Christ-centered focus. Your partnership gift before year’s end will make it possible for someone to receive help regardless of their ability to cover the cost of the care they need. Remember that November 29 is Giving Tuesday and Lutheran Family Service is included! On behalf of all those who are served, thank you. Gifts can be made securely online at LutheranFamilyService.org/donations/ or by check mailed to LFS’ Administrative Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. ~www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for Nov 27th: “These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois www.lutheransforlife.org

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec 4th: Hear “Paradise Restored” based on Isaiah 11:1-10 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/4—12/10 is **Kracht**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/11—12/17 is **Louden**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine ASAP or at least by the Thursday before the week you are scheduled to clean.

Birthdays

Wednesday...Oliver Louden

Thursday...Jenna Mintle

Saturday...Alivia Landuyt

Baptismal Birthdays

Today...Elsie Bayer

Wednesday...Cheryl Christinson, Keith Thorpe

Saturday...Kevin Schultz, Zachary Sittig

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

WEEK AHEAD

Today 9:00am 1st Sunday in Advent
 10:30am Bible Study
 Christmas Program Practice
 Usher: Terry Stanek
 Servers: Marrina Kaloupek/Laurie Harms
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Elizabeth
 Elder: Steve Haase
 Food Pantry Sunday

Tues. 10:30am-12:30pm Pastor in class

Wed. 4:00-5:00pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation
 5:00-6:00pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation
 5:00-6:15pm Meal
 6:30pm Advent Service

Thurs. 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sun. 8:00am Elders Meeting
 9:00am Populus Zion (2nd Sunday in Advent)
 Missions: MICA
 10:30am Bible Study
 Christmas Program Practice
 Usher: Dale Gilman
 Greeter: Eichenberger
 Servers: Marrina Kaloupek/Sue Ford
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Alivia
 Elder: Joel McDonough

WeCare After Prom Fundraising...

SHOE FUNDRAISER- WeCare After Prom has partnered with Funds2Orgs to host a shoe drive in Grinnell. Boxes will be set up at home basketball games and wrestling meets. We will also be hosting a Drive By-Drop Off for shoes on December 4th at the back parking lot of Grinnell High School from 2 PM-4PM. Our goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes. We want shoes that do not have holes and without blades (such as ice skates). WeCare After Prom will be paid by the poundage.

A shoe drive fundraiser goes beyond raising money for After Prom. After our shoes are picked up, they will be sent to developing countries to create job opportunities. It's estimated 300 million people don't own shoes. Shoe drive fundraisers help provide inventory to over 4,000 micro-entrepreneurs who sell the shoes to support their families. In turn, they help themselves out of poverty with a hand up, not a handout.

Anyone with questions may contact
Alicia Blankenfeld, Jill Hollingsworth, or Amy Keenan.



Christmas Giving...The Evangelism Board will not be doing Christmas Share with Second Mile this year. They have 114 families and all of their needs have been filled in a matter of days.

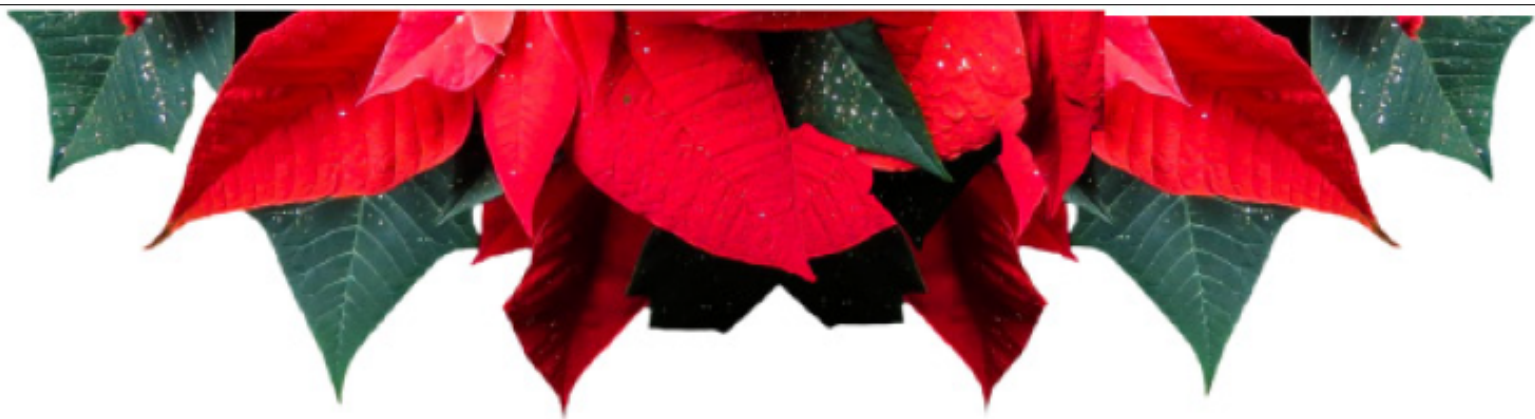
Wonderful! Awesome!

Great news though, Immanuel will be having a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall starting December 1st to collect 'Children's' stocking hats for Orphan Grain Train. All hats need to be collected by **December 18th** for distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Evangelism~

Dianna Kelting
June Routier
Pam Haase





It's that time of year again! Every year we adorn our altar area with poinsettias for Christmas. A poinsettia may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be displayed for the Christmas Eve Service. You may take the plant(s) you ordered home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Orders need to be placed by December 11th

Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Checks should be made payable to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church' with 'Poinsettia' in the memo line.

Place your order by filling out the order form along with payment and return in the offering basket at church by Dec. 11th Order forms are available on the entryway table.





Mid-Week Advent Services

A meal will be served before each service from 5:00-6:15pm

Wednesday, November 30th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 7th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21st — 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th — 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 24th — 4:00pm

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day Divine Service

Sunday, December 25th — 9:00am

New Year's Eve Divine Service

Saturday, December 31st — 4:00pm

