

# Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Service



December 5, 2018  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

# BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with Thy Spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.

C **Amen.**

# SERVICE OF LIGHT

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## OPENING HYMN

L.S.B. #334

*“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”*

## VERSICLE

L The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L All those who await His appearance pray:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

## PHOS HILARON

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## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

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## PSALMODY *Ps. 141*

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\*Congregation sings **C** Pastor sings I and II

## PSALM

*Psalm 130*

## OFFICE HYMN

L.S.B. #936

*“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”*

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Joel 2:28-32*

<sup>28</sup> “And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

<sup>30</sup> “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,  
blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned  
to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awe-  
some day of the LORD comes. <sup>32</sup>And it shall come to pass that  
everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.  
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who  
escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall  
be those whom the LORD calls.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Luke 1:67-72*

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy  
Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people

<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;

<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Visitation Prep”

**CANTICLE**

**MAGNIFICAT**

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**OFFERING**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**PRAYER**

**LITANY**

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**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

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**LORD’S PRAYER**

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**BENEDICAMUS**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

L.S.B. #880

*“Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”*

WE THANK THE HIGH  
SCHOOL BOYS FOR  
PLANNING TONIGHTS  
PRESERVICE MEAL!



# Upcoming Services

## Midweek Advent

### Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday, December 12th 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th 6:30 p.m.

A meal will be served before  
each service at 5:30 p.m.

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

*The Nativity of Our Lord:  
Christmas Eve Prayer Service  
Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.*

*The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day Service  
Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00 a.m.*

**UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR THE  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**

**AT 10:30 A.M.**

*A cookie reception will follow*

**PRACTICE DATES**

**Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, December 15 9:00–10:30 a.m.**