

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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The Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Rejoice Sunday

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Opening Hymn: #357, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vss. 1-4

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Hymn: #357, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vss. 5-7

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual, prayed responsively worship insert

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #515, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Sermon: "Am I Forgetting Anything?"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Preparation for Communion - Confession and Absolution
(From the first English Agenda of the Missouri Synod)

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme Majesty of God, and make a confession of our sins.

(Silence)

C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment; but I am heartily sorry for them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Amen.

P: 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 who heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Ghost henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Admonition to the Communicants

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Distribution

#389, "Let All Together Praise Our God"

#386, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

#364, "Away in a Manger"

Post-Communion Collect
Benediction

Closing Hymn: #813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

All donations are due today. If you have questions, please talk to Bobbi Langhans this morning. Thanks to everyone who participated this year. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - TONIGHT

Everyone is invited to join us for the Sunday School Christmas Program being held tonight at church. The program starts at 6:00 PM, but youth are asked to arrive at 5:30 PM to get costumes on and receive final instructions. Everyone is invited to stay after the program for treats served in the fellowship hall.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The last midweek service of Advent will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 PM. The final prophet to be considered in our series is Malachi. Come and hear about the connection between Advent and Malachi.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

The schedule for the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services are as follows:

Christmas Eve - Sunday

No Sunday School/Bible Class

10:00AM Christmas Carol Morning Worship

4:00PM Worship

Christmas Day - Monday

10:00AM Worship