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First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019

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
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Opening Hymn: #331, "The Advent of Our King"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, chanted responsively worship insert
Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Season, chanted by Pastor

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st 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!

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Hymn of the Day: #648, "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

Sermon: "A River Flowing Home"

Offering/Chime Choir: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Arr. Sara Sorenson

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Admonition to the Communicants

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution

#435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

#333, "Once He Came in Blessing"

#641, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #922, "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

LIFE QUOTE

December 1 "Here is why Christmas matters ... '[H]e too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death ...' (Hebrews 2:14a). Imagine that. He needed a human body so it could be nailed to a cross. He needed human blood so it could be poured out as a sin offering for the world. For you. And it all started in Bethlehem. What can you say to that but 'glory to God in the highest!'" *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

The congregation is invited to a potluck after church next Sunday. We will share a meal and sing some Christmas carols afterwards. Following the conclusion of the sing-along, the mentors and mentees will do games and a gift exchange. Mark your calendar for some food and fellowship!