

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod
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The Third Sunday in Advent December 15, 2013

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 sanctuary and hope you will return again soon!

About Holy Communion

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 confirmed members of Immanuel 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 first 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.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, pp. 290-291

Prelude
Welcome and Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #357
Invocation and Opening Verses, p. 290
Introit of the Day, prayed responsively (see worship insert)
Collect of the Day, prayed by Pastor
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10
Gradual, prayed responsively (see worship insert)
Epistle: James 5:7-11
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15
Nicene Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)
Hymn of the Day: "Hark the Glad Sound" #349
Sermon: "He Will Come and Save You!"
Offering
Prayer of the Church
 P: Lord, in Your mercy,
 C: hear our prayer.
Confessional Address, pp. 290-291
Confession and Absolution, p. 291
Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)
Words of Institution
Peace
 P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 C: Amen.
Distribution
 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" #624
 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" #353
 "Once He Came in Blessing" #333
Post-Communion Prayer
Benediction
Closing Hymn: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" #923
 (with "Amen")
Chimes/Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude

