

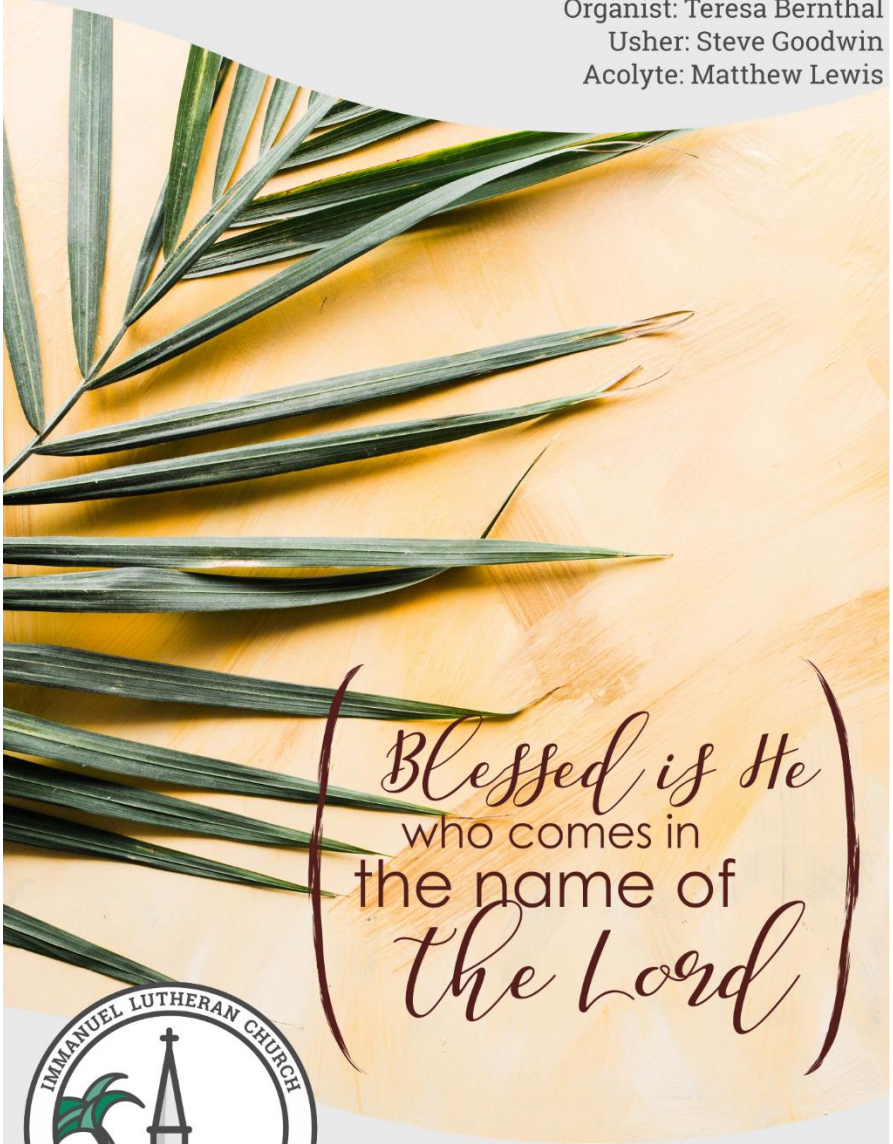
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Advent 1

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*Blessed is He*  
who comes in  
the name of  
*the Lord*



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Psalm 24:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #56:1-3**

**“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**G** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**G** Amen!

### INTROIT

*Ps. 24:7-10; Ps. 118:26*

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*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

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**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**G** **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might in battle!**

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C** Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

**P** Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.

**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.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**P** Let us pray. Stir up, we implore You, 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 23:5-8** "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. <sup>6</sup> In 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.' <sup>7</sup> "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,' <sup>8</sup> but '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."



**I will RAISE UP A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH**

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 13:11-14** Besides 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. <sup>12</sup> The 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. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## *The Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

### **HYMN: TLH #60**

### **"Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding"**

**SERMON – John 12:12-18** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

## **The Shouts Heard Round the World**

I. A worldly shout disappointed by a silent letdown

II. A spiritual shout rejoicing at a silent night

### **OFFERTORY**

*WS p.16*

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

**🎵 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

**- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

- C** 🎵 **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER**

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**Order of Holy Communion**  
pg. 17-21 in tan Worship Supplement



**Please Note:** The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

*After the distribution, we continue with the communion liturgy starting on WS p.20.*

**THE BENEDICTION:**

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*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

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- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** **Amen!**

**✠ Announcements ✠**

**Midweek Advent Services** begin this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. For the next three Wednesdays we will be focusing on the theme “The Word Becomes Flesh!” Advent is a season of preparation for the Savior to come, and there is no better way to prepare for the Savior’s birth than gathering together with fellow believers. Please take time out of your evenings and join us this Wednesday!

## **Christmas Gift Idea?**

Immanuel Lutheran Church polo shirt sign-up sheets are hanging in the hallway. If you've seen Pastor wearing his Immanuel Lutheran Church polo and thought how much you'd like to wear one as well, now is your opportunity! Jobe Ream has offered to

embroider polos for congregation members. The polos are made of moisture wicking material, and they are available for \$6 apiece. Please see the information in the hallway; many colors are available. Please sign up with your name, size (and gender), and color. Then please get \$6 to pastor for each polo, so that we can place the order soon. Ask Pastor about kids sizes!

## **Looking Ahead...**

- ✝ **Dec. 2:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **Dec. 5:** Wed. Advent 6:30pm
- ✝ **Dec. 9:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **Dec. 16:** Christmas Eve Rehearsal & Big Snack

**A Wiffle Ball Tournament** is being planned to be held here at Immanuel on Saturday, December 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. Each team will have five players and will compete throughout the day. Ages 7 through 16 are welcome. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please sign up by going to <http://winterhaven.clclutheran.org/wiffle-ball-registration/>. If you can't play, we'd still love for you to come watch and enjoy the games. Help will be needed with various things throughout the day, please watch for more information in the coming months. If you have any questions or would like to help, please speak with Neil Bernthal. Thank you!

**Christmas Shopping on Amazon?** You now have the option to direct 0.5% of the money spent on your Amazon purchases to be donated by the company to our church and school. To do this, the next time you plan to shop on Amazon, visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church Winter Haven" to find us (we are listed as Immanuel *Evangelical* Lutheran Church). Select the church as your charitable organization that you will be supporting, and any purchase you make will benefit the congregation. You will still have to visit <https://smile.amazon.com> when shopping for it to work; using the regular Amazon site will not leave a donation.

**Missionary** Evensen will still be in the States for some time, but CLC Missionary Todd Ohlmann is currently traveling overseas in the continent of Africa. He recently wrote a blog post online about a number of the trials facing our brethren overseas, as well as the blessings the Lord has

given them. Please take a moment and read Missionary Ohlmann's most recent blog post at <http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/> and be sure to remember your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers!

**Urgent need for sponsors** The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. There are both students and orphans that will not have financial support starting in January if we do not find new sponsors. Please give this prayerful consideration. For more information, please see, email, or text Dan Roehl ([danroehl@hotmail.com](mailto:danroehl@hotmail.com) / 507-381-2042), or speak with Pastor Rodebaugh for more information. Thank y

**Special Fund Refresher:** We have a number of special funds here at Immanuel, including the **ILC Building Fund** – Used to pay for new academic center at Immanuel Lutheran High School; **Tuition Grant Fund** – Used to help students at our school through tuition grants; **ILC Tuition Fund** – Used to help families send their children to Immanuel Lutheran High School; **Building Fund** – Used for special large ticket replacement items such as septic tank and AC. Also can be used to pay down or pay off loan on teacherage; **Property Improvement Fund** – Used for special larger improvement projects for church, parsonage, and teacherage; **Benevolence Fund** – Fund to help families (especially within our congregation) with special needs.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** is back at his rehab facility and remains shut-in. **Delores Seger** recently had an operation on her back and is praying it will take care of her back pains. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Joe Jackson**, the father-in-law of Robin Jackson, suffered a serious stroke this week and is in intensive care.

**Last Week (11/25)** WH – 32 Orlando – 16

General = \$1249 | Property Improve = \$20 | CLC Missions = \$80  
Building Fund = \$10 **Total Offering = \$1,359**

**December Usher:** Goodwin | **Acolyte (12/9):** Grant R.  
| **Cleaner (12/8):** Bernthal