

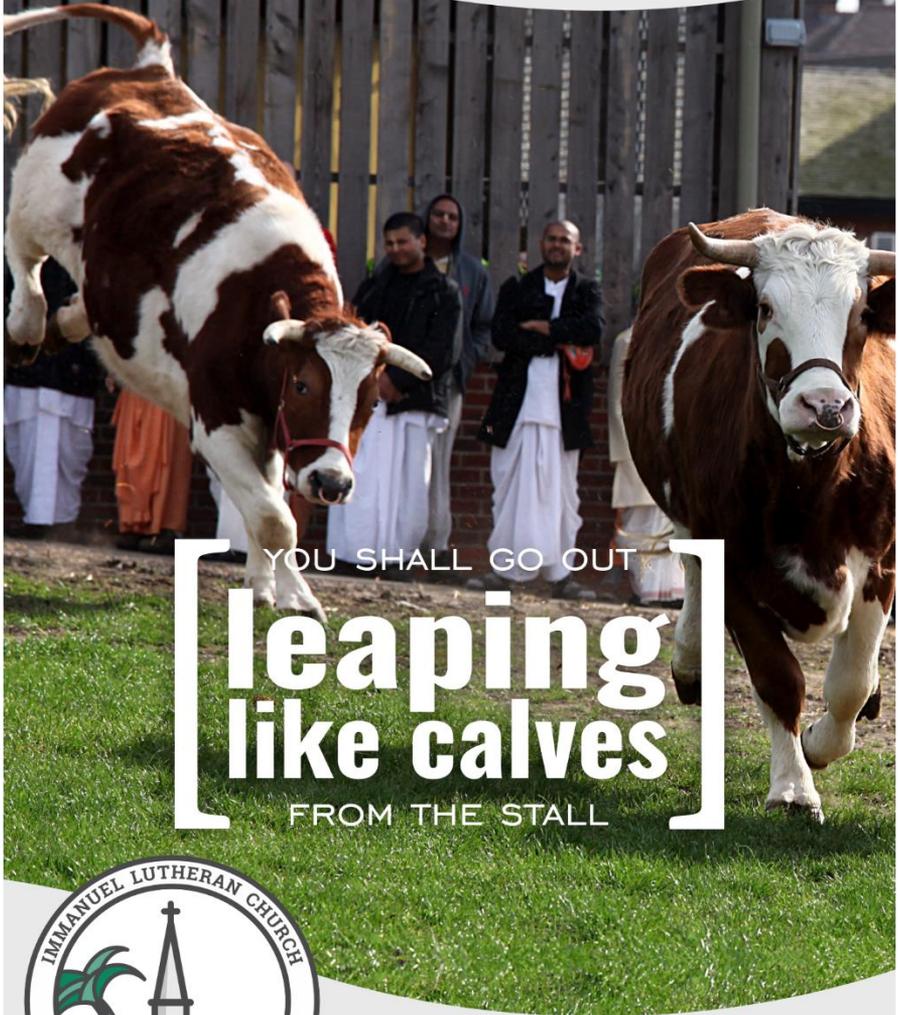
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**Advent 2**

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YOU SHALL GO OUT  
**leaping  
like calves**  
FROM THE STALL



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<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! <sup>2</sup> For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #15

“From All that Dwell below the Skies”

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

**C**  A - - - men.

### 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** 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. 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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**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 hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy 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 in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**  A - - - men.

## INTROIT

*Ps. 80:1,3,14,17; Is. 62:11b; 30:29-30*

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

- P** Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes."  
**C** The LORD will cause His majestic voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.  
**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock! You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
**C** Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!  
**P** Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.  
**C** But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!  
**P** Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes."  
**C** The LORD will cause His majestic voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.

## GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Malachi 4:2*

Alleluia. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. Alleluia.

# The Advent of our KING



## THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C**  All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**  A - - - men.

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 15:4-13** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.<sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,<sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."<sup>10</sup> And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."<sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**GOSPEL READING – Luke 1:5-17** In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. <sup>8</sup> Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.*

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**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 #63**

**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

**SERMON – Malachi 4:1-6** "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup> "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

### **God's Great and Awesome Justice**

- I. Sinners will get what's coming to them
- II. Christ got what was coming for sinners

#### **OFFERTORY**

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

- C** *♪* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #277**

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

#### **- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1**

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

- 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, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

- 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, amen, a – men.**

**Hymn: TLH #66**

**"Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

### Midweek Advent Services

continue this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. This advent season 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!

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Dec. 12:** Wed. Advent 6:30pm
- ✠ **Dec. 16:** Christmas Eve Rehearsal & **Big Snack**
- ✠ **Dec. 19:** Wed. Advent 6:30pm
- ✠ **Dec. 23:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve **7 pm**
- ✠ **Dec. 25:** Christmas **10:15 am**

Christmas Eve Goodie Bags will be assembled next Sunday after church while the children practice for the Christmas Eve Service. We are in need of candy and peanuts to fill the bags. If you are able to donate candy, peanuts, or money, please leave it in the kitchen or talk to Pastor. Your donations and help are greatly appreciated!

Big Christmas Snack next Sunday before the Christmas Eve practice. If you are able, please bring a snack/dish to share. Thanks!

Poinsettia Orders are still being taken. If you would like to order a Poinsettia and place it in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, the sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Poinsettias are \$10 this year, please get the money for your flower to Teresa. Thank you!



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!

**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!

**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, is recovering in the hospital from a severe stroke.

### **Last Week (12/9) WH** – 54

General = \$2800 | Property Improve = \$80 | CLC Missions = \$20  
Tuition = \$1050 **Total Offering = \$3,950**

**December Usher:** Goodwin | **Acolyte (12/16):** Grant B.  
| **Cleaner (12/15):** Rodebaugh