

December 7, 2022

2nd Wednesday of Advent

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Usher: Levi Chambers

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EVERLASTING
 Elohim
RIGHTEOUS KING
INCOMPARABLE
MIRACLE MAKER
 Jehova Nissi
 Light of the World
LORD OF LORDS EMMANUEL PRINCE OF PEACE
 Lion and the Lamb
PROTECTOR
HEALER
JESUS El Shadai
REDEEMER
 LOVE THE GREAT I AM Shalom SALVATION
 Good Shepherd
ALPHA AND OMEGA
 BEAUTIFUL WAY
HOLY HOLY HOLY TRUTH
BEGINNING AND END Powerful FATHER ABBA LIFE
 Yeshua
HAMASHIACH
 Adonai
ALMIGHTY
 Wonderful
COUNSELOR
THE WORD



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 72:1-7

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! 5 May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! 7 In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

Order of Divine Worship

Song:

“His Name Is Jesus”

Dear Mary sweet, dear Mary mild The manger holds your little child.
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Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

Refrain: His name is Jesus! Gift of God’s love.

The Son who frees us, Hope from above.
His name is Jesus! Born one so small,
Light that still sees us; the Savior of all.

The angels singing with delight Of peace, good will to all this night.
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Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

Refrain

O, shepherds tell us who lies there Within that stable dark and bare.
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Refrain

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us come to God with a repentant heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to give us forgiveness. Our help and forgiveness is in the name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

C And You, O God, forgave me of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are sinful and unclean from birth and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Because of our sins, we run to you for forgiveness praying for your grace and mercy all 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 Jesus' sake give us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit give us true knowledge of You and of Your will and move our hearts to obey Your Word. Keep us in Your Word that by Your undeserved love we may be given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. All those in whose hearts the Holy Spirit has worked faith in Jesus are the children of God. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. O Lord, we pray that you would give this salvation to us.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 85:8-9, 12-13

P Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

C Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef. It features a melody in the treble staff and a harmonic accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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*John 1:1,14*

Alleluia. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

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

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 35:1-10 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the [d]feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of

Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 11:2-15 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he [a]sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” 4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” 7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’ 11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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 #508

“Thou Whose Almighty Word”

SERMON – John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

JESUS: THE ETERNAL WORD

OFFERTORY

- ☞ ♪ 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 #70

“Hosanna to the Living Lord”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Song:

"There Is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

✠ Announcements ✠

- ✠ **Dec. 7** Special Wednesday Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✠ **Dec. 11** 8am Orlando service 10:15am WH
- ✠ **Dec. 14** Special Wednesday Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✠ **Dec, 18** 10:15am WH Service
- ✠ Dec. 24 7:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Service
- ✠ **Dec. 25** 10:15am Christmas Day Service

Poinsettia There is a poinsettia list in the back of church. If you would like to donate money for a poinsettia "In Memory Only," please sign the list.

Advent Services This Wednesday we will be having our 2nd special Advent service at 2:00 p.m. We will be live-streaming the service as well.

Children's Christmas Eve Service

The Children's Christmas Eve Service will be held Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Come listen to the children proclaim the message of Christ's birth as they present the service "His Name is Jesus."

Call Accepted We praise the Lord for leading Pastor Sauers to accept the call to be our full time pastor at Immanuel. He will be moving sometime in the middle of February. We pray for him and for the Fond du Lac congregation as they look to the Lord to call a pastor.

