

Illustrations



of
Immanuel

December 3, 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

December 3rd, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Dan Barthels

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Revelation 22:1-7

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."
⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#74 Once He Came in Blessing

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

p Let us confess our sins.

- all** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen
- p** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise 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**
- p** Let us pray . . . O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PSALM

Psalm 95

- P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
- C **Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**
- P Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
- C **Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**
- P For the LORD *is* the great God,
- C **And the great King above all gods.**
- P In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth;
- C **The heights of the hills *are* His also.**
- P The sea *is* His, for He made it;
- C **And His hands formed the dry *land*.**
- P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
- C **Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- P For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.
- C **Today, if you will hear His voice:**
- P "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,
- C **As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness,**

P When your fathers tested Me;
C They tried Me, though they saw My work.
P For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation,
C And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'
P So I swore in My wrath,
C 'They shall not enter My rest.'"

THE WORD

John 3:10-21 ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eter-

nal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

LSB, p. 230

P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

P In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

#647 O Little Town of Bethlehem

SERMON

Numbers 21:5-9 ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMMANUEL

A Serpent For Sinners

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Luther's Evening Prayer

All I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

#554:1-3,5 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow



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