

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
 strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD
 his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be
 great

to the ends of the earth;
^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalmody: Luke 1:46b-55

or Psalm 80:1-7

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world,
 he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do
 your will, O God’
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of
 me).”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired
 nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings
 and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are
 offered according to the law), ⁹then he added,
 “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes
 the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And
 it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified
 through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ
 once for all.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste
 to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where
 she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted
 Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greet-
 ing, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth
 was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed
 with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why
 has this happened to me, that the mother of my
 Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the
 sound of your greeting, the child in my womb
 leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed
 that there would be a fulfillment of what was spo-
 ken to her by the Lord.”

[⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

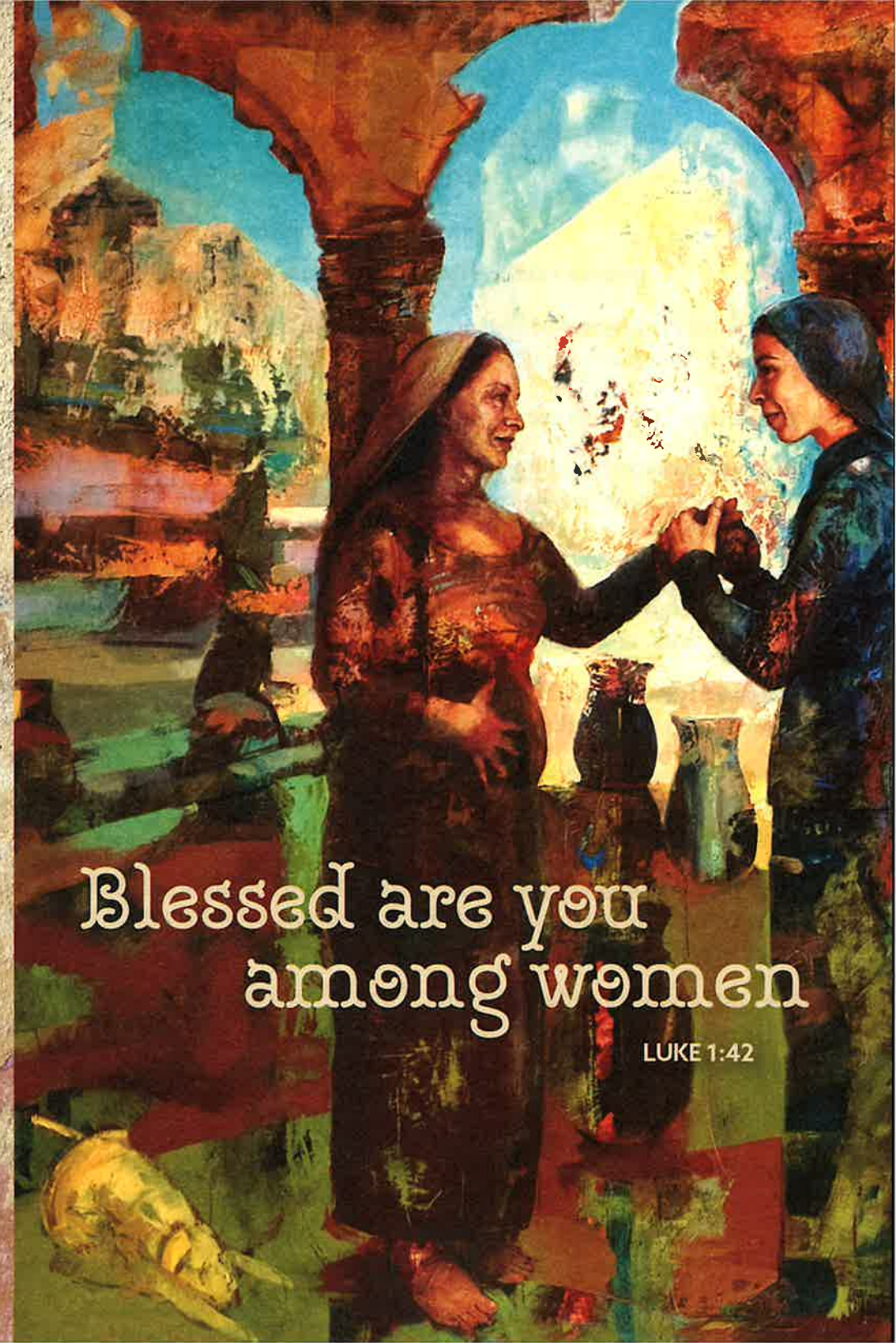
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness
 of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will
 call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things
 for me,
 and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts
 of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from
 their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our
 ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants
 forever.”]



Blessed are you
 among women

LUKE 1:42

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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel As we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you into our church home. May you find peace, hope, joy, and love in our worship.

Prayer before Worship: Jesus, open our hearts to receive your word this day, and then to live it out in the days ahead. Help us see you in the face of anyone we meet who is in need, and to serve as we are able. Amen.

Pastor Ed is working in the church office on Friday morning. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry. Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to
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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

Sunday, December 22, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON
Lay Reader: Amy Winterland
Greeters: Harlan Brucker, Lois Barker
Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms, Rylee Kukuck
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON
Lay Reader: Lisa Winterland
Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson
Ushers/Acolytes: Kratochvil Family
Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

Please join us for refreshments after the service. The Luther League is hosting their annual **Hot Cocoa Bar**. There is also cake and punch as we honor Pastor Ed in appreciation of his time here, telling us every week that "Jesus Loves Us. Amen."

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 7:00 pm. Please invite your families and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us again next Sunday, December 29 for a **Service of Lessons and Carols**.

For those who enjoy sharing **Christmas Cards** and greetings with our church family, you are welcome to use the mail boxes in the entrance and save some postage. And check your own boxes for cards from others as well.

Immanuel 125th Anniversary Cookbooks are still available (\$15) and make a great gifts. There are some on the table in the Parish Hall and an envelope for your money. All proceeds are going to local food banks.

Sunday, December 29, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON
Lay Reader: Von Becker, and others
Greeters: Sherri Ganske, Sharon Hardesty
Ushers/Acolytes: Kasen Casson, Zane Hoffman
Organist: Cindy Wilson



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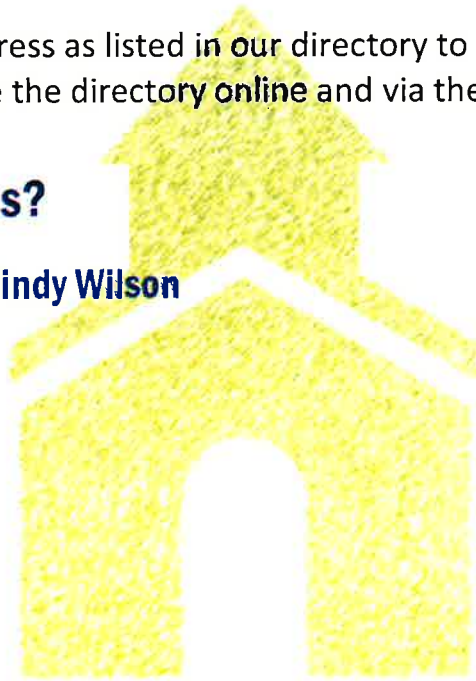
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Need help or have questions?

Please contact **Marcia Buchs or Cindy Wilson**



Fourth Sunday of Advent – Light of Love

December 22, 2024

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary’s magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ’s advent is for “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—“we proclaim the Lord’s death.”

PRELUDE

*Welcome to everyone who has come to worship with us today.
We are delighted to have our children sharing their special Christmas message.
They have all worked very hard to learn their songs and parts.
We especially want to thank the Parish Education committee and Sunday School teachers for their time and talents in bringing all of this together.
Our congregation is blessed to have so many dedicated members leading and teaching our young people the stories of Jesus.*

Road Trip: The Journey of a Lifetime

GATHERING SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels.*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes.
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!*

The congregation is invited to join the children in singing . . .

What A Glorious Night

by Sidewalk Prophets

... The shepherds came to See the baby
Stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior Inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night Oh what a glorious night

... I hear the angels singing halleluiah
Let the earth receive her king I know that love has come
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born Jesus Christ is born Yeah Yeah

... The shepherds wondered They couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight All were amazed
When they heard how
God came down on the glorious night God came down on this glorious night

I hear the angels singing halleluiah Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born Jesus Christ is born Yeah Yeah

... Glorious Glorious **What a Glorious night**
... Glorious Glorious **What a Glorious night**

... I hear the angels singing halleluiah
Let the earth receive her king I know that love has come
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... I hear the angels singing halleluiah
Let the earth receive her king I know that love has come
Sing it out Jesus Christ is born
I heard that Jesus Christ is born
Yeah Yeah Yeah

... All is calm now All is quiet
A Star shining in the sky Below in Bethlehem
The king is sleeping
Oh What a Glorious Night Oh What a Glorious Night

You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the
promise of mercy,**
the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

READING Hebrews 10:5-10 back of bulletin

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

After the reading . . . Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**
Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 142

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*GOSPEL READING Luke 1:39-55 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:
P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**
Congregation may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY **Angels We Have Heard on High** ELW 289

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

ELW page 104

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
 Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

After each petition: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. . .
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

Please stand as you are able.

***OFFERING SONG**

ELW 186

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

Congregation may remain seated

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Light of Love – Candle Lighting Ceremony

Immanuel Choir with
Congregational Singing and Responsive Litany

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
 prayers of those who seek re - lief.
 End their dark - ness, hear their call for
 peace on earth, good will for all.

L: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

C: **God of Love, fill our hearts with true compassion.**

L: Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

C: **God of Love, help us speak truth with kindness.**

L: Advent is a time to share with those in need.

C: **God of Love, remind us that in giving, we receive.**

L: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

C: **God of Love, help us see the world through loving eyes.**

