FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

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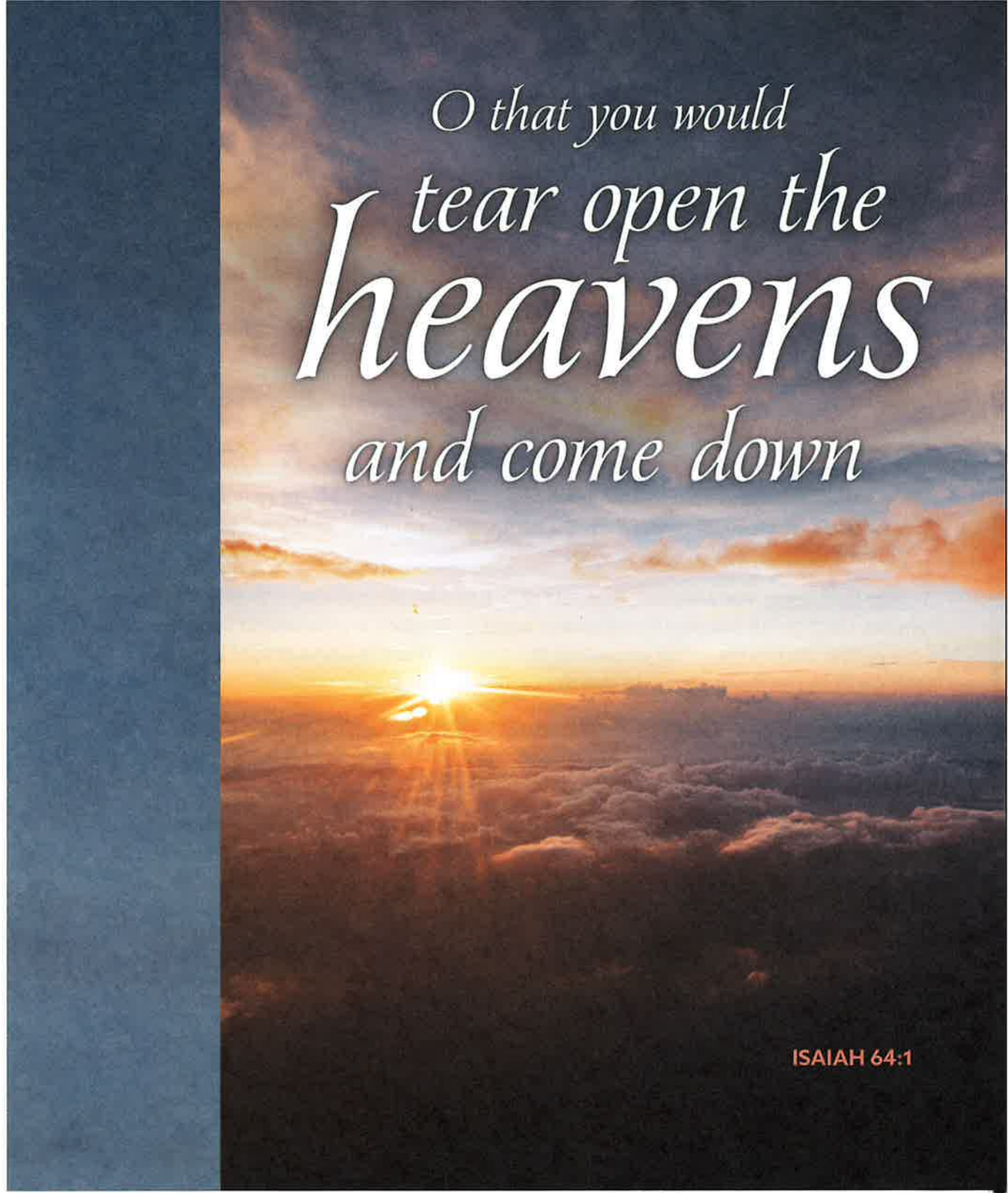

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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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. **There is also a prayer box with cards to use on the table under the mailboxes for prayer requests.**

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, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered (on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month). ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

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 ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School

Sunday, November 29, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Erin Ifft
Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil
Ushers/Acolytes: Kasen Casson, Dan Harms
Communion: na
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, December 6, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Angie Kratochvil
Greeters: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck
Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan B., Thomas Carlson
Communion: Angie K., Rebecca Casson
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:
Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris, Rebecca Casson, Shelby Hall, Rick Vance, Jeri Vance Crawley, Larry Poppe

Announcements

Adopt-a-family requests are on the poster in the fellowship hall. Please consider helping community families with a gift or two in this season of giving. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Kukuck. Gift wrapping supplies are also requested with all items returned to the church by Sunday, December 13 for wrapping and tagging.

Immanuel Apparel is now available to order. The web page for **varsitee** has been posted on the Immanuel Facebook page. If you need help accessing the site or placing an order by November 30, please contact Eli Petersen or Erin Ifft.

Cindy will be updating member contact information before the end of the year. Please let her know if you have changes in your family status that should be addressed. Thank you.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming service dates and times:
The Children's Christmas program will be December 20th during the worship service.
The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 4:30 pm.
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 7, 2027.

There are a few roasting sticks left in the back entrance, and one by the garage. If you brought those for the wiener roast in October, please take them home now.

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering ~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able*

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Comforting God,

C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

The congregation may be seated

GATHERING SONG ***Christ, Be Our Light*** ELW **715**

GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

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**

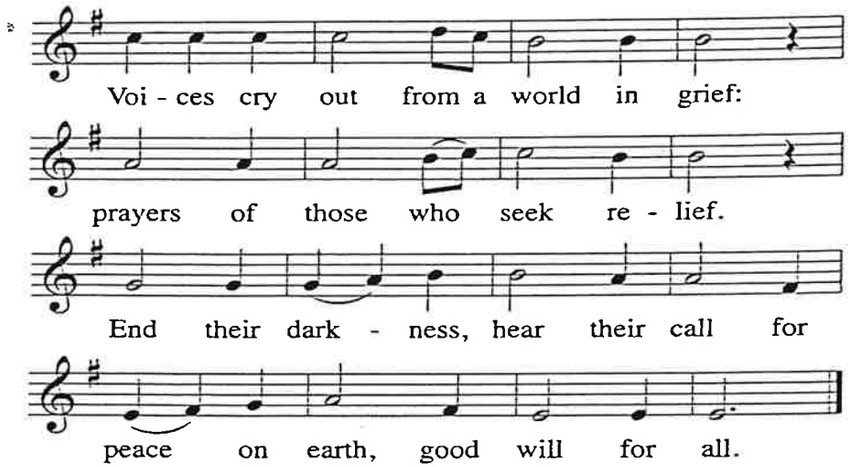
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *The congregation may be seated*

Light of Light – Candle Lighting Ceremony

Immanuel Choir with
Congregational Singing and Responsive Litany



L: Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

C: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

L: Advent is a time of self-examination.

C: God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve

L: Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

C: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.

L: Advent is a time of service and searching.

C: God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.

CANDLE LIGHTING

R: Today we light the first candle- the candle of hope- reminding us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to the earth. Hope for a world free from war and pain, hope for a sense of purpose and belonging, and hope for peace and prosperity for our children and our children's children. When Christ came, he brought us the Light of Lights. Light that fills us with hope, illuminates our lives, and shines in our hearts.

ADVENT PRAYER

P: God of Light, we pray today that you will fill us with hopeful expectation, and that you will cause us to become your children of light.

C: Help us to spread your light into the world around us. Help us to recognize our opportunities to brighten the lives of others. Help us to live each day as beacons of love filled with joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Mary's Song*** Immanuel Choir

Word ~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING Isaiah 64:11-9 back of bulletin

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 back of bulletin

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

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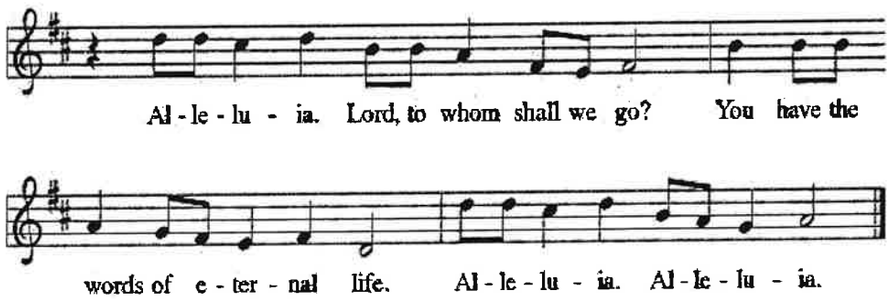

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING

SERMON Pastor Michael Jones

HYMN OF DAY ***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*** ELW **242**

APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

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.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able* 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Holy Creator,

C: we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

P: We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Sending ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

HYMN ***Soon and Very Soon*** ELW **439**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

