

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Immanuel! As we worship together let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am-12:00 pm, 1:00-3:00 pm

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Today's Service Participants:

Pastors: Leah Stolte-Doerfler & Manuel Borbon

Musicians: Deborah Butler & Doug Yancey

Song Leaders: Justine Johnson, Patty Leach, Traci Mosher &

Donna Rue

First Sunday of Advent

Today's hymns are projected on the wall.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude

"Advent Hymn"

by Christy Nichols

PM Welcome & Announcements

*PL Mission Statement: Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.

Gathering

*Call to Worship

PL Now is the time to wake from sleep,

C Now is the time to keep watch and stay alert.

PM Now is the time for the bridegroom to appear,

C Now is the time to prepare for Christ.

PL For the tables are about to turn over,

C Those on the margins will be welcomed in.

PM The powerful will be brought down from their thrones,

C The lowly raised up and the hungry filled.

PL Now is the time to be ready,

C Now is the time God will make all things new.

*Opening Song "How Great is our God/How Great Thou Art"

*Greeting

PL Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*PL Prayer of the Day (prayed by all)

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. Amen.

Word

A **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—as 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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From 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. You 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. We 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. There 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. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

A **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation *“Thy Word” chorus, vs.1, chorus* Words on Screen

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O 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, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore, 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.” (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Kid’s Time

Pastor Manuel Borbon

Message

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* CH (blue) #244

The Apostles' Creed (read by all)

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 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.

***The Prayers**

A With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration. *A brief silence.* Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief. Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

C Amen.

MEAL

Offertory

"Light of the World"

by Lauren Daigle

***PM Offertory Prayer (read by all)**

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PM *Words of Institution

***The Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)**

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.

The Communion of Christ's People

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"

CH (blue) #302

"I Love You, Lord"

Words on Screen

"The Blessing"

Words on Screen

PM May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PM **Post-Communion Prayer** (prayed by all)
Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

*PL **Sending Prayer**

***Sending Song** *"The Potter's Hand"* Words on Screen

***Blessing**

PM The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit ☩ remain upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Dismissal**

PL Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!

Kitchen cleaning - Monday, December 4th, 9 -11 am

Planning a deep clean, though there will be light work too. All welcome, no experience necessary. Help us catch up after fall fellowship activities and before the next holiday festivities begin!

Esther Circle - December 7

Esther Circle is having a special December meeting, and all women are invited! We will do a December memory sharing time, then Bible study, and share a potluck brunch. Meet about 9:30 in the Fireside room on Thursday, Dec. 7. For more information, please contact Linda Groah. email danlindagroah@gmail.com or phone/text 503-551-6920.

Tamale Sale - Pick Up at Immanuel December 9, 10 am-12 pm

Homemade tamales for sale! Order by calling or emailing the church office. \$15/per half dozen. *Orders due on Wednesday, December 6.* Options: vegetarian (cheese & pepper), chicken & mole sauce, chicken & green salsa or chicken & red salsa.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Holiday Multicultural Potluck - December 10

Fellowship and whole congregation POTLUCK following the 10:30 am bilingual Our Lady of Guadalupe Service on Sunday, December 10. Main dishes, salads and desserts are welcome - bring whatever you wish. Music will continue after service, so enjoy the Mariachi Band while we fellowship together! Contact Audrey Nickodemus if you are able to help set/clean up.

ILC Kids Christmas Performance - December 17

The Grief Recovery Method

New 8 week program will begin January 28, 2024. Call Patty at 503-428-4921. Registration required.

Door Fobs

The office is out of door fobs. If you have a fob and no longer regularly need it, please return it to the office.

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