

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Year of Jubilee!

December 16, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

December 17, 2017, 9:15 a.m.



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

AS WE GATHER

“The good old days.” “They don’t make them like they used to.” Oftentimes, we look to the past with a feeling of nostalgia. We think that things were better or safer or greater “back then.” Perhaps we have this feeling with good reason; after all, the future can be scary! What’s going to happen in the Middle East? Where is the economy headed? What kind of world will my children live in? Yet, in today’s Gospel, John assures his listeners of greater things to come. His message is one of hope in the coming Savior. In Christ, we, too, have greater things to come—including resurrection and life with Him forever. That’s reason for rejoicing, now and always!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

Verse 1

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

Verse 2

He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

Verse 3

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

Verse 4

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

BAPTISM (5:00 p.m.)

Benjamin Robert Loughlin

Son of Kevin and Kelsey

Grandson of Robert and Rebecca Loughlin

Grandnephew of Don (Kathy) Radlein

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Pastor: Rejoice always,

People: pray without ceasing,

Pastor: give thanks in all circumstances;

People: for this is the will of God

All: in Christ Jesus for you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE *John 8:12; John 1:5; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 4:6*

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: and illumine Your Church.

HYMN

“We Light the Advent Candle”

(tune of LSB 343) Sts. 1–3

We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God’s favor.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

We light the Advent candle And thank the Lord for rest.
With peace, we know our Jesus Has come to be our guest.
This peace beyond all knowing Within our hearts is glowing.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

We light the Advent candle And sing with cheerful heart.
With joy, we spread the message That God would us impart.
Our joy is never ending; The Son to us is sending.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

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✘ WORD ✘

SONG OF PRAISE (9:15)

"Tell it On the Mountain"

Men's Ministry
directed by Neil Sobel

"Tell it on the mountain, let the rocks and the hills proclaim. Shout it in the valleys, all creation praise His name.

1. Prophets foretold that He soon would come, for unto us there would be born a Son, the waiting is over, He's come to earth, let us
Us listen to the angels announce, His birth.
Tell it on the mountain, let the rocks and the hills proclaim. Shout it in the valleys, all creation praise His name.

2. The star shows the way now to Bethlehem, angels proclaim He will bring peace to men. The shepherds rejoicing for what they've seen, as the wisemen come to worship the new born King.
Tell it on the mountain, let the rocks and the hills proclaim. Shout it in the valleys, all creation praise His name.

3. Forever His kingdom shall reign on earth. Praise be to God for our Messiah's birth,. The Word becomes flesh, yes He's born to dwell, for He comes to live among us Emmanuel.
4. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere, go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Go, go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born, that Jesus Christ is born, that Jesus Christ is born, Jesus Christ is born!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 (p. 526, ESV), (p.739, NIV)
("The LORD has anointed me to bring good news.")

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 (p. 848, ESV), (p. 1171, NIV)
("Rejoice always. Do not quench the Spirit.")

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6–8, 19–28 (p. 758, ESV), (p. 1012, NIV)
("Make straight the way of the Lord.")

Pastor: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed,

People: "I am not the Christ."

Pastor: And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said,

People: "I am not."

Pastor: "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered,

People: "No."

Pastor: So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said,

People: "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Pastor: (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them,

People: "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

Pastor: These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG

"The King Shall Come"

AGPS 228



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
splen - dor comes And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, Kings of kings.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us come before our Lord in prayer, asking Him to hear our prayer and grant us joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

(Our prayers continue with each petition ending with the words: "Lord, in Your mercy," concluding with your response)

People: hear our prayer and grant us joy.

(Additional prayers will be offered, concluding with the words:)

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

OFFERING (*Gifts for the Mission of Immanuel Church and School are received.*)

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:2-4

**People: 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 sins
as we forgive those
who sin 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.**

BLESSING

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Pastor: Rejoice always,

People: pray without ceasing,

Pastor: give thanks in all circumstances;

People: for this is the will of God

All: in Christ Jesus for you.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

LSB 352 st. 1-3, 6

Verse 1

Let the earth now praise the Lord. Who has truly kept His word
and at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend

Verse 2

What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year, Stand fulfilled in glory here.

Verse 3

Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord
Him of two-fold race behold Truly came, as long foretold.

Verse 6

Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Musicians: Jim Vyhanek (5:00 p.m.) Renae Easley (9:15 a.m.)

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

(God With Us)

A Few FYI'S as You Worship with Us.

- **Attendance/Prayer cards**, don't forget to fill them out. Please give to an elder/usher or place in the offering plate so that we may be better equipped to serve you.
- **Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for those with little busy hands. Please help yourself.
- **Large print bulletins** and **children bulletins** are available from the ushers.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** are also available at the Welcome Center.

• UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

• **Wednesday Advent Services**

- December 20 3rd Wednesday in Advent—7:00 p.m.

• **Service of Remembrance (Blue Christmas)**

- December 17 4:00 p.m.

• **Christmas Eve/Day Celebration**

- December 23 Saturday Worship Service—5:00 p.m.
- December 24 Sunday, Christmas Eve—8:00 a.m., 3:00, 5:00, 11:00 p.m.
- December 25 Monday, Christmas Day—10:00 a.m.

• **New Year's Eve Celebration**

- December 30 Saturday Worship Service—5:00 p.m.
- December 31 Sunday, New Year's Eve—8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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New Worship Service Times

Starting January 6/7

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship & Praise

12:00 p.m. The Gathering Place

@ Christie's Dairy Delights

GRACE SPACE

And Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."-Matthew 19: 14

At Immanuel Lutheran Church, as Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany them! There are a number of options and activities designed for children to experience and participate in worship according to their needs, we trust families to work out the best option(s) for them and their child(ren) on any given day.

We also understand that it takes a village to raise a child. A few tips for engaging our families with small children include:

- ◆ Greeting/learning the names of the young children who sit near you in worship.
- ◆ Offering to read or color with one child during worship, especially if another child in the family is especially fussy or upset.
- ◆ Helping preschoolers and elementary-aged kids to navigate the liturgy, locate the songs/hymns, etc. (Children learn to worship by participating!)
- ◆ Inviting kids to serve alongside you in worship, as greeters, ushers, etc.

Grace Space will be provided at all services, supervision as available. Otherwise, we ask you to supervise your children when they are using Grace Space.

Today's Service will be posted late Sunday evening at ilcpalatine.com

Holy Communion is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:

- 1) Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;*
- 2) The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and*
- 3) We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.*

The center of the individual cup trays contains non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this substitute.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available

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