

Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church



ORDER OF SERVICE

December 2 & 3, 2023

Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 9:30am

The Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Moment of Prayer

*The Advent Confession

P: Gracious God, we confess that we come from a world of chaos and darkness and have not always turned to you for guidance.

C: At times, we have allowed the world's time to dominate Your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, listening, watching and watching for you.

P: Forgive us for weariness, and darkness, we come from a slumbering world.

C: Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you.

P: Hear the good news. God forgives our sins, and strengthened by the Spirit, God awakens our souls to hope and to watch for the coming of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of HOPE

The Advent Candle Lighting Hymn (Tune of ELW #302)

Light a candle bright and tall, For the Hope within our world.
Hope that heard the ages' call. As the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today. Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.

The Advent Prayer (spoken all together)

Lord Jesus, you are coming again. Help us to live in the hope you bring. In our service here today, light of the world, light the way. Amen.

The Opening Hymn "Christ, Be Our Light:" ELW #715 vs. 1,2,5

The Greeting

P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Prayer of the Day (Spoken all together)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection, alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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The Gospel Acclamation

Sing Refrain of ELW #257

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall Come to You, O Israel.

*The Holy Gospel:

Luke 21:25-36

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

The Children's Message / Sermon

The Hymn of the Day "My Lord, What A Morning" ELW #438

The Apostles' Creed

ELW Pg.105

The Prayers of the People (Spoken all together)

P: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

C: Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick, especially... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries. Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Offering "Change My Heart, O God" ELW #801

Offertory Prayer (Spoken all together)

O God, we offer you these gifts and tithes. We pray that these funds may abound in love for one another throughout the world. Strengthen our hearts in holiness as we faithfully give, so that our ways may be directed by you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken all together)

Distribution of Communion

The Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Blessing

P: May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sending Song "People Look East" ELW #248 vs. 1,2,3

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

5:30pm Saturday Worship Service

Scripture Reader Barbara Hurtgen

Communion Assistants Barbara Hurtgen and Julie Dey

9:30am Sunday Worship Service

Scripture Reader Nicole Schroeder

Communion Assistants Pam Kozisek and June Bahr

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Thanksgiving Eve Nov 22 6:00pm- 50

Nov. 25 & 26 5:30p –35 9:30a – 58 YT- 63 FB – 1 Total:157

Announcements:

Advent Services begin on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 10:30am and 6pm. Light lunch served after the mid-day service and dinner before the evening worship.

The Giving Tree is on display in the Narthex to support the Warming Shelter, New Beginning Pregnancy Center and St. Katherine Drexel Shelter. The items will be collected until Sun., January 7.

Poinsettia donation envelopes are located in the church Narthex or outside the church Office. Fill out the form and place it in the offering plate.

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