

*Pastor – Go in Peace to Love the Lord
* Congregation – “Thanks be to God – and we will!”

The Postlude



Mission of the Month Operation Save Our Soldiers

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A drug-free, brain based healing strategy that changing the lives of veterans and their families struggling with the post-war effects of traumatic events! Unlike traditional “talk therapy” used by the Veterans Administration and other therapeutic practices, our

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Last Sunday Attendance: 55 (November 23)

Church offering thru October: \$67,471.85 Mission of the Month: \$3,580

We pray especially for Joy Osborn, Pat Bauer, Ron Anderson, Joel Evans, and Steve Kleine.



2nd Annual Cereal Drive! Donate a box or two and challenge another to donate a box or two. Our goal is 1,000 boxes to help make sure North Union students have something for breakfast during Christmas break.

Save the Date: Distribution will take place on December 19th - any help will be appreciated.

Supervision Requested

A majority of the items in the youth room are either personal belongings of the youth group students and their families or are specifically geared towards kids grade 6 and above. If younger students are in the room, please provide direct parental supervision and be sure everything is put away correctly.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Welcome

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worship with us today. We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and by baptism we are made children of God. This we affirm by our confession of faith. Therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus we welcome you in worshipping our Lord in Word and Sacrament.

*Asterisk indicates the congregation stands as each is able.

Prelude - “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: The days are coming, says the Lord, when God’s promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord proclaimed, “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.” Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: God of grace,

C: We confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of Jesus, God’s only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ’s holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

In this season of Advent, we take a moment to pause in a special way as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Lord on Christmas Day.

Candles of Advent - vs 2

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Opening Hymn – “Prepare the Royal Highway”

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The Word of the Lord

*Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.
(Romans 10:17)*

First Reading - Romans 15:4-13 (Pew Bible page 949)

Responsive Reading - Psalm 72

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

²**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

⁵May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, ’til the moon be no more!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:1-12 (Pew Bible page 808)

Children’s Message

Pastor Sara

Children’s Hymn – “Rejoice In The Lord Always”

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*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!*

Message

Pastor Sara

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*** The Words of Institution**

*This is my body given for you – This is my blood shed for you
Because Jesus makes these statements we believe and accept his real presence in
this Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

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