



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
November 30 – December 3, 2023

Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! In fact, our worship will often include a children's message with little ones in mind. If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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First Sunday of Advent

Opening Prayer – “Advent Gathering Song”

PASTOR: Lord, as your loved people, we are still eagerly waiting;

CONG: Waiting for you, O God.

Waiting to celebrate your humble birth,

And waiting for your glorious return to this earth.

Now, help our hearts and minds prepare the way to receive you, O Savior...

As you COME into our hearts through your Word and Sacrament. Amen.

*The vocalist will sing the refrain **once**. The congregation is invited to join singing the refrain the **second** time through and to continuously sing the refrain as the soloist sings the verses.*



Come, come Em-man - u - el.



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- (vocalist)*
1. God has promised a Savior, so, COME –
 2. To hearts ready, repentant, O COME –
 3. Jesus, grant your forgiveness and COME –

Dear Friends, in the name of the only GOD – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we join to worship him and also to humbly confess:

Merciful Father, I was born in sin. From my very first day I have wronged you. I’ve sinned in what I have done and what I have left undone – Lord, I do not deserve to be called your child.

But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I ask for your forgiveness and appeal to your unflinching love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Dear Friends, God means for you to enjoy this season's message ALL YEAR LONG, that: "A Savior has been born to you – he is Christ the Lord!" Jesus was born, lived, died and rose again FOR YOU – to wash away your sins away and make you right with God. Be at peace – you are forgiven!

Amen!

Please to join to sing the **REFRAIN THREE** final times...



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- (vocalist) 4. With the pow'r of your Word, Lord, O COME –
5. With hearts thankful and praising, we COME –

Our Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped

and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song – “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

(CW 313)

Today’s Message from our Loving God – Genesis 3:14-21

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Things I’d like to remember this week...

The Clothing of the King: A Foretaste of Fashion

Song – “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

(CW 315:1,5-6)

Our Thank Offerings

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” - King David, 1 Chronicles 29:14



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Our Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Following Our Prayer we join to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

God's Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual danger of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don't want to see anyone's faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied with us or spoken with a pastor first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

(from King David's song of repentance, Psalm 51)

PASTOR: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

CONG: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

We are forgiven because Jesus, the Son of God, lived a perfect life for us and willingly suffered and died to pay the punishment for our sins. Through faith in Jesus our Savior, our sins are completely washed away, and we are righteous in his sight. Be at peace – you are forgiven!

(from King David's song of praise, Psalm 103)

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

(spoken by the Pastor)

(we pray) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen!

Distribution Song – “As Angels Joyed with One Accord”

(CW 320)

Our Prayer of Thanks *(and the Lord's Prayer)*

Gracious Savior, thank you for COMING to us in Your Holy Supper and for sharing with us the joy of Your forgiveness. Help us to always believe that our salvation is sure because of Your life and death and help us to bear fruits of faith in our lives so that many more hearts may long for your COMING.

We offer You our heartfelt thanks and praise and we pray... Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

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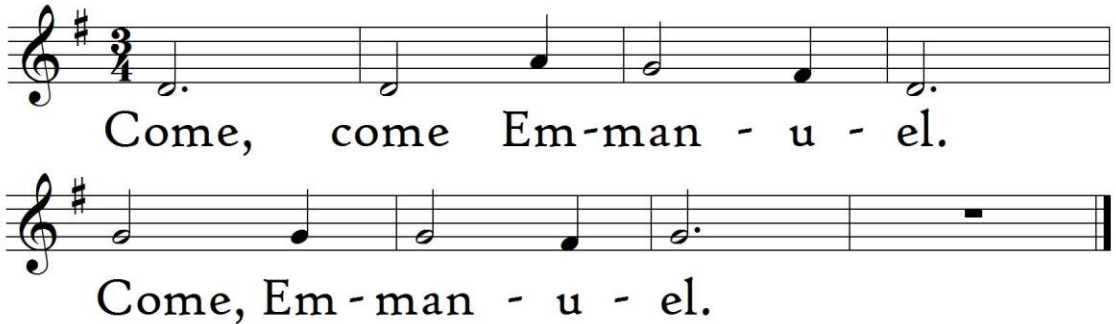
- (vocalist) 1. Jesus won our salvation, so COME –
2. Stay awake and be watchful, O COME –

God's Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

Amen!

Please to join to sing the **REFRAIN ONE** final time...



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Refrain One of the hymn 'Come, Emmanuel'. The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: 'Come, come Emmanuel'. The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 3/4 time. It contains the melody for the second line of the refrain: 'Come, Emmanuel'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Silent Prayer – feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks

Dear Jesus, thank you for your patience with me this morning. I came to listen and I admit that I was, at times distracted. But I ask that Your Word, which I did hear today, take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life, so that I may praise and thank you this week. In your name I pray, Amen.

Other personal prayers may be found on pages 255-258 in the front of your blue Hymnal.



Musician: Joel Putz

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Zimpelmann