

Immanuel Lutheran Church * St. Charles, MO

First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2020—8:00 & November 30, 2020—6:30 pm

* - Congregation will rise



Opening Hymn

“Prepare the Royal Highway” - #343

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God’s Word!

2 God’s people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev’ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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*Order of Worship “Matins”

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(sung)

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
 - C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 - L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 - C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

 - C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

(sung)

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite (Sunday—*Sung*)

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- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

*Psalm of the Day

Psalm 80:1-7

- L** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- L** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!
C Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- L** O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
C You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- L** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
C Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

- ¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Response: O Lord, have mercy on us; **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:3-9

- ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in
Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you
to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: O Lord, have mercy on us; **Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

- ²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be
shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

²⁷And 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.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Response: O Lord, have mercy on us; **Thanks be to God.**

***Responsory (Sunday-Sung)**

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- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Refrain: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. **Refrain**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **Refrain**

Hymn

“Savior of the Nations, Come” - #332 v. 1-4, 8

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| 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth. | 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne. |
| 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh. | 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began. |

▲ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

Canticle

***TE DEUM (Sunday—Sung)**

"We Praise You, O God" - Page 223

G We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Offering

*Offering Prayer

Prayer

*Kyrie (Sunday—Sung)

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C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

*Lord's Prayer

C 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.

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

*Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Special Intercessions

- † Lauren & Ryan P on the birth of a daughter, Isla Jade, on November 23rd.
- † God's direction and possibilities for the World Lutheran Deaf Outreach Ministry; Pastor John Reinke as he pursues opportunities in the St. Charles/St. Louis area for Deaf Ministry.
- † The Call Committee & the process of searching for a new Principal.
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)*
Tim A, Nadine B, Jodi B, Pat C, Mildred C, Lonna C, Diane D, Joni D, Donna F, Anita G, Christopher G, Doris G, Sandy G, Dorothy H, Bill H, Terri J, James K, Mitch K, Diane M, Rachel M, Susan M, Gary R, Tate S, Marilyn S, Carol S, Julie S, Nicki S, Nicole T, Frank T, Tate V, Ulla W; *new addition:*
- † All those dealing with the effects of COVID-19;
Sarah, daughter of Dave & Grace P, who is making progress in her healing from COVID-19.
- † JoAnne K who will undergo surgery on November 30th.

***Collect for Grace**

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L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

***Benedicamus**

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” - #336

1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

Participants

Preacher	Vicar Kurt Hellwig
Liturgist	Rev. Ryan Taylor (Sunday)
Organist	Mr. Al Loesel (Sunday); Mr. Warren Kilz (Monday)
Acolyte	Katelyn Lindemann (Sunday)
Sound Technician	Don Hemwall (Sunday)

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Wear your mask!

Remember to maintain social distancing & wash your hands frequently.



Worship Change Beginning in December

Beginning on December 6th the 10:45 am worship service will move from being in-person in the Fellowship Hall to a Parking Lot Drive-In service. Our Drive-In services continue to be very popular, so for the next month or so we will have **3 Drive In Worship opportunities**: Saturdays at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 9:30 & 10:45 am. **In-Person worship** will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Sundays at 8:00 am in the Sanctuary and on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We will re-visit our worship options at the beginning of the new year.

Senior Day Trip – Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020

On Thursday, December 17 all are invited for a trip to the renowned Saint Louis Art Museum located in Forest Park. We will gather at the entrance to Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am to travel by auto to the museum. This day trip will involve some walking, so be forewarned. Following the tour, those wishing may gather at a St. Louis restaurant for a dutch treat lunch. As of now, the Museum is open for tours, and the space permits ample social distancing.

Celebrating Christmas in Your Cancer Journey: An Event of Preparation

God knew cancer would collide with your Christmas this year. He also knew that this Christmas, you would need less pressure and more joy but...How can you celebrate Christmas in the midst of the pressures of cancer? Let Mary and Joseph show you how they pushed through struggles during that first Christmas to find the true reason to celebrate...the precious Christ Child. Please join us for this one night Bible Study on zoom on Monday November 30th at 6:30 p.m. Roxanne Rohlfing (314-623-7038)

Baptism Class on Sunday, December 6th at 9:30 am will be via Zoom

If you are interested in attending the next Baptism class please contact Mark Krueger (314.306.7147) and he will 'invite' you to the Zoom Baptism class.

LHS Presents—Noel: A Virtual Celebration of Christmas on Friday, December 11th

The concert will feature the LHS Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, and Orchestra performing traditional Carols and Christmas favorites. Register to "attend" online at the LHS Facebook page, or via <https://forms.gle/W9d1j1xjVRCvqb> Registrants will receive a link to join the celebration via email on the 11th.