

*Advent Devotional Service 2*  
*Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM*  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church*  
*Resounding Psalms for Advent*

*Music Prelude*

*(Stand)*

**VERSES**

LSB 260

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.  
**C** **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**  
**L** Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**C** **Make His paths straight.**  
**L** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.  
**C** **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- 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.**

*(Sit)*

**HYMN 343 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY**

**READING, Psalm 85**

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.  
<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.  
<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!  
<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>**L**et me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

## RESPONSORY

LSB 263

**L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for  
David a righteous Branch.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our  
Righteousness.**

**L** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and  
righteousness in the land.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our  
Righteousness.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our  
Righteousness.**

*(Stand)*

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

**C** **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or  
maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your  
neighbor.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## **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.

*(Sit)*

## **SERMON: REVIVED**

## **OFFERING**

(Stand)

## PRAYER

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- L** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## EVENING PRAYER

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 267

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 267

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

## HYMN 353 JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING

***All are welcomed to a meal in the Parish Hall following the service. A free-will offering is accepted by Immanuel Lutheran Youth Fellowship.***

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