

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Fourth Sunday in Advent

"Rorate Coeli"

December 20th, 2020

The Meaning of "Rorate Coeli"

The fourth Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Rorate Coeli, which are the first Latin words of the Historic Introit assigned to this Sunday. Rorate Coeli means "Drop down dew, O heavens" (*Rorate, coeli, desuper, et nubes pluunt iustum* = Drop down dew [ie. shower], O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness).

A Note to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, and we pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you.

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

Philippians 4:4–7

John 1:19–28

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.'"

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel

John 1:19–28

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny,

but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Christmas Week Services

This year there are several worship opportunities to celebrate Jesus' birth. A "Service of Lessons and Carols" will be held at Immanuel on Wednesday, December 23, at 6:30 pm and at St. Paul's on Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 pm. Christmas Day services will take place at both Immanuel and St. Paul's on Friday, December 25; Immanuel's service will begin at 8:00 am and St. Paul's service will begin at 10:00 am.



This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul's

Sunday – Guest Pastor: Rev. Justin Massey

8:00 am Morning Worship @ Immanuel
10:00 am Holy Communion @ St. Paul's

Tuesday 2:00 pm Pastor Sean on KFUCO Radio
"Concord Matters"

Wednesday 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service
@ Immanuel

Thursday 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service
@ St. Paul's

Friday 8:00 am Christmas Day Divine Service
@ Immanuel
10:00 am Christmas Day Divine Service
@ St. Paul's

12/24 – 1/5/21 Special KFUCO Radio 12 Days of Christmas Programming

Sunday 8:00 am Holy Communion @ Immanuel
10:00 am Morning Worship @ St. Paul's

Memory Verse for This Week

Christmas

John 1:14

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

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