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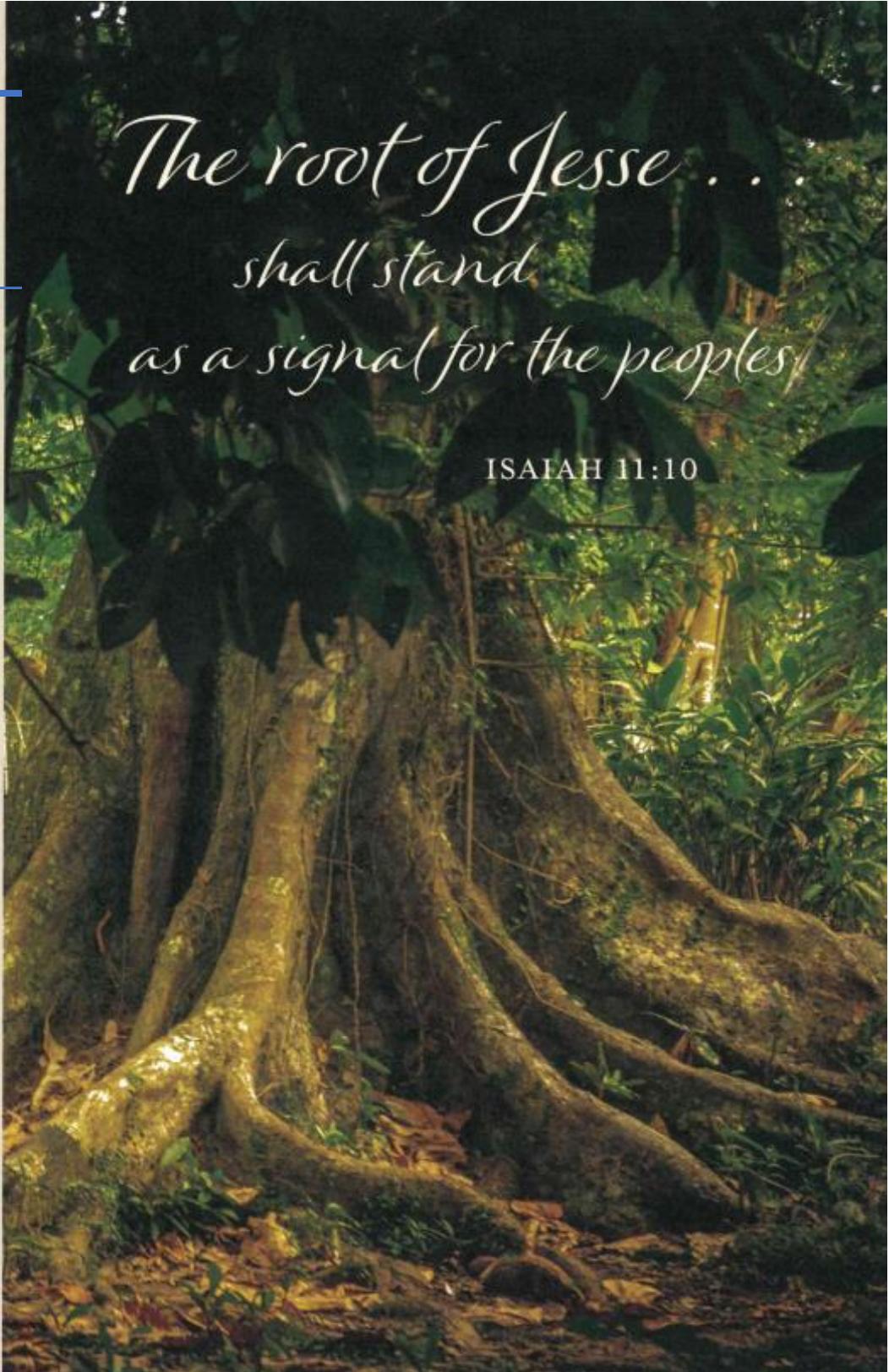
About the Cover:

Earlier in Isaiah, God's people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump.

However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God's Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.

*The root of Jesse ...
shall stand
as a signal for the peoples*

ISAIAH 11:10



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THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme for Worship: This morning as we continue our Advent journey preparing for the birth of The Christ, we will examine the Hope to which God calls us. We'll explore what hope is and is not. We'll see that God's love is a sure hope and not simply "hopium."

♪ Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: "God Will Make a Way"

God will make a way where there seems to be no way,

He works in ways we cannot see,

He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide,

Hold me closely to His side, with love and strength for each new day,

He will make a way, He will make a way.

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

The Baptism of Jonathon Scott Douglas

- Ⓟ Our Lord invited, encouraged and commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples in the last Chapter of Matthew: “All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

From Scripture we learn that we are all sinful and unclean and have become separated from God. Through the water and the Word, God uses Baptism to mark us as His children while restoring our relationship with Him. Through such ordinary means of water and His Word, God creates faith, strengthens it, and promises to bless His children.

Hear how our Lord Jesus has opened the Kingdom of God to people through His means of grace in baptism.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. Acts 8:26-38

Jonathon, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The Charge to Sponsors

- P** As sponsor, Sarah, God has blessed you with the honor and also the responsibility of praying for, encouraging, supporting and building up Jonathon to know Jesus and help him grow in the faith that will be implanted and begun in baptism. This then do you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Sponsor: I do so intend with the help of God.

- P** Jonathon, do you renounce the Devil and all His works and all of his ways?

C Yes.

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

C Yes.

- P** Jonathon, do you desire to be God's child and receive all the benefits He promises to grant in and through baptism and remembering daily the restored relationship with God through His forgiveness that will be yours?

C I do.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is Performed

- P** Receive this Baptismal Napkin to show that Christ has taken away and borne your sin and put upon you His perfect righteousness.
- P** Receive also this burning light symbolizing the light of Christ that has come into you through Baptism this morning.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise you that you graciously preserve and enlarge your family and have granted Jonathon Scott Douglas new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of your Son, Jesus Christ, and an heir of your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that as he has become your child you will keep him in his baptismal grace that according to your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy Name and finally with all your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven.

C Amen

- P** Through Baptism God has added Jonathon Scott Douglas to His people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

P & C Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “Thy Word”

*Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.*

- 1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus***
- 2. I will not forget Your love for me,
And yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side.
And I will love You to the end. *Chorus***

Sermon: “More Than ‘Hopium’”

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Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering/ Announcements

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The 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**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & C **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C **We come in the name of Jesus.**

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

*Refrain: I am the Resurrection, and the life,
All who believe in me will never die!
I am the Resurrection and the life:
All who believe in me will live a new life!*

- 1. I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life.
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain***
- 2. In my Word all men will come to know
It is love which makes the spirit grow,
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain***
- 3. Keep in mind the things that I have said;
Remember me in the breaking of the bread.
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain***

♪ “When You Call My Name”

1. **There's a hunger in this wilderness**
For Your revelation
To hear the words of life
That strengthen me
Come and show
What You've prepared for me
Speak Your confirmation
Show me how I fit
Into Your plan *chorus*
Chorus: For when You call my name
I can see again
Who You are
And who I'm meant to be
And as You beckon me
I am free to see
Who You are
And who I'm sent to be

2. **I am seeking true identity**
In the light of Your presence
I am longing to know
How You see me
In the time
That You have given me
Release the strength to follow
And the grace to be who
You say I am *chorus*

(Ending)

Who You are and who I'm sent to be
Who You are and who I'm sent to be

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♪ “Spirit Song”

1. **O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His Love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Chorus: **Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.**

2. **O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Life your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. *Chorus***

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Benidiction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – Dec. 4, 2022		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Musicians	C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist & Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children’s Message	---	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Hayden Harms	Brayden Goff
Lay Reader	Charlie Schmidt	Dan Lohmeier
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
Slides	Doug Nelson	Rachel Schmitt
Ushers	Ken Boldt, Donna Boldt & Alexis Cruz	Keith Nelson & Danika Nelson
Communion Assistant	Ken Boldt & Chris Cook	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier

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