

***FULL SERVICE***

***Dec. 11, 2022***

***8:00 AM In person***

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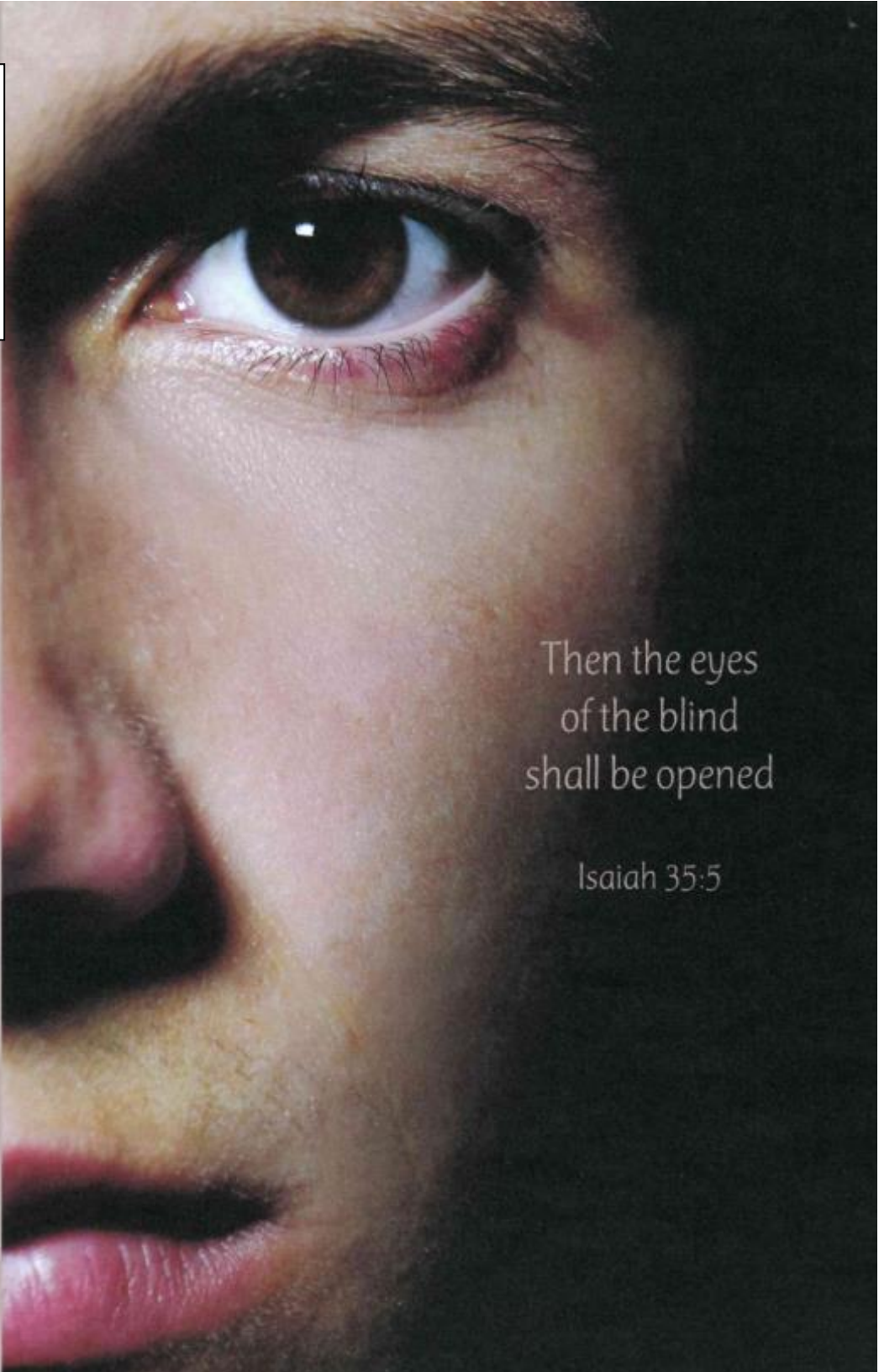
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About the Cover:

Isaiah presents a beautiful picture of the day when the Lord will make this world right. It is a sight to behold! In His ministry, Jesus literally opened blind eyes to see. At the same time, He was also opening the eyes of faith to see Him as the Messiah. Jesus is still restoring eyes to see aright through His Word. Even though today we see dimly, a day is coming when we shall see face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Then the eyes  
of the blind  
shall be opened

Isaiah 35:5



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Theme for worship:** This morning in our Gospel lesson John The Baptist asks some questions about who Jesus really is. Jesus himself answers the questions with a description of what He has done. We'll examine those actions to meet "the real" Jesus we are anticipating this Advent.

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### The Ringing of The Bells

♪ Pre-Service Music: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

---LSB #338

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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### The Invocation

- ☐ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
☑ Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

- ☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
☑ 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.**

**Kyrie**

---LSB #152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## *Service of The Word*

### The Old Testament Lesson

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Epistle Lesson

*James 5:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Children’s Message

*Rev. Marty Marks*

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2-15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ♪ Sermon Hymn: “When all the World Was Cured”

*---LSB #346*

**1 When all the world was cursed  
By Moses’ condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came  
With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner’s zeal  
The greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown,  
As Savior he proclaimed.**

- 2 Before he yet was born,  
 He leaped in joyful meeting,  
 Confessing Him as Lord  
 Whose mother he was greeting.  
 By Jordan's rolling stream,  
 A new Elijah bold,  
 He testified of Him  
 Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God  
 That bears the world's transgression,  
 Whose sacrifice removes  
 The devil's dread oppression.  
 Behold the Lamb of God,  
 Who takes away our sin,  
 Who for our peace and joy  
 Will full atonement win.
- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love,  
 That we receive, rejoicing,  
 The word proclaimed by John,  
 Our true repentance voicing,  
 That gladly we may walk  
 Upon our Savior's way  
 Until we live with Him  
 In His eternal day.

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## Sermon "Meet The Real Jesus"

*Rev. Marty Marks*

### Apostles' Creed

- 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 everlasting. Amen.

### Offering

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel now 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](http://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.)*

## Announcements

### Prayers of the Church

*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

**☩** 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.

### ♪ Closing Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

---LSB #341

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| <p>1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!<br/>Behold, the King of glory waits.<br/>The King of kings is drawing near;<br/>The Savior of the world is here.<br/>Life and salvation He doth bring;<br/>Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.<br/>To God the Father raise<br/>Your joyful songs of praise.</p> <p>2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;<br/>His chariot is humility,<br/>His kingly crown is holiness,<br/>His scepter, pity in distress.<br/>The end of all our woe He brings;<br/>Therefore the earth is glad and sings.<br/>To Christ the Savior raise<br/>Your grateful hymns of praise.</p> | <p>3 How blest the land, the city blest,<br/>Where Christ the ruler is confessed!<br/>O peaceful hearts and happy homes<br/>To whom this King in triumph comes!<br/>The cloudless sun of joy is He<br/>Who comes to set His people free.<br/>To God the Spirit raise<br/>Your happy shouts of praise.</p> <p>4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;<br/>Make it a temple set apart<br/>From earthly use for heav'n's employ,<br/>Adorned with prayer and love and<br/>joy. So shall your Sov'reign enter in<br/>And new and nobler life begin.<br/>To God alone be praise<br/>For word and deed and grace!</p> <p>5 Redeemer, come and open wide<br/>My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!<br/>O enter with Thy grace divine;<br/>Thy face of mercy on me shine.<br/>Thy Holy Spirit guide us on<br/>Until our glorious goal is won.<br/>Eternal praise and fame<br/>We offer to Thy name.</p> |
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### The Benediction / Silent Prayers / Postlude

| <b>PARTICIPANTS – Dec 11, 2022</b>    |   |  |
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| <b>Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan</b> |   |  |
|                                       | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>10:30 a.m.</b>                                  |
| <b>Musicians</b>                      | Linda Conrad, <i>Organist</i><br>C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist &amp; Pianist</i> | Angela Pringnitz;<br><i>Spiritwind coordinator</i> |
| <b>Pastor</b>                         | Rev. Marty Marks  | Rev. Marty Marks                                   |
| <b>Children’s Message</b>             | Rev. Marty Marks  | Rev. Marty Marks                                   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                        | Alexis Cruz   | Emily Banks  |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>                     | Sandy Lancaster   | Jackson Harms                                      |
| <b>Radio Narrator</b>                 | Julie Ann Fuchs   | ---  |
| <b>Videographer/Sound</b>             | Mark Mistic   | Rachel Schmitt                                     |
| <b>Slides</b>                         | Glenn Fuchs   | Nathan Allen                                       |
| <b>Usher</b>                          | Ken Boldt, Donna Boldt &<br>Alexis Cruz                                   | Keith Nelson & Danika Nelson                       |

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**Altar Flowers:** “To the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugo J. and Lucille Hakala during this advent season,” by their family, The Justemas.

**Chancel Flowers:** “To the glory of God in loving memory of Elynn Jacobsen,” by Robin, Cathy & Judy.

**Radio Broadcast:** “To the glory of God in loving memory of my son Eric,” by Jackie Hanson.

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