



**Sunday, December 7th, 2025**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pepin, WI**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

*As you enter, you are invited into a time to silently reflect and center  
for worship*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

**ELW 717** *"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"*

GREETING

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

**R/ And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

**ACS 905** *"We Are Waiting for Jesus" vs. 1*

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness.

**Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

HYMN

**ACS 905** *"We Are Waiting for Jesus" vs. 2*

PRAYER OF THE DAY Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. **By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and  
his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### PSALM

#### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to <sup>1</sup> the king's son;

<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall <sup>1</sup> be no more.

<sup>18</sup> **Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

#### SECOND READING

#### Romans 15:4-13

<sup>4</sup> Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup> and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,  
"Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles

and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;  
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 205

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us, speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 3:1-12**

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter. **R/Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup>and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P/ The Gospel of the Lord **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 249 “On Jordan’s Bank”**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ELW pg. 234

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 264 “Prepare the Royal Highway”**

OFFERING PRAYER:

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. **Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.	<b>And also with you.</b>
Lift up your hearts.	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.	<b>It is right to offer our thanks and praise.</b>

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**R/(sung) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 208

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you suffered death our lives to save, have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you set us free from guilt and grave, have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, eternal peace with God you made, give us your peace, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**ELW 477 "I Received the Living God"**

**ELW 528 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

**ELW 726 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

DISMISSAL

**P/ Go in peace. Keep awake! R/Thanks be to God.**

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