

# THE DOOR of Truth



## First Sunday of Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Forest City, Iowa  
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November 27, 2022 9:15am in person / online / on the radio

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Keith, Emily, & Hannah Walker

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

L: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

L: God of new beginnings,

**C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

L: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: "Here I am to Worship" Tim Hughes

1) Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus) So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

2) King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came  
To the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

Bridge) And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

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### GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 *Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace*

PSALM: Psalm 122 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14 *Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep*

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 *The sudden coming of the Son of Man*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

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PRAYERS: *L: Lord, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Pastor Michelle Gawienowski

Linda Olson

family of Gisle 'Doc' Bartleson

Barb Johnson

Lisa Overlie

Liam Bartleson

Vince & Mavis Langerud

Ashley Rayhons

Dorothy Berg

Eleanor Lovik

Jennie Spencer

family of Michael Christ

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Hayden Despenas

Mike Oleson

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "People Need the Lord" Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

Steve & Audrey Olmstead

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING SONG: “**Hosanna**” Paul Baloche

- 1) Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; We turn to You;  
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You; we long for You;  
‘Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Chorus) Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises;  
Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us; we welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

- 2) Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You;  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new;  
‘Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. (chorus)

*‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;*

*In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. (repeat)*

*Hosanna, hosanna You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises*

*Hosanna, hosanna come have Your way among us, we welcome You here Lord Jesus*

*Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.*

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Altar Care: Marla Betz

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Scripture Reader: Julie Damm

Ushers: Tina Berg, Mary Kingland

Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel

Band: Audrey Olmstead-piano, Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums, Dave Melby-guitar, vocals, Steve Olmstead-autoharp, Zech Anderson-vocals, Kathy Jerome-vocals, Renae Hopp-Vocals

**Today’s worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. **Broadcast** is given in memory of Rodney Westerberg (Nov. 27 b’day) from Rogene and family.

**Baptized today: Jaelynn Julie Welp**, born Sept. 7, 2019 to Matthew & Kelli (Olson) Welp. Baptism sponsors for Jaelyn are Adam & Katie Welp.