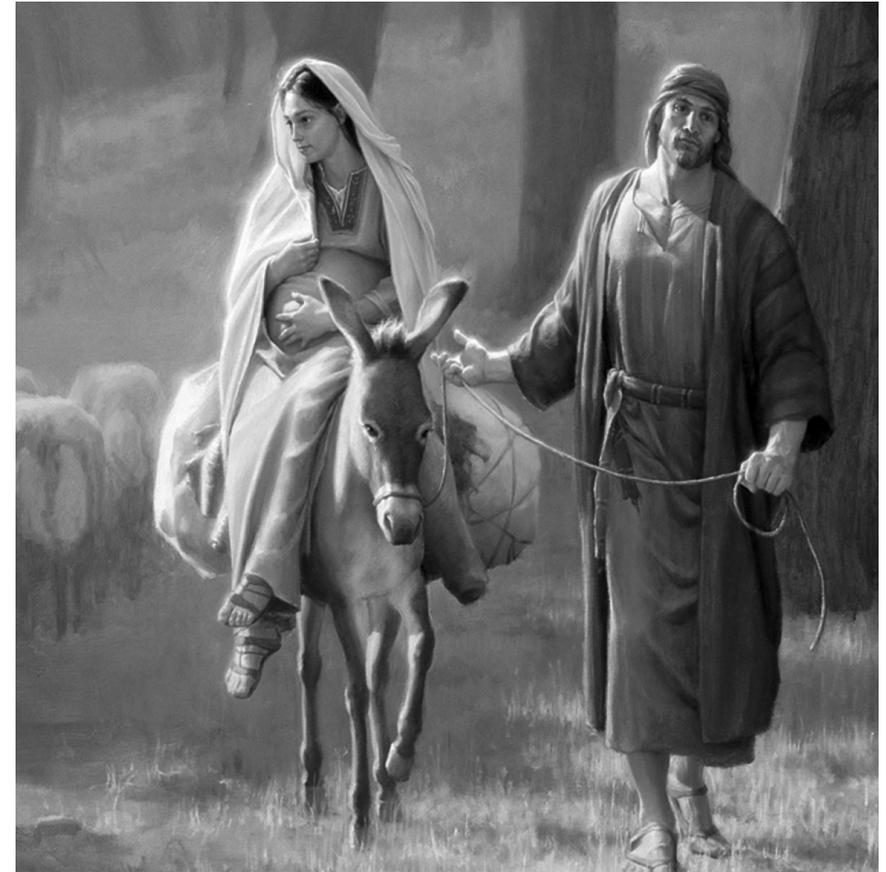


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**NEEDED--USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2020 , please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by the New Year. Thank you!

**NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2020. He has requested that he not be considered for another term. We thank him for his faithful service in this key administrative function at our campus. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight February 15, 2020 (extended deadline, letters postmarked February 1, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com). James Burkhardt--Secretary, Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College.



Second Sunday in Advent • December 8, 2019

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 42

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgy, P. 12 W.S. Tan Hymnal

**Opening Hymn:** . . . . . **31**

**Before Sermon:** . . . . . **275**

**Offering:** . . . . . **792**

**After Prayers:** . . . . . **437**

**Closing Hymn:** . . . . . **742**

**Antiphon, Ps. 66 . . . . . Pg. 37 W.S.**

## Scripture Readings:

### I Samuel 17:32-51

The battle is the LORD'S! Remember man looks at the outward appearance. David was no match for Goliath, but Goliath was no match for the LORD! David knew and believed this and told Saul so. David trusted that the Lord would protect him even as the Lord did when David fought the lion and the bear. Imagine how amazed David's brothers and the other soldiers must have been. Probably no one gave David a chance. When Goliath cursed David by his gods, David made a wonderful statement of faith. In the face of danger David gave all credit to God. That was the secret to David's life. Are we trying to manage our life on our own? Are we attempting to fight our battles on our own? As hard as we try, we cannot! Remember "THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S!"

*Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion*

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### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Ben Libby has returned the call to Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor John Hein to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr., Messiah, Eau Claire has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Andrew Schaller has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary.
- Pastor Norm Greve has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Principal Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grade teacher/principal.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Looking for appropriate spiritual gifts for your loved ones? There are 2 devotional books available---GOD'S PROMISE KEPT VOL. II: The second book written by Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin. There are only 2 copies left in the entry-way. And CHRIST: No Other Foundation written by Pastor Emeritus Dan Fleischer. This is a book of poems, devotions, and articles addressing the Church and Society in light of Holy Scripture. There are 3 copies available. Both books are \$15.00 each. Please pay pastor.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Our New Year's Eve Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Close out the old year and welcome the new with worship and praise to our Triune God and partaking of our Lord's Supper and a hymn sing afterward.

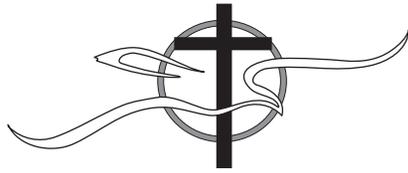


**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2020 church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

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### **MID-WEEK ADVENT:**

This past Wednesday 30 members attended our first mid-week Advent service and heard about "A Birth of Impossible Hope." Come this Wednesday to worship our "coming" Lord and Savior. Our Mid-week Advent Series is entitled: Three Impossible Births.



Dec 11 – A Birth of Impossible Laughter (Pastor David Ude)

Dec 18 – A Birth of Impossible Deliverance (Pastor Rob Sauers)

We pray your Advent worship prepares you for your Christmas celebration and worship of the Christ-Child.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING:**

Plan to set aside next Sunday to participate in Christmas caroling to the residents of Artisan and Heritage. Come, join us sing praises to our new-born King. Please meet at church by 5:30 p.m.

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** December Calendar & Newsletter

### **IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Schaefer  
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 48 S.S. 8 B. Cl. 23 Advent 1 30

**OFFERINGS** 12/1 & 4 for Unified Budget: \$2,397

### **ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

This annual concert conducted by our Immanuel Lutheran College will be held on Friday, Dec. 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

*or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 Moreover David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!" 38 So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. 41 So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. 43 So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." 48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took*

out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

## Luke 1:46-56

Mary's hymn of praise. Mary breaks forth in praise to the Lord God, her Savior for having called her to this glorified position as mother of the Son of God, the Messiah. Note that she glorifies and praises God for all the wonders, she does not expect glory or praise for herself.

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.*

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)

Sermon Text: **Psalm 34:1-9**

Sermon Theme:

## David invites us to share in the experience of TRUSTING GOD!

*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and*

*be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.*

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#### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We warmly welcome our guests in our Savior's name. What a blessing is it to have you worshipping your Savior-God with us. As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, may it be with hearts of confident trust that the baby in Bethlehem is the promised Messiah---born to live and die for us. He is our Savior, for the battle is the Lord's. Please come and worship your Advent Savior with us again and please sign our guest register as you leave.

#### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Sick Man at the Pool  
Bible Class: The People in David's Life and Yours—Absalom/  
Friends for Hard Times • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Choir • 11:35 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow  
6:30 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship II • 8:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Choir  
11:35 a.m. Church Council • 5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:** The Ladies will be meeting for their Christmas gathering at their monthly meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all ladies to come.