



*Second Sunday
of Advent*

Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

December 7, 2025
Second Week of Advent—Peace

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Prelude

Jennifer Moore

Opening Prayer

Lisa Allen

Song—*Angels We Have Heard On High* #238

Worship Team

Advent Candle Lighting

Lisa Allen

Song—*Hark! the Harold Angels Sing* #240

Worship Team

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 1:1-10 NRSVUE

Lisa Allen

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. **2** Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the Lord has spoken: I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. **3** The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know; my people do not understand. **4** Woe, sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, offspring who do evil, children who act corruptly, who have forsaken the Lord, who have despised the Holy One of Israel, [[who are utterly estranged!]] **5** Why do you seek further beatings? Why do you continue to rebel? The whole head is injured, and the whole heart faint. **6** From the sole of the foot to the head, there is no soundness in it, only bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they have not been drained or bound up or softened with oil. **7** Your country lies desolate; your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners. **8** And daughter Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a shelter in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. **9** If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah. **10** Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Emmanuel, God With Us*

Worship Team

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ 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.' "

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ 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? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ "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. ¹² 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."

Today's Message:

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Holy Water*

Worship Team

Holy Communion

Pastor David Roderick

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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. Amen**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Doxology #95

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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Welcome—On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all.

Angel Tree Ministries

We have an opportunity to serve 21 children in Madison County this year through Angel Tree Ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider providing a gift for children on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season. Gift tags are available on the small tree in the overflow room. If you select a tag, please fill in your tag information on the sign out sheet, gift wrap your items and return them to church along with the tag by December 14 for delivery. Phone Rhonda Grammer with any questions, 618-444-4871.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our next lunch will be on December 19 from 11:00am—1:00pm. As always, there is no cost but donations are appreciated and accepted as you are able. Our thanks to everyone who volunteers their time to help our community. Please bring a friend and join us for fellowship. Our thanks to all the volunteers who help us serve our community.

Immanuel Goes to a Hockey Game

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 19th at 8:15 PM for Hockey Fights Cancer at the RP Lumber Center. Immanuel will participate in the puck drop before the game to honor those fighting cancer, survivors or loved ones lost to cancer. Those individuals will be honored on the ice during a pre-game ceremony. We hope many of you, families, and friends can join us for this event.

Christmas Eve Services

You're invited to celebrate Christmas Eve with us on Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00pm. The service will include candlelight and communion. We hope you will join us!

Christmas Day

If you find yourself without a place to be on Christmas Day, we invite you to join us for lunch. We will be gathering for pizza and fellowship and would love to share a couple of hours of the day with you. Whether you are new, alone, or simply looking for connecting, there is a seat for you. RSVP to Hayden Ellis 618-363-3327.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 12/7—Neil Vollmar, 12/10—Deb Frazier; Karl Larson, 12/12—Jennifer Fowler; Alex Tomaszewski; Michael Tomaszewski

Our Online Calendar can be accessed at any time by following this link: <https://73818207.view-events.com>

Immanuel's Welcoming Inclusion Statement

As we recognize the value in each other, we recognize God. We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. We are called by God to raise the level of hope for those who have been marginalized and singled out for exclusion, including our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly be open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

Prayer/Praise Ministry

- Pat Boudreau, sister of Penny May and Dale Fellhauer, awaiting test results.
- Kimberly Buckley, daughter of Linda & Larry Duckworth, needs prayers for emotional support.
- Emily Spitze and family, for the recent passing of her step-father Gary Ramey.
- Prayer of healing for Shelley Duncan, cousin of Sheila Page.
- Brandy Page, daughter of Sheila Page, prayers for continued healing.
- Barb Mindak diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.
- Ann Pugh fighting brain cancer.
- Maryrose Donnelly, mother of Jules Donnelly, who was diagnosed with cancer.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who was diagnosed with cancer.

To add someone to the prayer list fill out the bulletin slip or contact the church office.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 7	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday, December 8	7:15 pm	AA
Thursday, December 11	12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	United Women in Faith—Journey's Inn Head Start Parent Meetings—Fellowship Hall PFLAG Meeting—Journey's Inn
Saturday, December 13	All Day	Kitchen, Journey's Inn, Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday, December 14	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Lisa Allen

Greeter (s): Gary & Sharon Koenig

Soundboard: Keith Housewright

Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Sarah Woods

Greeter (s): Jill Winte

Soundboard: Matt Martell

Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis



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**Song #1—Angels We Have Heard on High
#238**

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on vended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Song #2—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
#240**

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth
Born to give us second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Song #3—Emmanuel, God With Us

Go tell it on the mountain
The one that we've been waiting for
The King of our salvation
Born on this day, our savior Christ the Lord

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
That we can be forgiven
The weight of all our sin He came to bear

Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain
Humbly in a manger lay
Mercy sent from Heaven
The angels fill the sky with highest praise

Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain
This baby born of virgin birth
The ruler of all nations
The Glory of our God has come to earth

Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
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Song #4—Holy Water

God, I'm on my knees again
God, I'm begging please again
I need you
Oh, I need you

Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need you
Oh, I need you

Your forgiveness is like sweet,
Sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin

Dead man walking, slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need you
Oh, God, I need you

So take me to the riverside
Take me under, baptize
I need you
Oh, I need you

Your forgiveness is like sweet,
Sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin

Doxology—#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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