

***Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;
and in that day the Light shall be great. Hallelujah!***

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2nd Week in Advent
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*' Jesse Tree' Service Two***

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *"Come, Thou long-Expected Jesus"* 338

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy People free;
From the 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.

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.

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesse Tree Litany:

P: The Jesse Tree, Christ's family tree C: *Points the way to Jesus for you and me!*

P: From Eden down to Calvary, C: *Our loving Savior sets us free!*

P: The promise is for all to see! C: *And points the way to Jesus for you and me!*

Confession and Absolution:

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 Risen Son, our Lord, 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 the Risen Lord and Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalmody: Psalm 16

P: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. C: *I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have*

no good part in You."

P: As for the saints in the land, they are excellent ones, C: *In whom is all my delight.*

P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; C: *You, hold my lot.*

P: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; C: *Indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; C: *In the night my heart also instructs me.*

P: I have set the Lord always before me; C: *Because He is at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.*

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices: C: *My flesh also dwells secure.*

P: You make known to me the path of life; C: *In Your presence there is fullness of joy;*

P: At Your right hand C: *Are pleasures forevermore.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.*

P: The Lord be with you! C: *And also with you!*

Let us pray together:

Dear God, You gave a Promise True, Of One who would make all things new! Who would be wise and strong and good, Who sees the heart as only He could! Bring us Lord to always see, the loving hope that's made to be. The blessing that You give freely, In His own name we ask this of Thee. Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 357 vs. 1, 5

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lone-ly exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David, come. And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that
leads on high, And close the path to misery! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

Reader 7: And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. **Genesis 22:6-8**

(Ornament- Ram)

Recitation:

God's promise of a son came true!
This joy—through Isaac—Sarah knew.
This boy—this gift—for Abraham
Was saved by God, who sent a ram.

Song: *“O Jesse Tree”*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
Through Abr'am's line came sacrifice;
But it was God who paid the price!
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord 352 vs. 1, 3*

Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept His word.
And at last to us did send Christ the sinner's help and friend

Abram's promised great reward, Zion' helper, Jacob's Lord
Him of two-fold race behold Truly came as long foretold.

Reading 8: Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. *Genesis 28:10–14*

(Ornament- Ladder)

Recitation:

Now Jacob always liked to scheme!
But far from home, he had a dream.
Though Jacob had to hide and flee,
He'd have a mighty fam'ly tree!

Song: “*O Jesse Tree*”

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*When Jacob’s planning fell apart,
God granted him a brand-new start.*
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Reading 9: And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. *Ruth 1:15–16*

(Ornament- You Have a Redeemer)

Recitation:

At first, Ruth didn’t know the Word.
But through her marriage, she had heard
About the Lord, the one true God,
And in His ways, through life, she trod.

Song: “*O Jesse Tree*”

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*God helped Ruth follow faithfully;
She’s now part of Christ’s family!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Hymn: “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” *LSB 361:1–2*

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

Jesse was blessed by God the Lord, He was given eight strong boys
Samuel came to anoint the one To be His people’s King
David was God’s own chosen To be the one to bring
To bring the One from his own line The Savior, Mighty King!

Reading 10: The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons. . . . And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. *1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13*

(Ornament: Crown)

Recitation:

This David, shepherd, lowly boy,
Was blessed by God to sing with joy!
He ruled, he conquered—he still sinned—
But God still loved him to the end.

Song: “*O Jesse Tree*”

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
*Though Jesse’s son was frail and small,
His offspring would be King of all!*
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

Confession of Faith: *Apostle’s 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.

Hymn: “*The God of Abraham Praise*” 798 vs. 1, 3, 9

The God of Abr’ham praise Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest

The God of Abr'ham praise Whose all sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry,
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

Children's Sermon ----- Sermon

Prayers: The families of Corbet, Neil, Nancy and Olivia; Davis, Rob, Christine, Logan, Veronica, Angus and TJ; and DeBaillie, Ben, Amanda, Owen, Hallie, Nolan and Easton.

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 glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Closing Hymn: "The Advent of our King" 331 vs. 3, 4, 5

O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King
Nor let your faithless hearts despise The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

Closing Prayer: *Father in heaven, You sent Your Son – the Son of Adam, of Jesse, of David. You promised a Messiah through a special family tree. Thank You for making us all sons and daughters in your family through our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen*

Closing Litany:

P: The Jesse Tree – Christ's family tree C: Points us the way to Jesus for you and me!

P: The Promise Lord was sent to earth C: He came to us by miracle Birth

P: He was the hope, the gift, the One C: He was from God, His only Son.

P: The Promised Lord for you and me C: Who came to earth for all to see.

P: How God accomplished what He declared C: So we could be the ones who shared

P: The message of the Jesse Tree C: The message of Christ's family tree!

Benediction