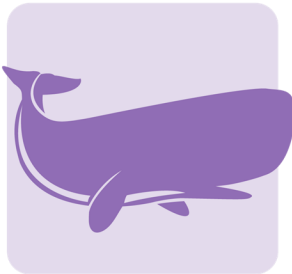
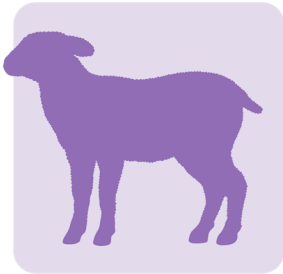


Illustrations



of
Immanuel

December 10, 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

December 10th, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Dan Barthels

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Revelation 22:8-15

⁸ Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ Then he said to me, "See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." ¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. ¹¹ "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." ¹² "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, the First and the Last." ¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#58:1,4,5 O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

p Let us confess our sins.

- all** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen
- p** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- c** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**
- p** Let us pray . . . O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE WORD

John 1:28-37 ²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹ "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." ³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

PSALM

Psalm 118:19-29

- P Open to me the gates of righteousness;
C **I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.**
P This is the gate of the LORD,
C **Through which the righteous shall enter.**
P I will praise You, For You have answered me,
C **And have become my salvation.**
P The stone *which* the builders rejected
C **Has become the chief cornerstone.**
P This was the LORD'S doing;
C **It is marvelous in our eyes.**
P This is the day the LORD has made;
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**
P Save now, I pray, O LORD;
C **O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.**
P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
C **We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.**
P God is the LORD, And He has given us light;

- C Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
- P You *are* my God, and I will praise You;
- C You *are* my God, I will exalt You.
- P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He* is good!
- C For His mercy *endures* forever.

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

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- P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- P In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

#85:1-4 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

SERMON

Exodus 12:1-13 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² "This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. ³ "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth *day* of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷ 'And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ⁸ 'Then

they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. ⁹ 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire-- its head with its legs and its entrails. ¹⁰ 'You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ 'And thus you shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover. ¹² 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. ¹³ 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMMANUEL

A Chosen Lamb

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Luther's Evening Prayer

All I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

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