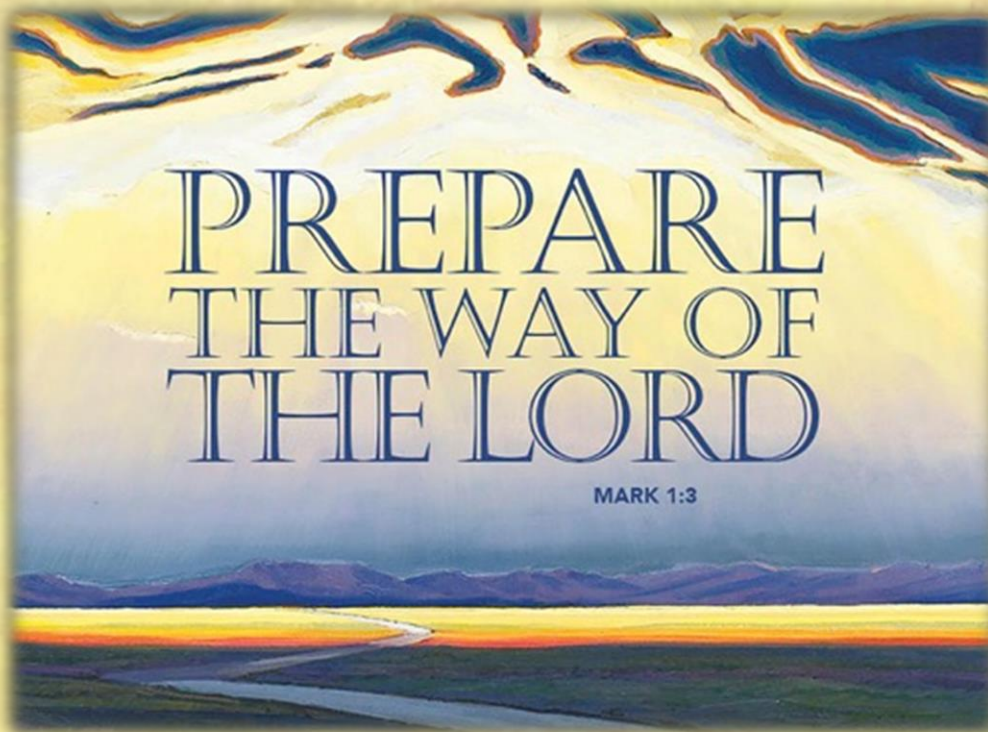


Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran!

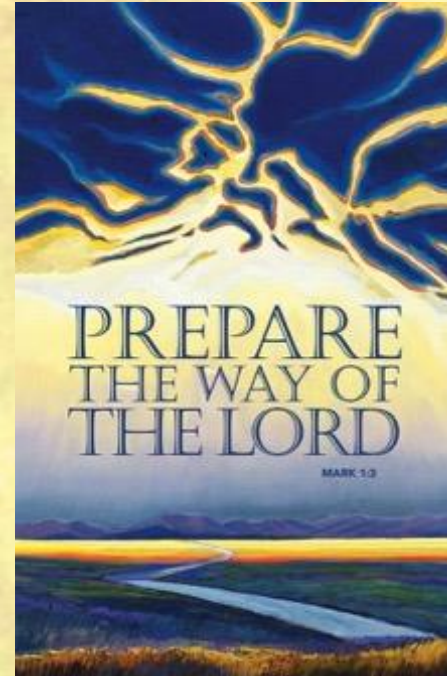


**2nd Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2017
8:30 a.m.**

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Please join in singing:

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**



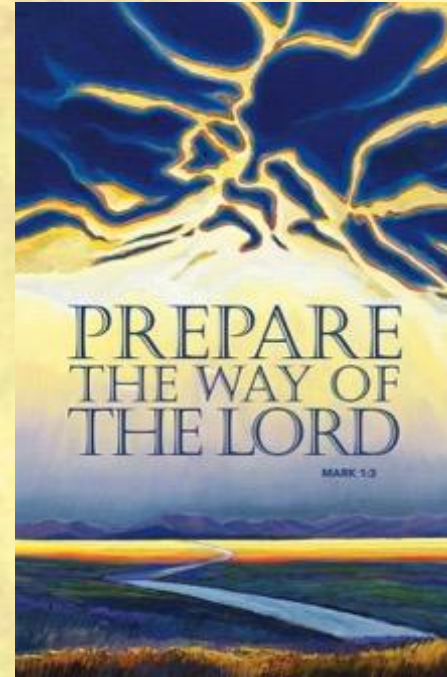
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Lighting of Advent Wreath

God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that we may rejoice in your coming. **Amen.**

Please join in singing:

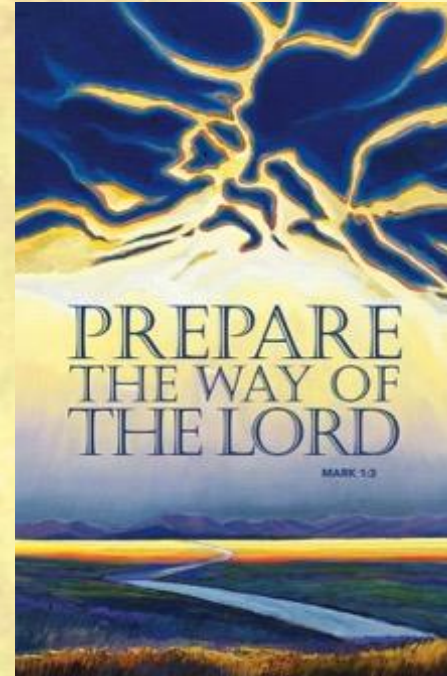
**2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**



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Welcome

- Please take a moment to sign the *Friendship Pads*.
- We will be celebrating *holy communion*. All are welcome.

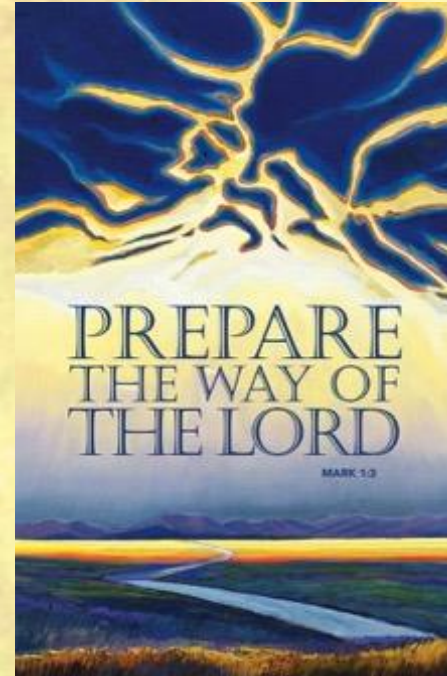


Living in God's Grace as a Neighbor to the World

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the **✝**
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



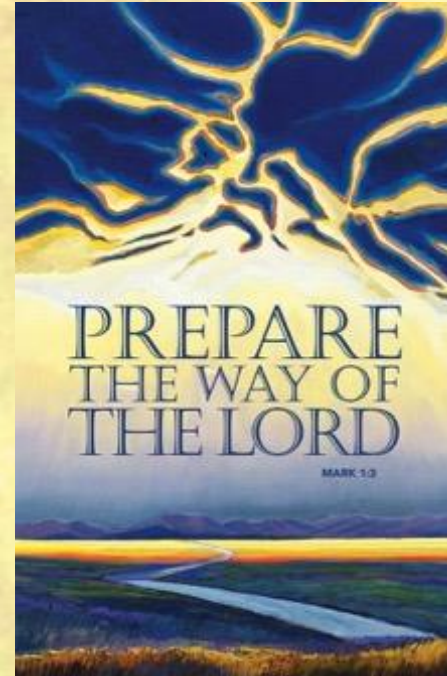
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Confession and Forgiveness

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

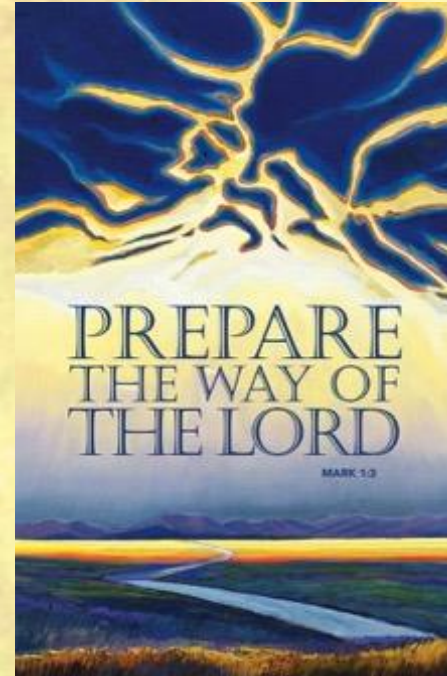


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Confession and Forgiveness

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God. In ✝ Jesus Christ your
sins are forgiven and all things are made
new. Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.



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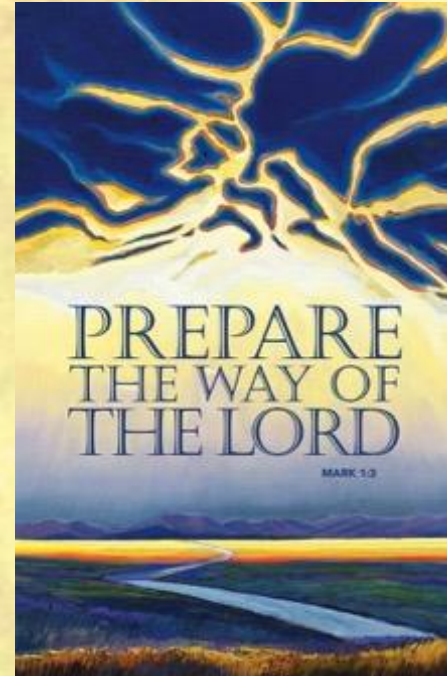
Song of Praise – *ELW 561 v. 1*

Please join in singing:

**Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.**

**Now as daylight shines around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.**

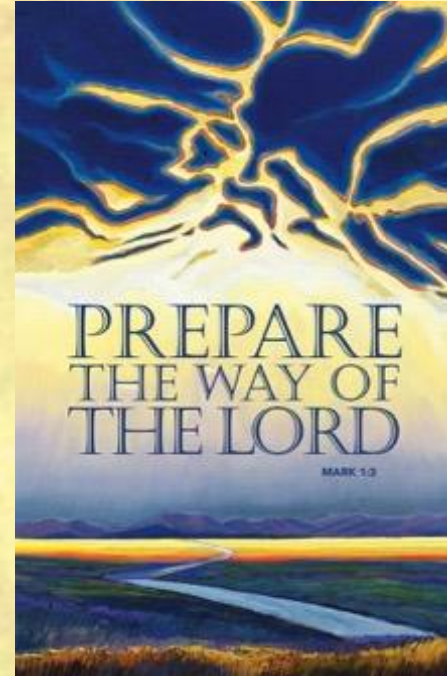
**God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.**



Apostolic Greeting

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

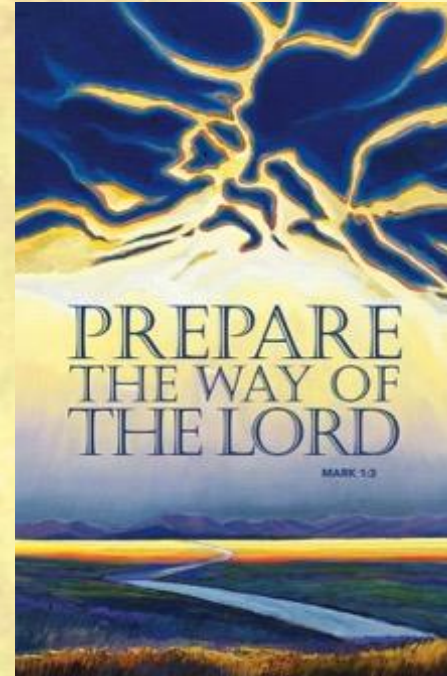
And also with you.



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God,
**to prepare the way of your only Son. By
his coming strengthen us to serve you
with purified lives; through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**



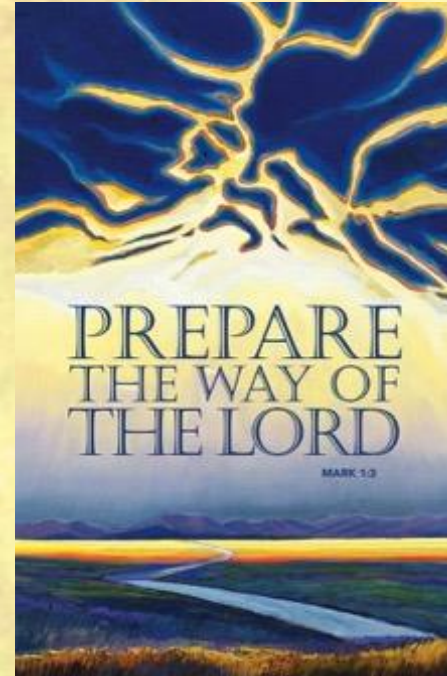
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Song of Praise – *ELW 561 v. 2*

Please join in singing:

**In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.**

**Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.**

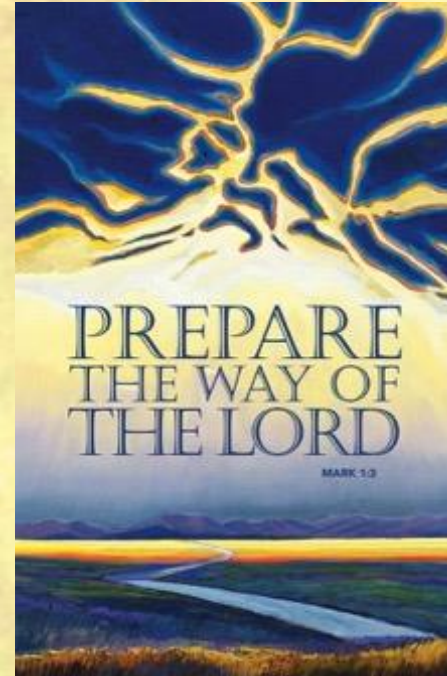


Lessons

1st Lesson – Isaiah 40:1-11

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Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹ You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

² **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Worship leader reads regular print, *congregation responds with* **bold print.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other
- ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and
righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will
yield its increase.
- ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and
shall prepare for God a pathway.**

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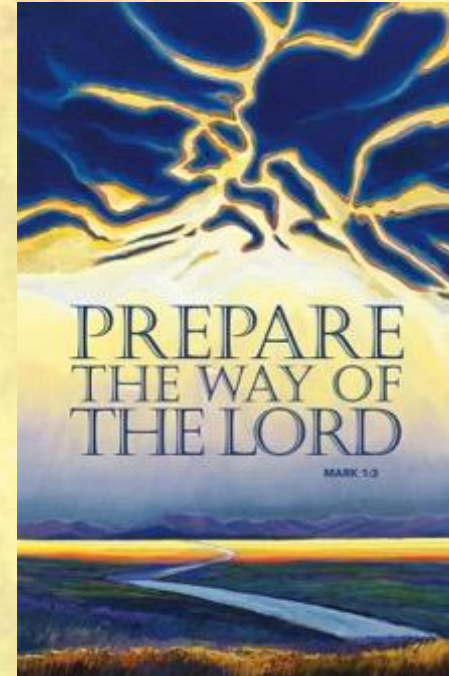
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Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

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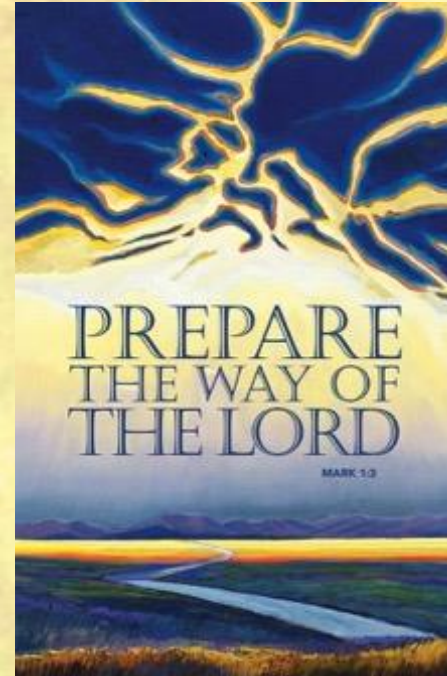


Children's Time

*All those young (and young at heart)
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special time with the Pastor*

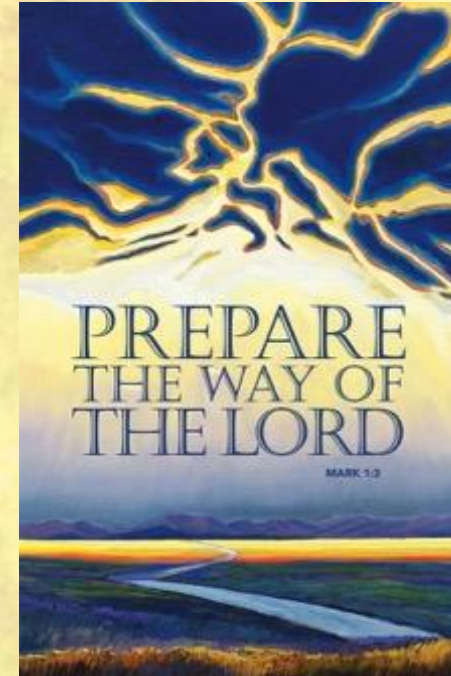
Sermon

“Just the Beginning...”



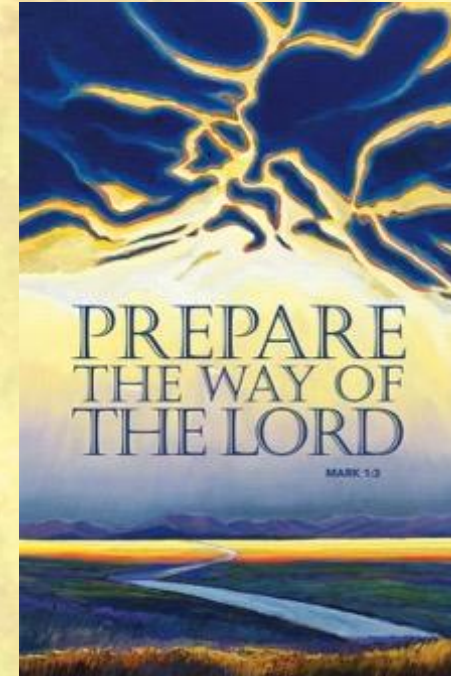
Song of the Day – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” *ELW 256*

- 1 "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.



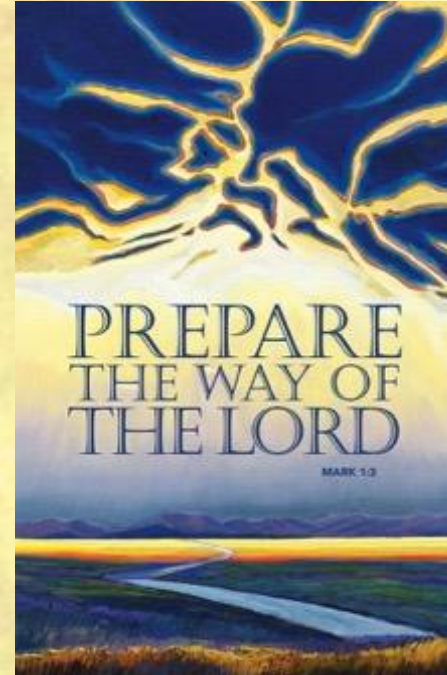
Song of the Day – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” *ELW 256*

2 For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior;
hills, bow down in humble favor.



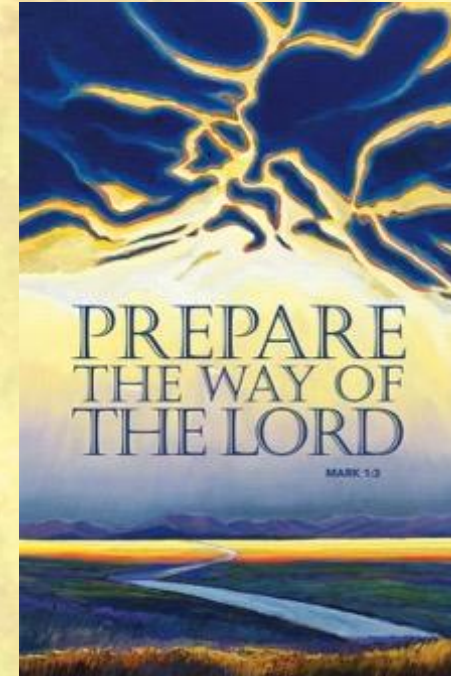
Song of the Day – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” *ELW 256*

3 Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.



Baptism - *Presentation*

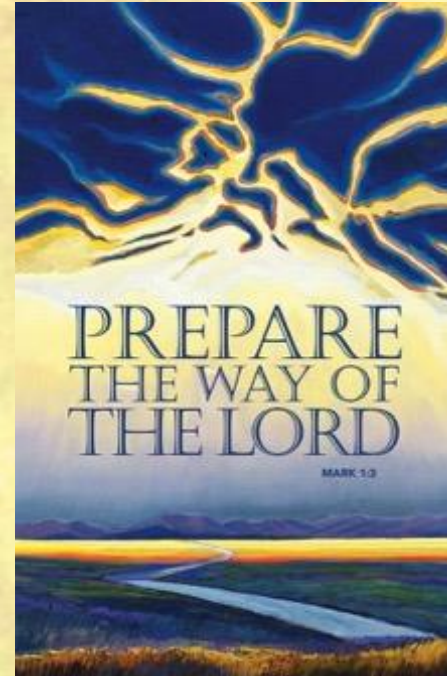
In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.



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Baptism - *Presentation*

Parents and Sponsors: We present
Ryan Thomas for the sacrament
of Holy Baptism.



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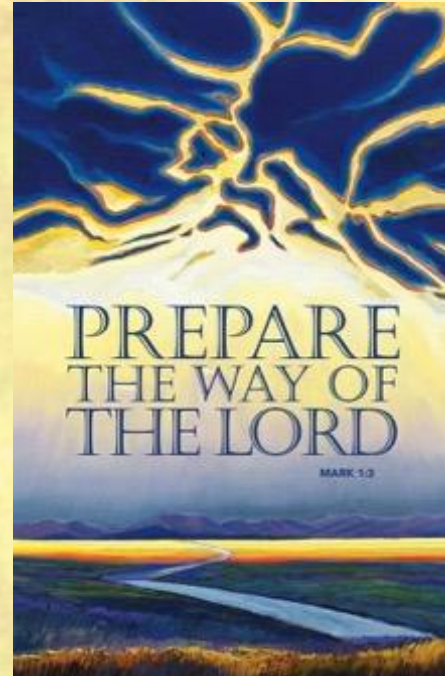
Baptism - *Presentation*

Ryan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Ryan: I do.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, Catherine and Stephen, do you desire Ryan to be baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.



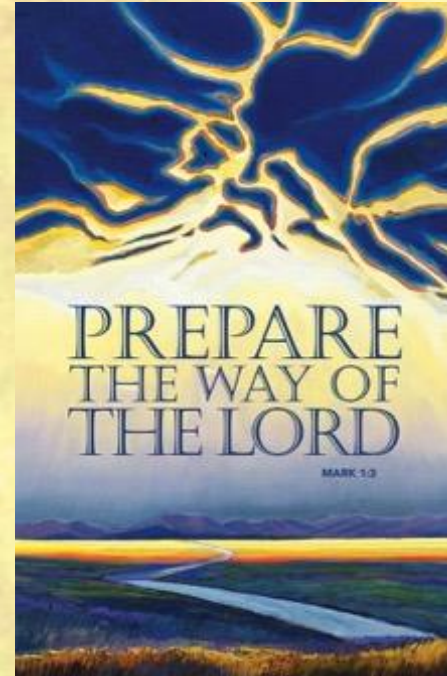
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As you bring Ryan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,

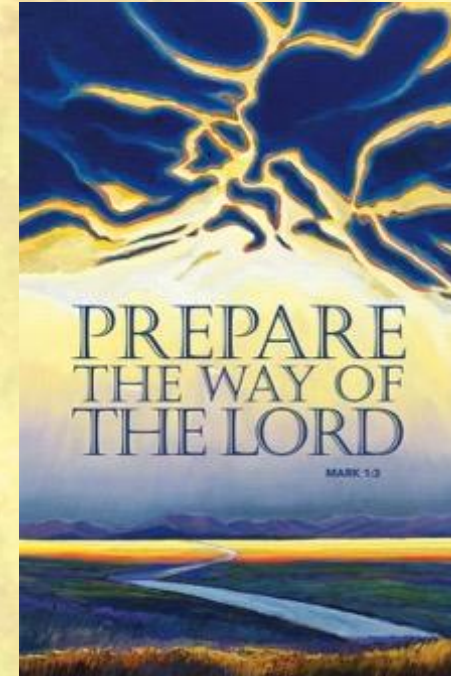
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Baptism - *Presentation*

teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Ryan may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

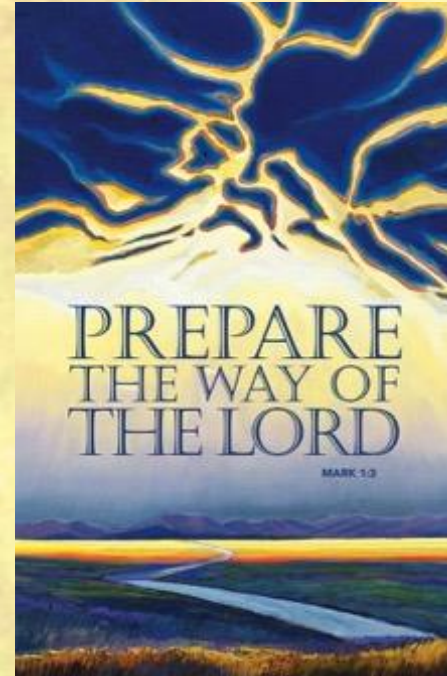


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Catherine and Stephen, do you promise to help Ryan grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

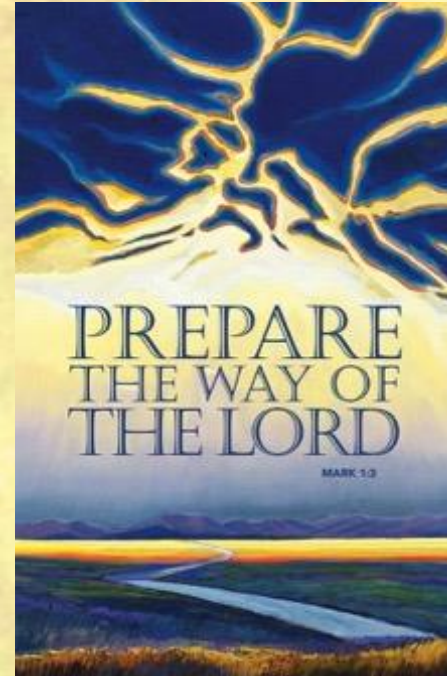


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Mary and Rebecca, as sponsors do you promise to nurture Ryan in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

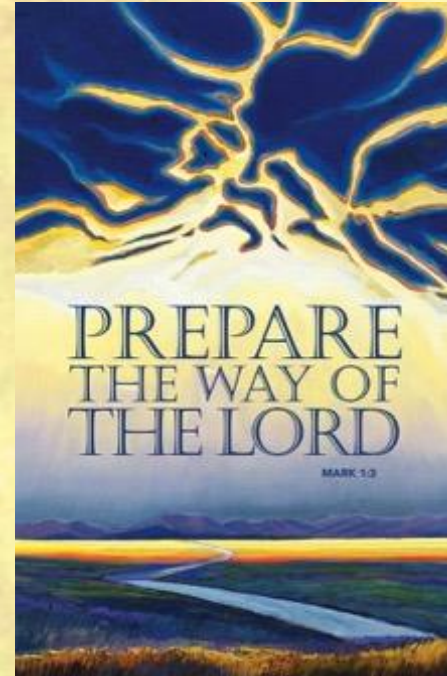


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People of God, do you promise to support Ryan and pray for his new life in Christ?

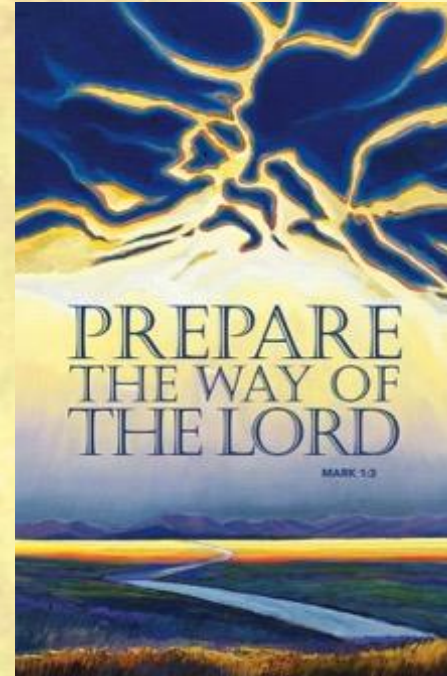
We do.



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Baptism – *Profession of Faith*

Catherine and Stephen, Mary and Rebecca, and Ryan, I ask that you profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.



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Baptism – *Profession of Faith*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Baptismal Party - ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Baptismal Party - ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

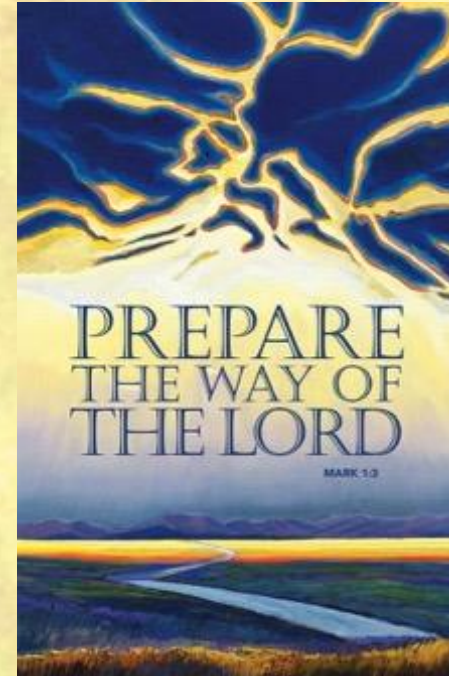
Baptismal Party - ***I renounce them.***

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Baptism – *Profession of Faith*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**



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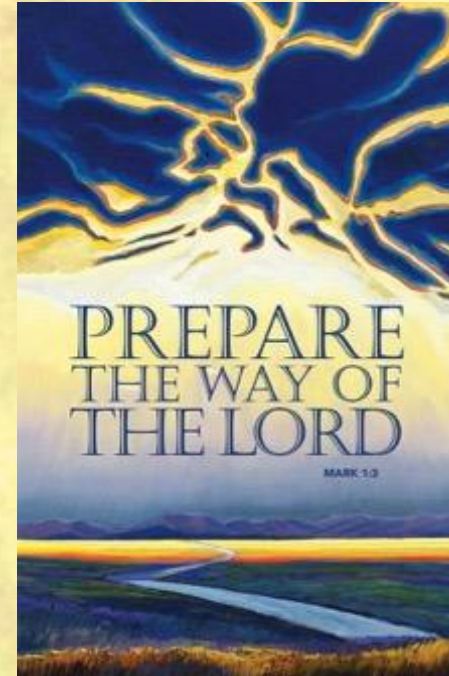
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Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

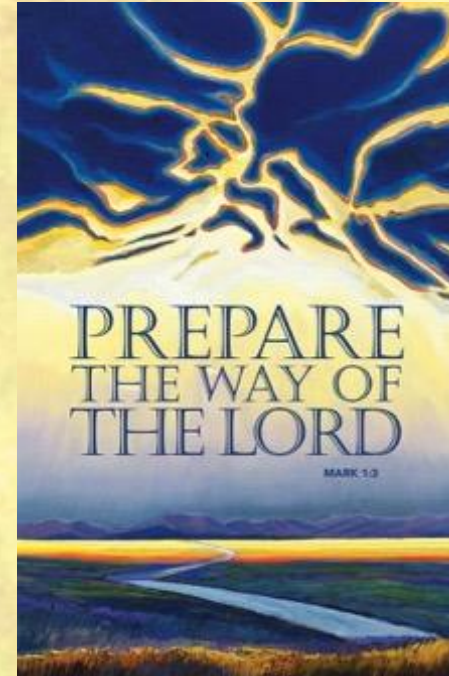
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Baptism – *Profession of Faith*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.



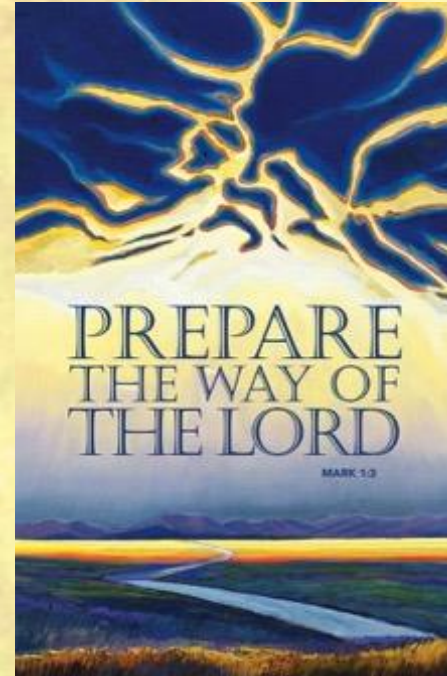
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Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

It is into that faith that we now baptize
Ryan Thomas Gibertini.



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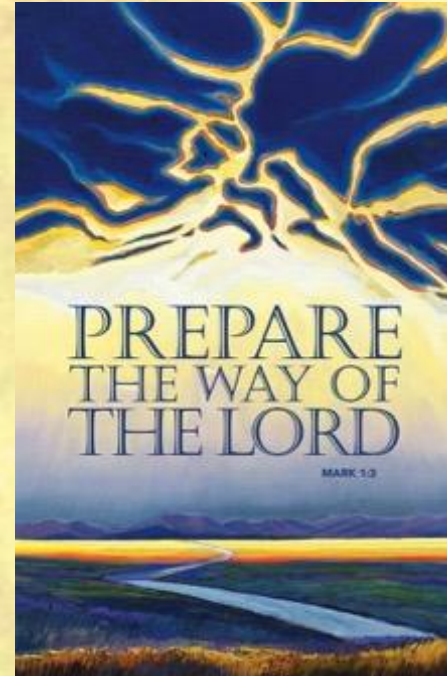
Baptism – *Thanksgiving at the Font*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

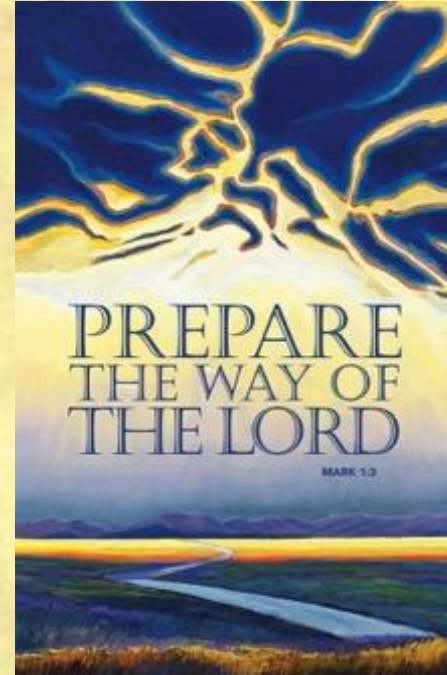


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Baptism – *Thanksgiving at the Font*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

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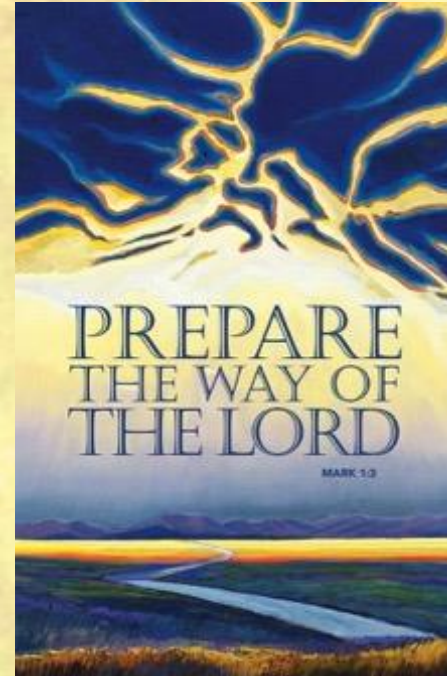


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Baptism – *Thanksgiving at the Font*

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

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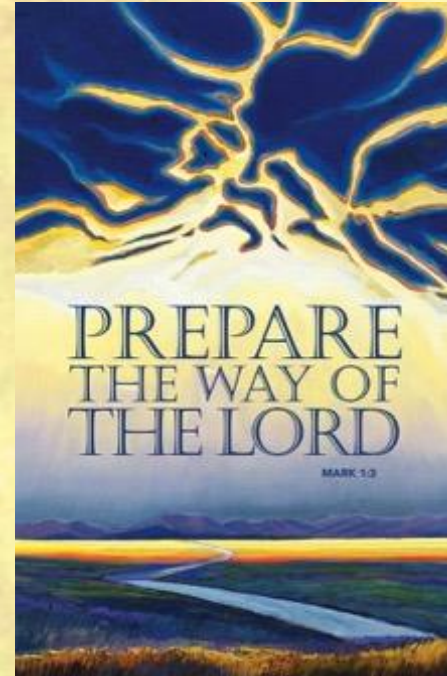


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Baptism – *Thanksgiving at the Font*

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Ryan may be washed in the waters of baptism and given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

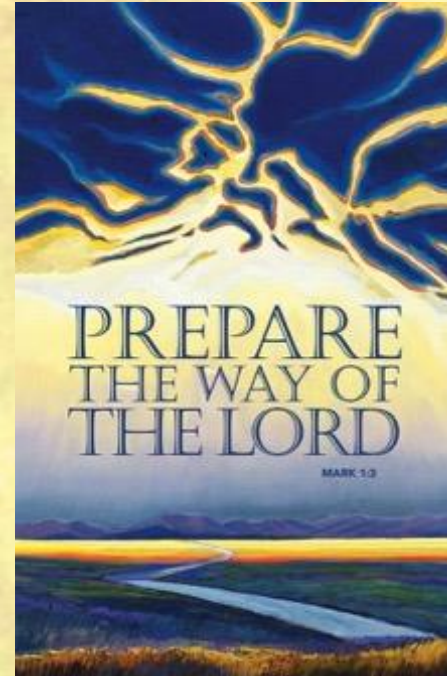


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Baptism

Ryan Thomas, I baptize you in the
name of the Father... and of the Son...
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

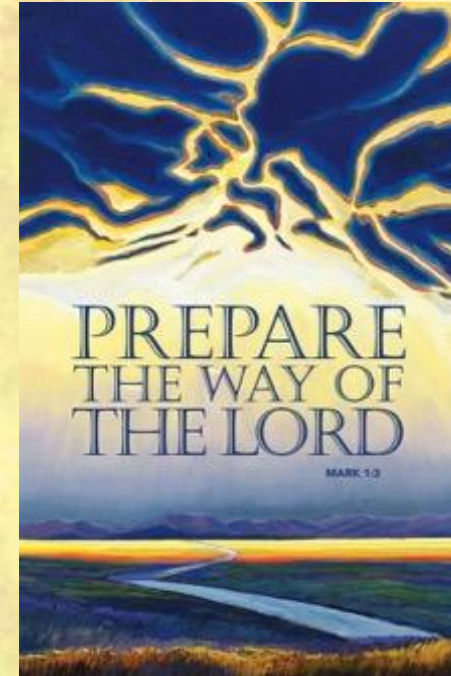


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Baptism

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

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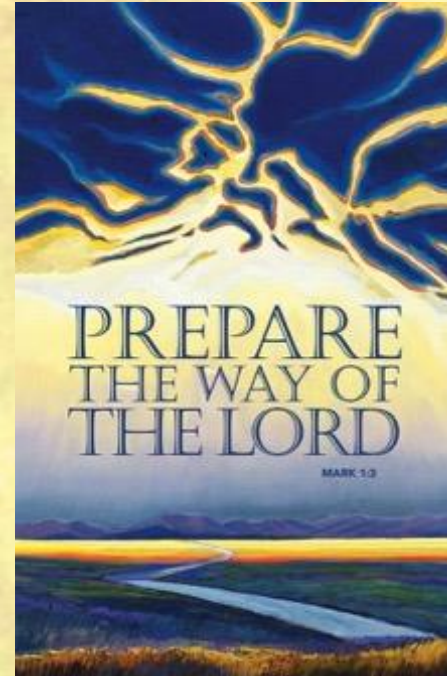


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Baptism

Sustain Ryan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

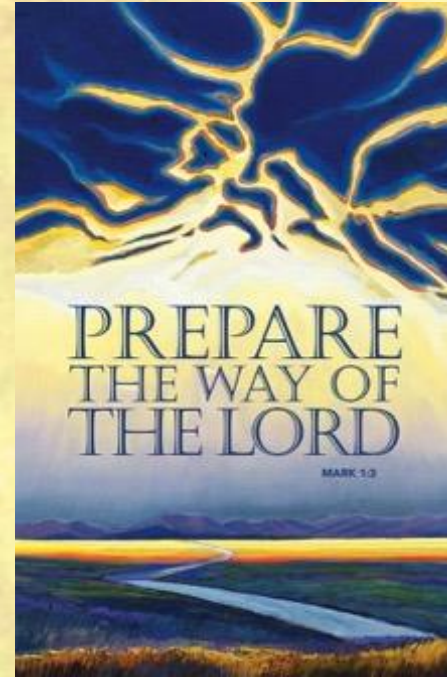


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Baptism

Ryan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

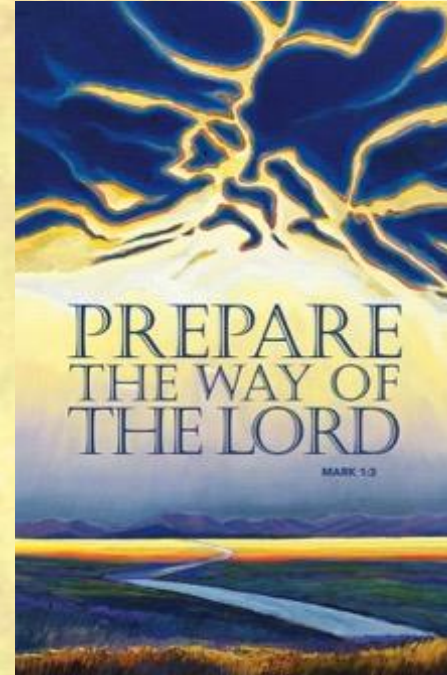


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Baptism - *Welcome*

As the candle is presented:

Ryan, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

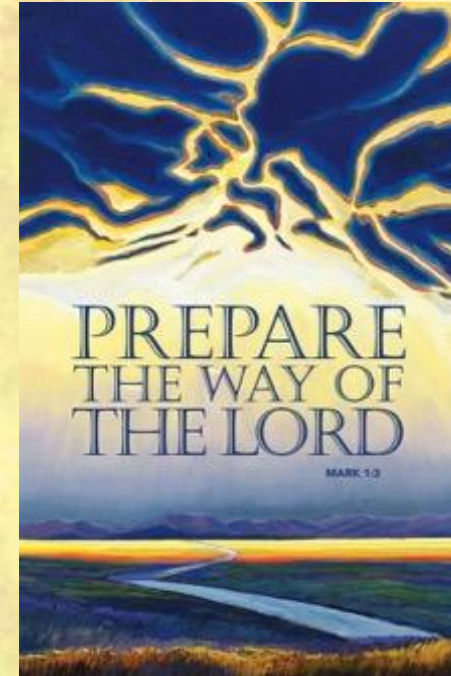


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Baptism - *Welcome*

Let us welcome the newest member of God's kingdom:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



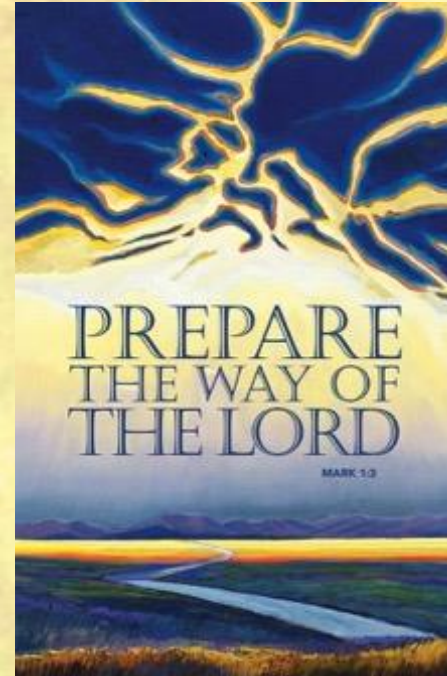
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Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

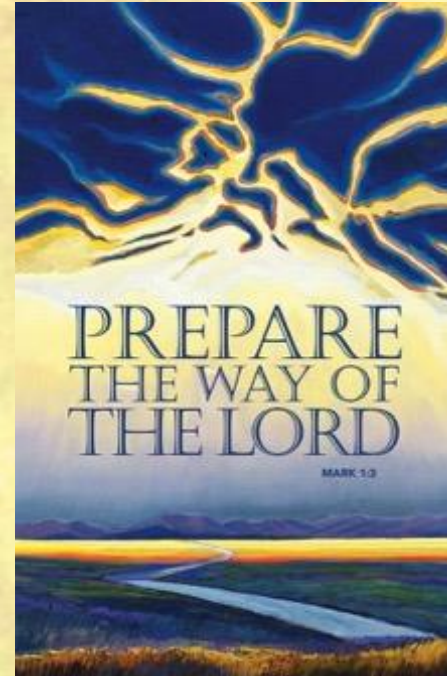
*Please turn to those around you and
share a sign of God's peace.*



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Offering

*We respond to God's grace by offering what God has first given us so that the good news of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed through the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Thank you** for your generous response.*



Offering Song – *“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”*

ELW 247 (v. 1,4)

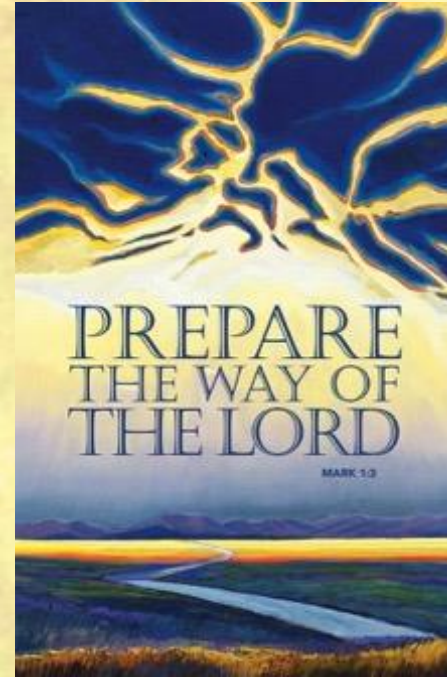
please join in singing...

**Come now, O Prince of peace, make
us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your
people.**

**Come, Hope of unity, make us one
body.**

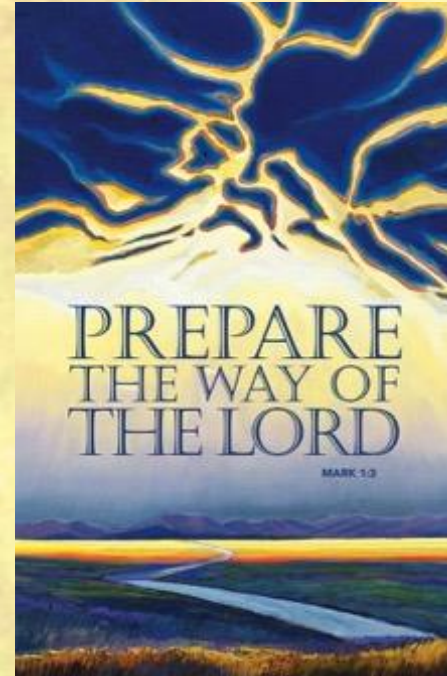
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all
nations.**



Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Savior of the nations, come.

Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.



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Communion

The Lord be with you.

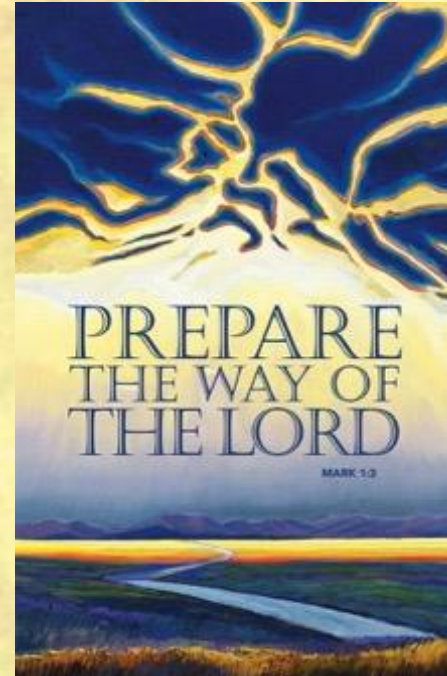
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

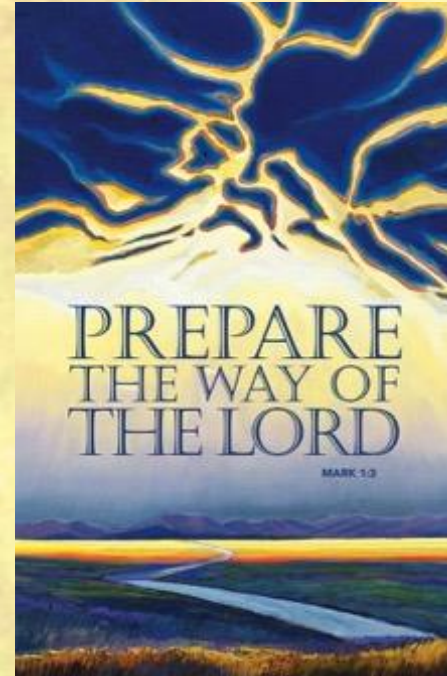


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Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

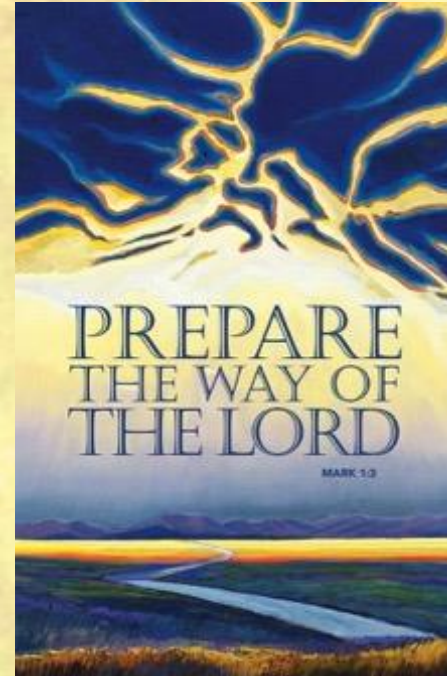


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Communion

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



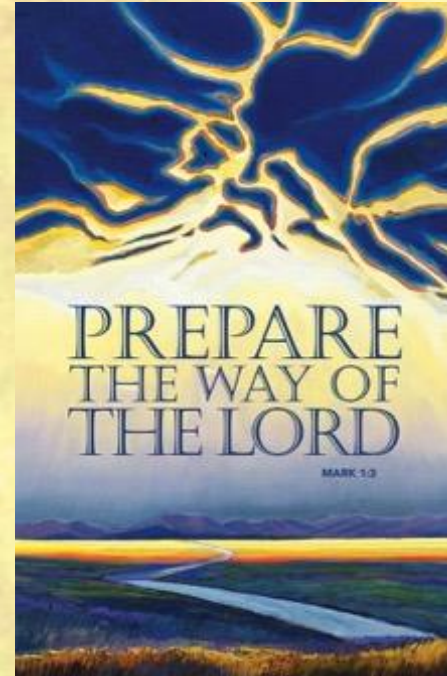
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Communion

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

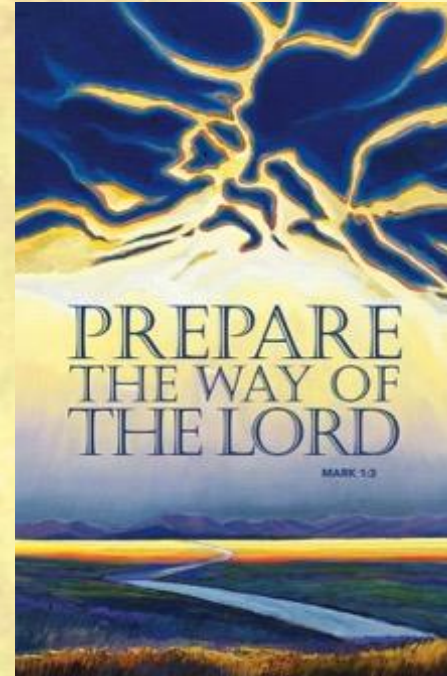
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**



Communion

The table is set. The gifts are ready. Come and receive God's grace.

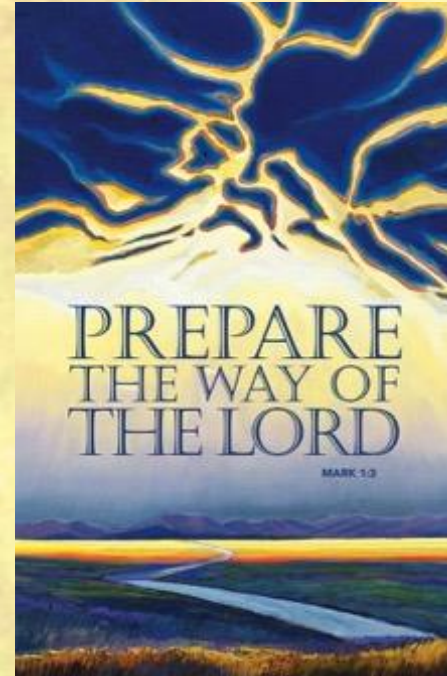


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Communion Distribution

As we receive the bread and cup today, we receive grace upon grace from Jesus: forgiveness, new life and salvation.

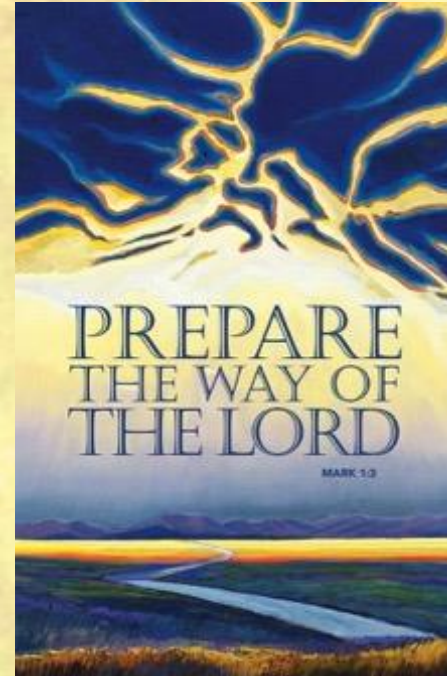
*Come and hold your hands out and receive God's goodness with the holy word of thanks: "**Amen!**"*



Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

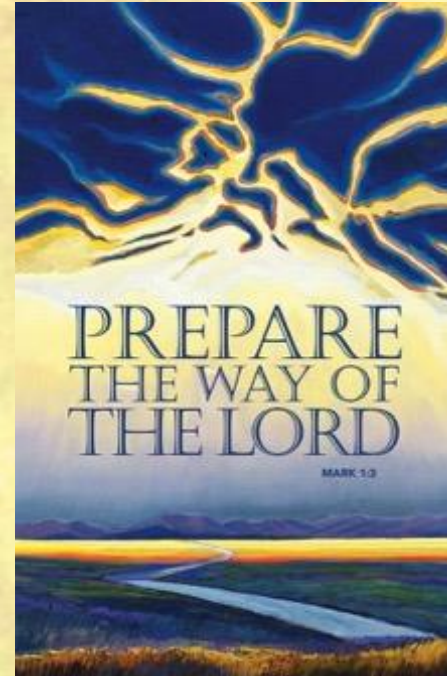
Amen.



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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God for whom we wait,
**you come to us in the broken bread
and the cup we share. Make us ready
always to welcome Christ into our
hearts, and send us forth to be your
people in the world, announcing your
coming among us in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**



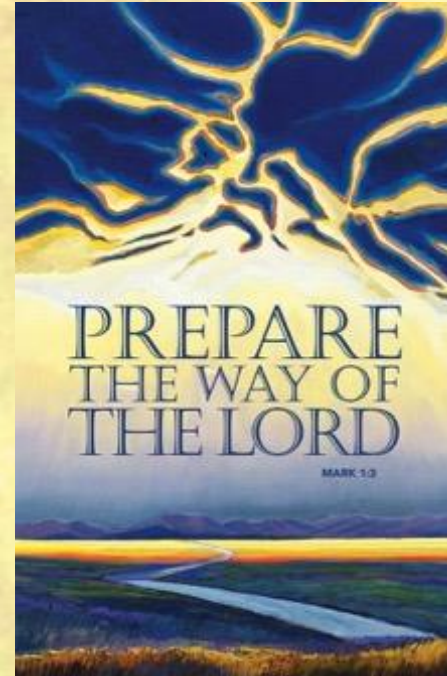
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Communion Song – *ELW 561 v. 3*

Please join in singing:

**You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.**

**Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.**



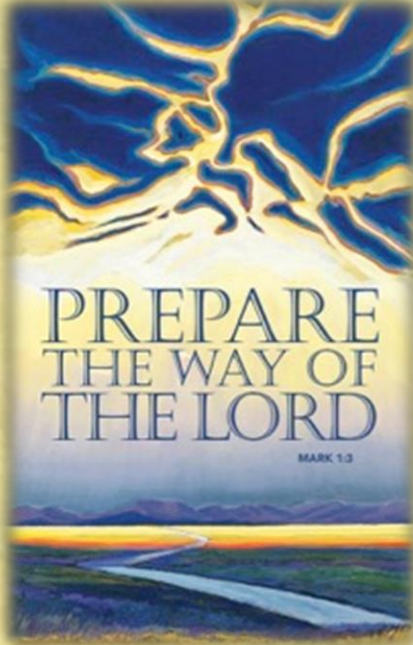
Announcements - *Upcoming Activities*

- **Sunday 12/10/17**
 - 3:30 p.m. - “The Christmasless Gospels” Bible Study @ Immanuel
 - 6:00 p.m. - LYO @ Immanuel
- **Wednesday 12/13/17 –**
 - 6:30 p.m. - “The Christmasless Gospels” Bible Study @ Immanuel
- **Thursday 12/14/17 –** Church Council @ Immanuel, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday 12/15/17 –** Bible Study @ Immanuel, 9:00 a.m.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- **Saturday 12/16/17 –** Breakfast in Bethlehem @ Immanuel, 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday 12/17/17**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First
 - 6:30 p.m. – Confirmation @ Immanuel

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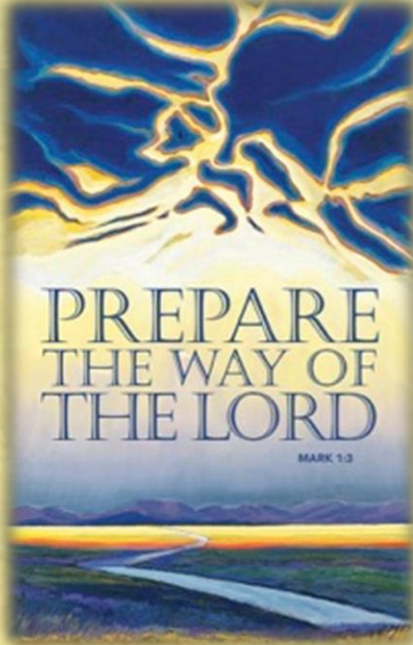
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Advent Tree



- ***Purchase an ornament for your tree or for a loved one***
- ***Each ornament purchased provides a meal for a family in Romania***

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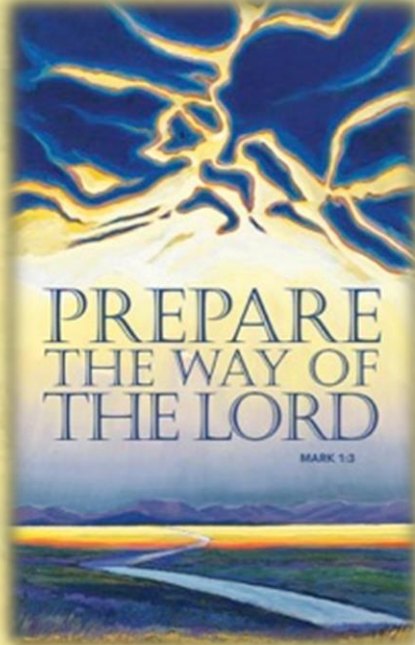
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Noisy Offering

During Advent and Christmas there will be a special “noisy offering.” It will go to offset costs of the Christmas boxes and meals we are providing for families in Romania through Another Child Foundation.

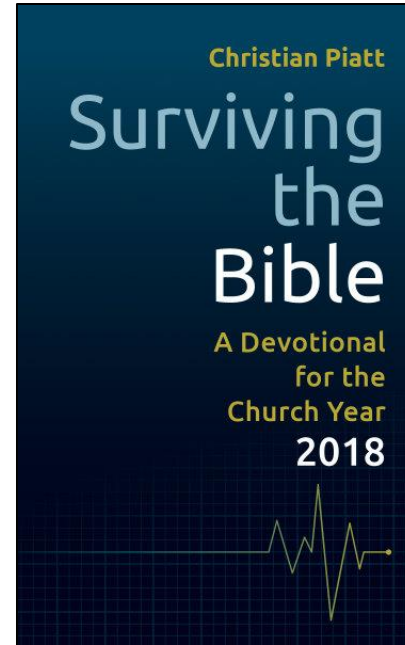


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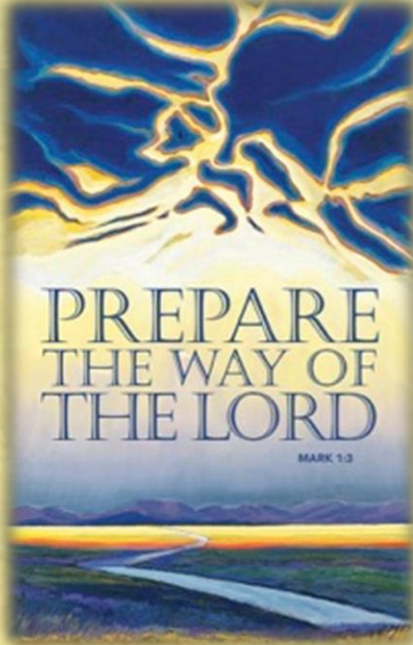
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**Order your
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church year
today!**

*Sign up in the
overflow*

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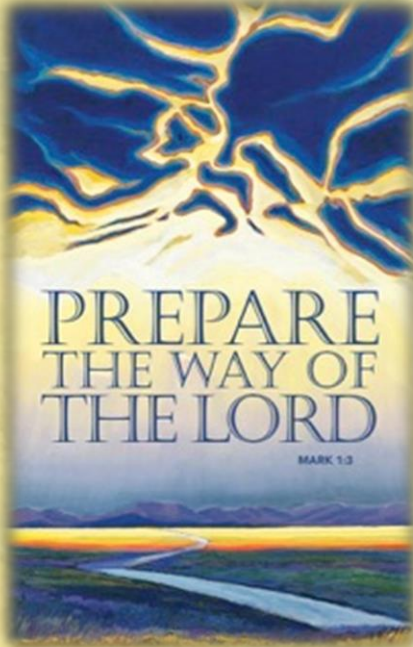
Advent Bible Study **The Christmasless Gospels**

~~**Wednesday, December 6th**
6:30 p.m. @ First~~

Sunday, December 10th
3:30 p.m. @ Immanuel

Wednesday, December 13th
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Breakfast in Bethlehem

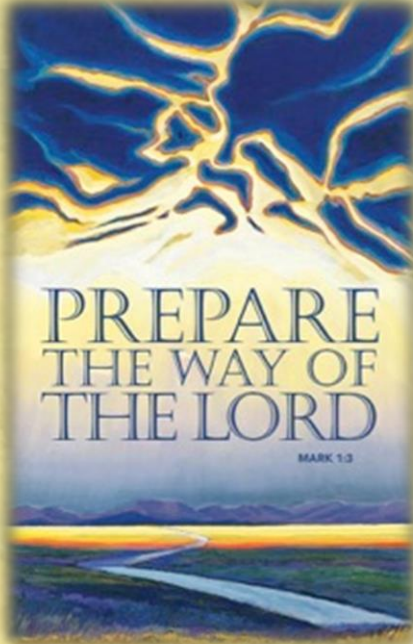


Saturday, December 16th

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

@ Immanuel

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2017 Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

Advent Lessons & Carols

8:30 a.m. – Immanuel

10:30 a.m. – First

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 p.m. – Immanuel

9:00 p.m. – First

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day Worship

10:00 a.m. - Immanuel

Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Concerns



- Members – **Ryan Gibertini** (*baptized today*); **Connie Schlesinger** (*recovering from surgery*); **Ruppert family** at the death of Will Ruppert (*Connie Schlesinger's father*), **Cindy Schlesinger, Hal Schlesinger, Fountain Neal**
- Friends & Family – **Ron Yenerich** (*Connie Williams' brother*); **Hannah York** (*LuAnn Kromm's niece*) **Robert Hornung** (*LuAnn Kromm's brother*)
- Our Leaders - *ELCA Bishop - Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop - Jeffrey Clements; Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish Pastor Jeff Schlesinger*

Are there additional prayer requests?

Benediction

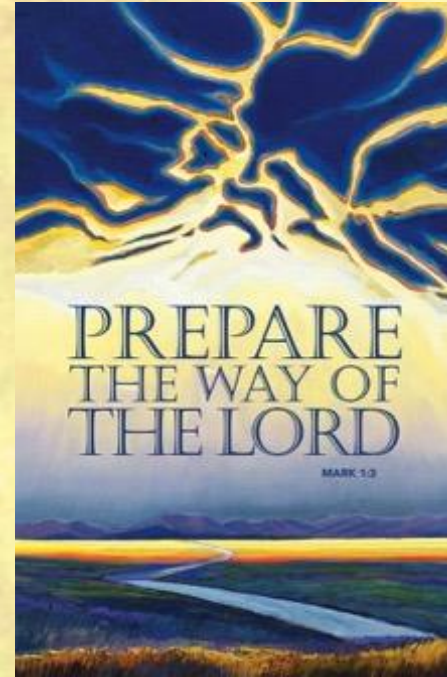
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace
and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace.

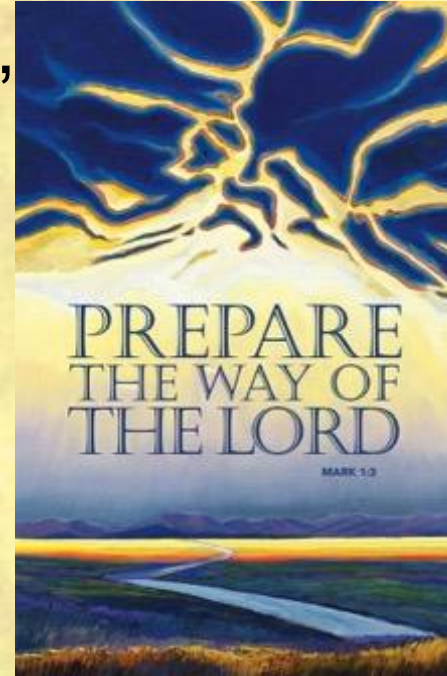
In the name of the Father, and ✠ of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



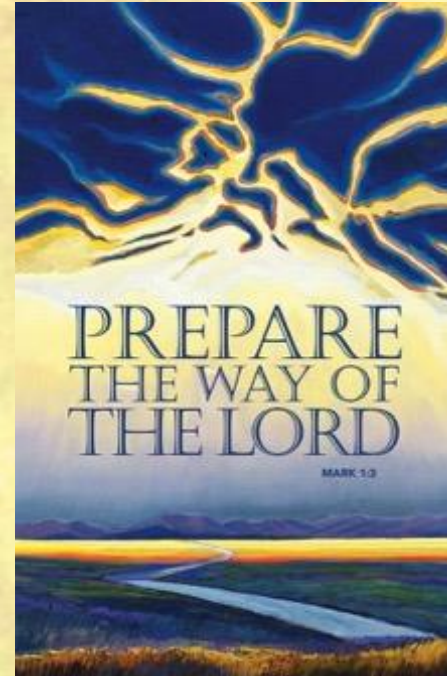
Sending Song – “Hark the Glad Sound!” *ELW* 239

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.



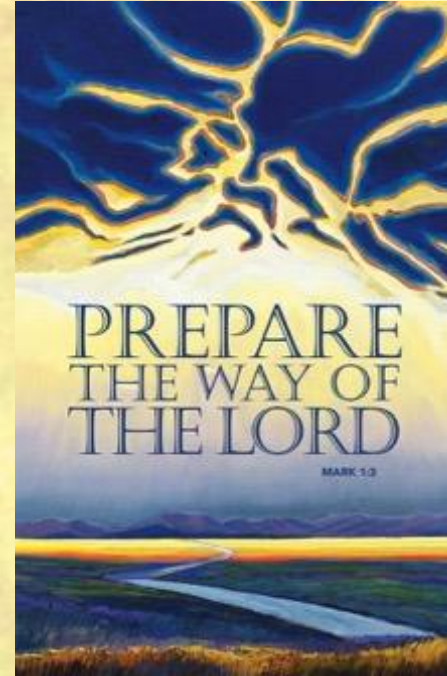
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2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.



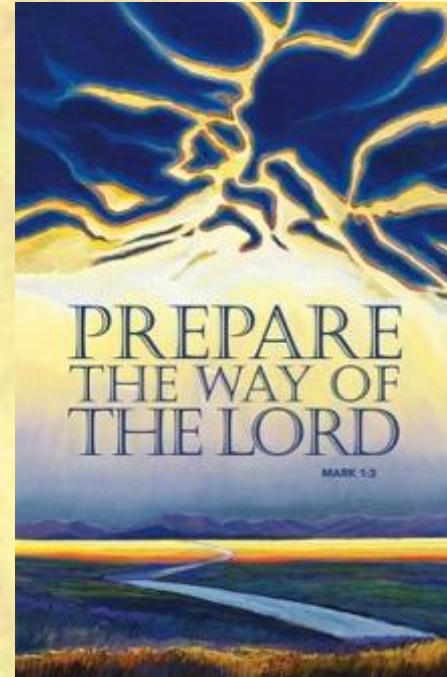
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3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.



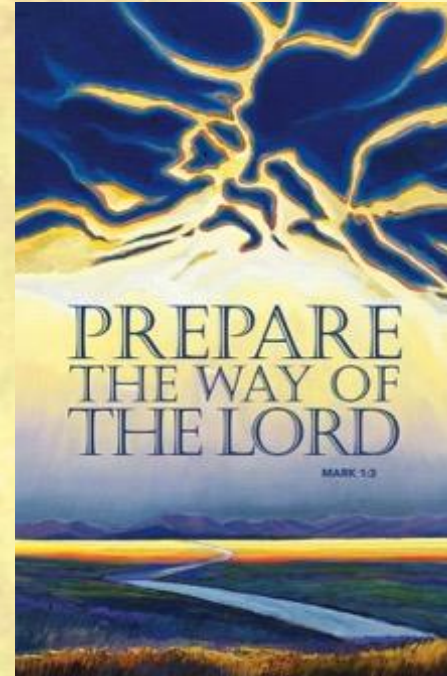
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4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



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