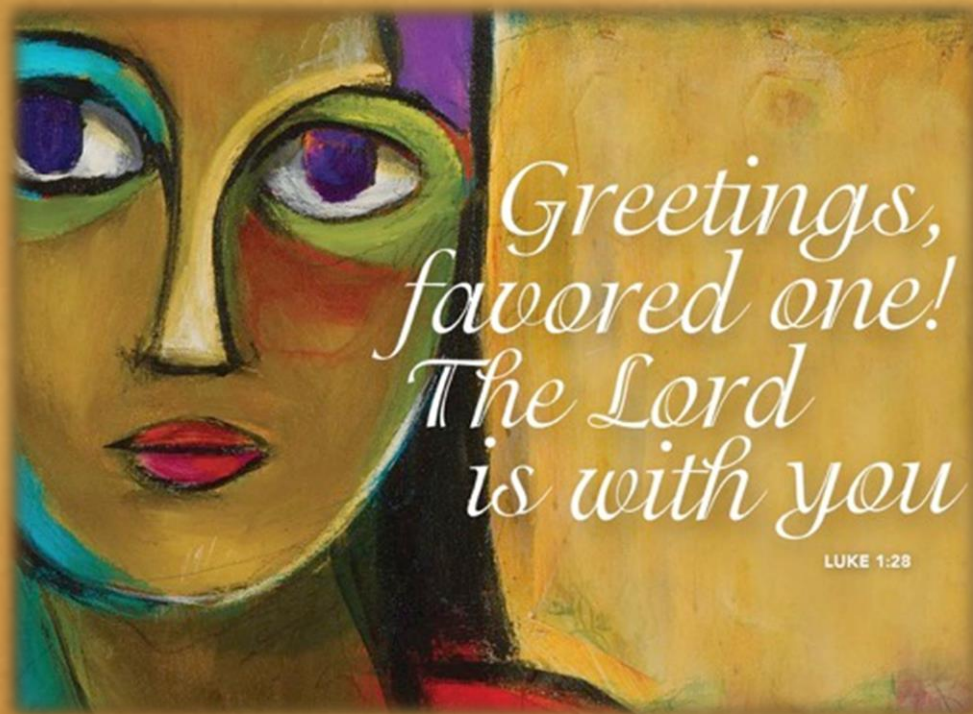


*Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran!*

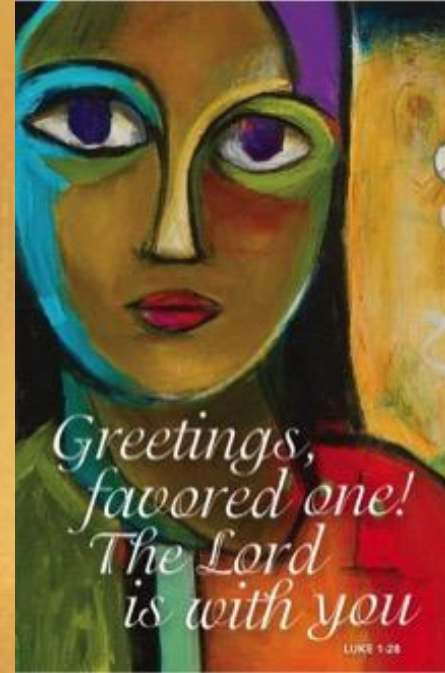


**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2017  
8:30 a.m.**

# 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.**

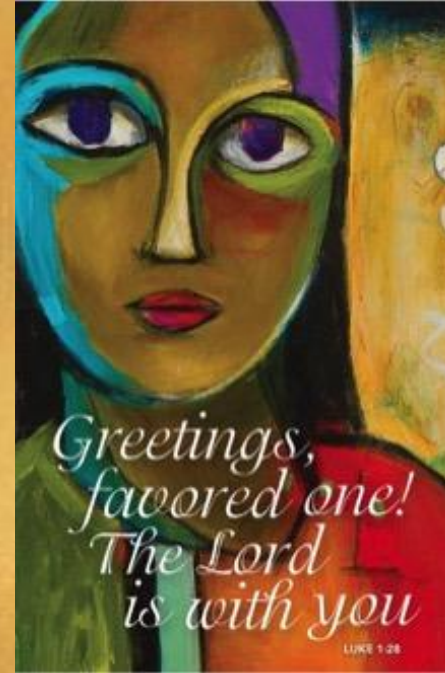


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# Lighting of Advent Wreath

*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.**

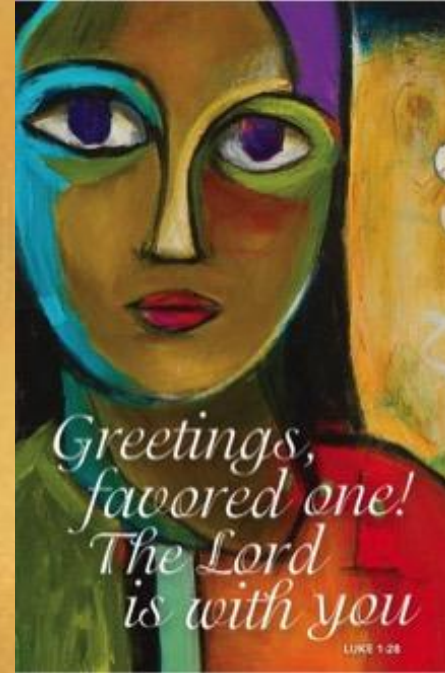


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# Lighting of Advent Wreath

*Please join in singing:*

- 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.**



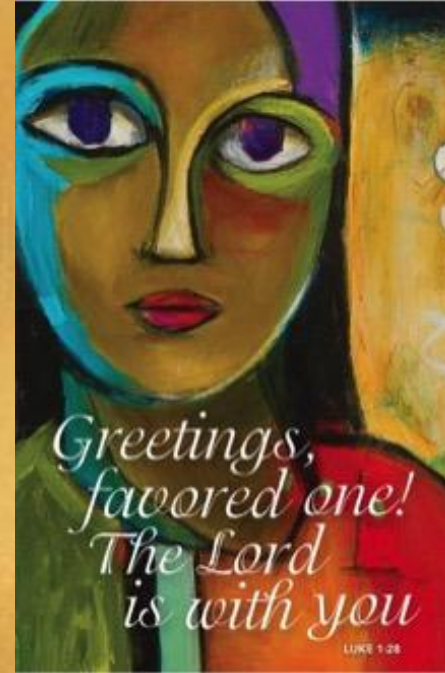
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# Lighting of Advent Wreath

God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in your glorious advent. **Amen.**

*Please join in singing:*

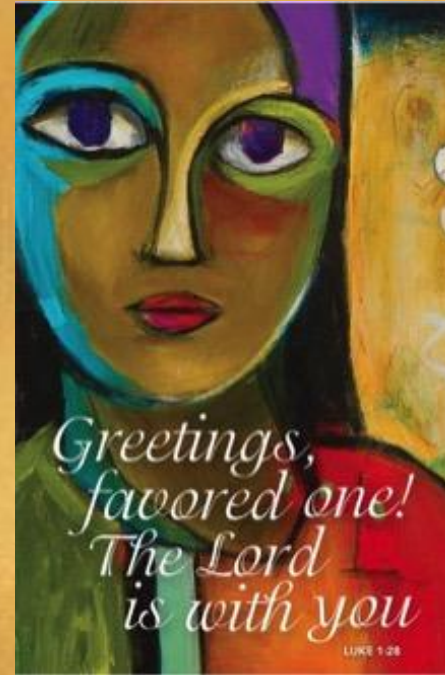
**4 Light four candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let  
your light be shining!**



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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*

# Dialogue

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

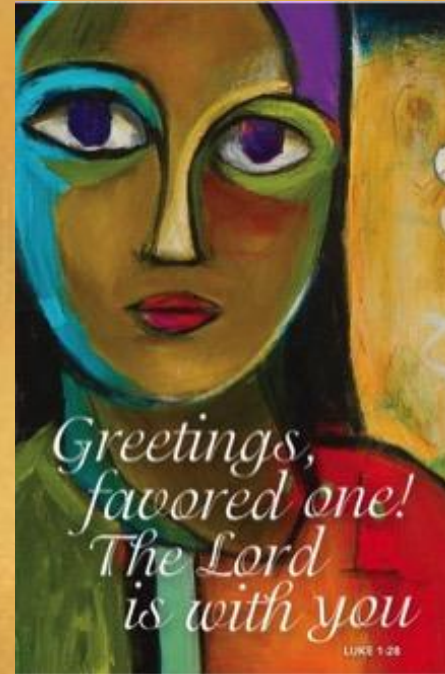
**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

**A voice that speaks for peace.**

Peace for all faithful people

**and those who turn to him in their hearts.**

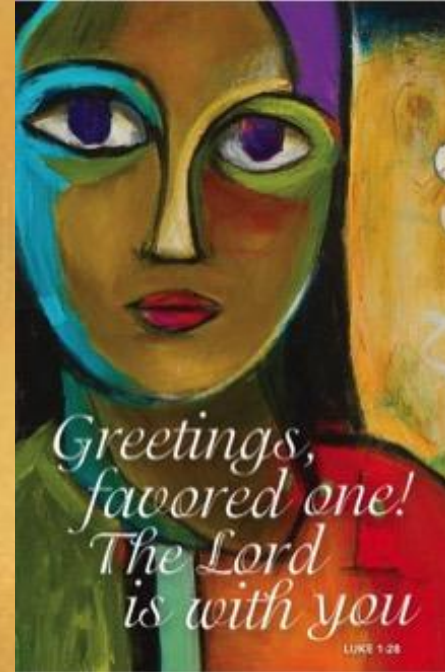


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# Dialogue

God's help is near for those who fear him,  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**  
Blessed is the king who comes in the  
name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the  
highest heaven!**



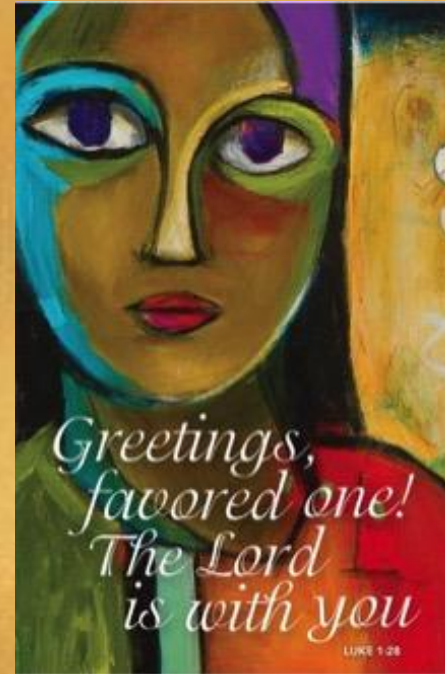
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# Song of Praise – *ELW 561 v. 1*

*Please join in singing:*

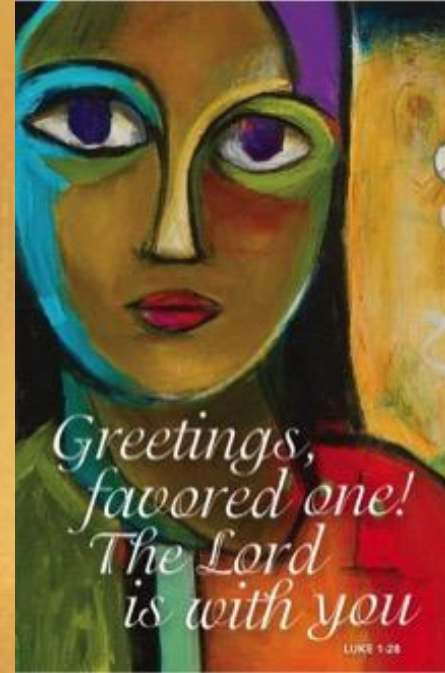
**Joyous light of heav'nly glory,  
loving glow of God's own face,  
you who sing creation's story,  
shine on ev'ry land and race.  
Now as daylight shines around us,  
we shall raise our songs to you.  
God of daybreak, God of shadows,  
come and light our hearts anew.**



# Apostolic Greeting

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

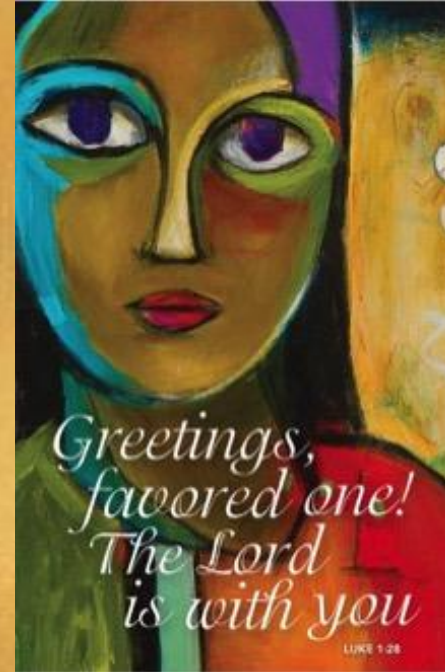
**And also with you.**



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# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God,  
**through the ages you have sent your  
promise to your people in many ways,  
through many voices. But in these last  
days, your Son has come to bring it  
among us in person. Through your  
Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize  
him in his many forms, and to receive  
him as our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

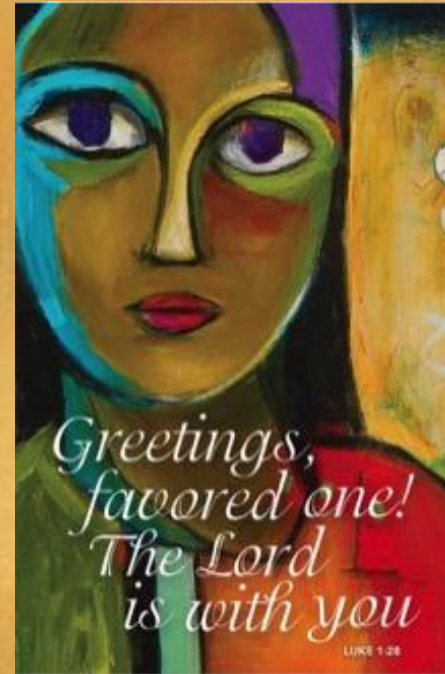


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# Song of Praise – *ELW 561 v. 2*

*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 & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

**Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

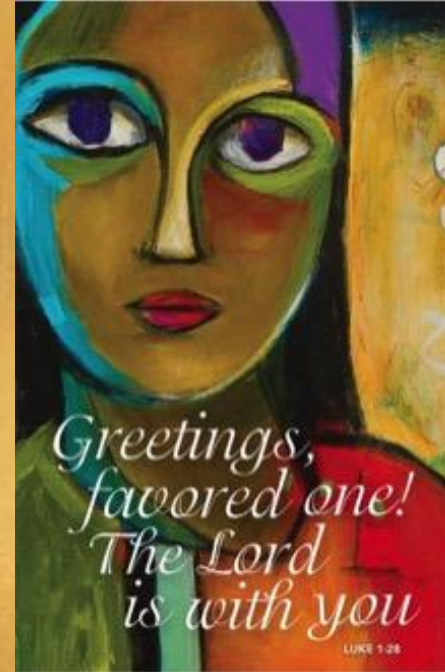
*Antiphon*

*Lesson*

Isaiah 40:3-5

*Carol*

ELW 256 - *Comfort, Comfort Now My  
People*



# Lessons & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

**Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes  
on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

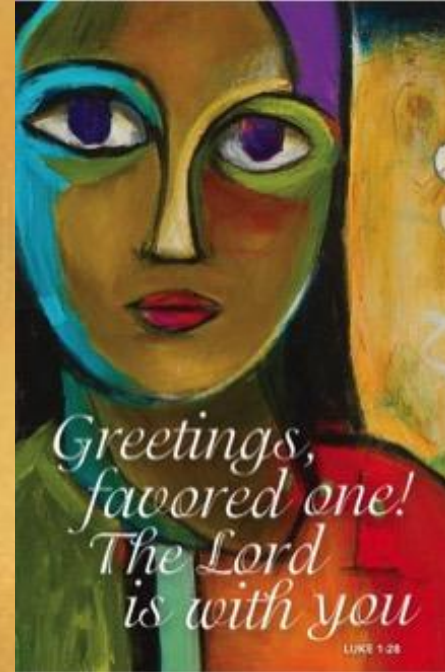
*Antiphon*

*Lesson*

Exodus 6:2-7a

*Carol*

ELW 254 – *Come Thou Long Expected  
Jesus*





# Lessons & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

**Come quickly to deliver us.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

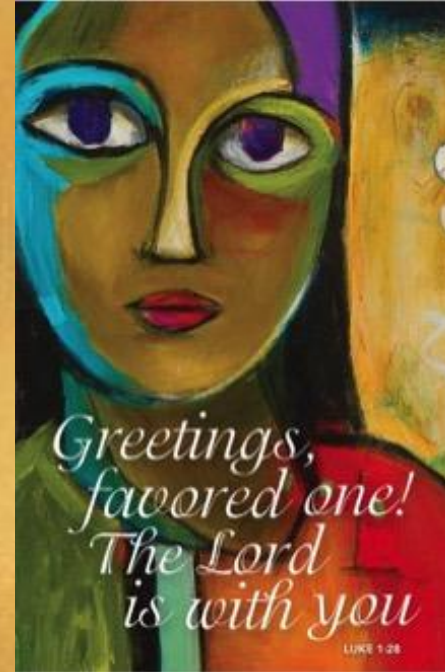
*Antiphon*

*Lesson*

Isaiah 11:1-10

*Carol*

ELW 272 (v. 1-2) – *Lo, How a Rose E'er  
Blooming*



# Lessons & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open:

**Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O 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 you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

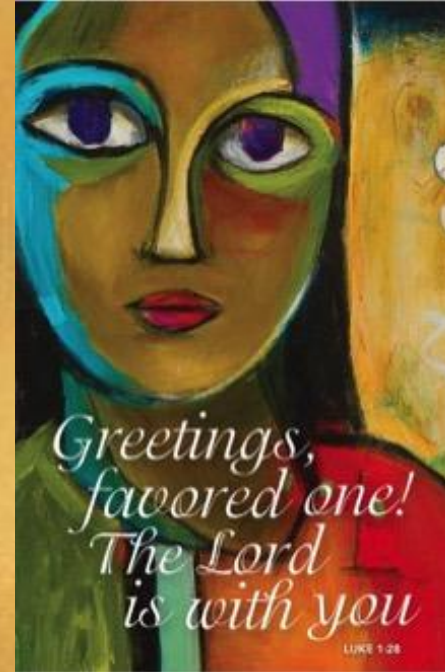
*Antiphon*

*Lesson*

Isaiah 42:5-9

*Carol*

ELW 294 (v. 1-2) – *In the Bleak Midwinter*



# Lessons & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

**Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

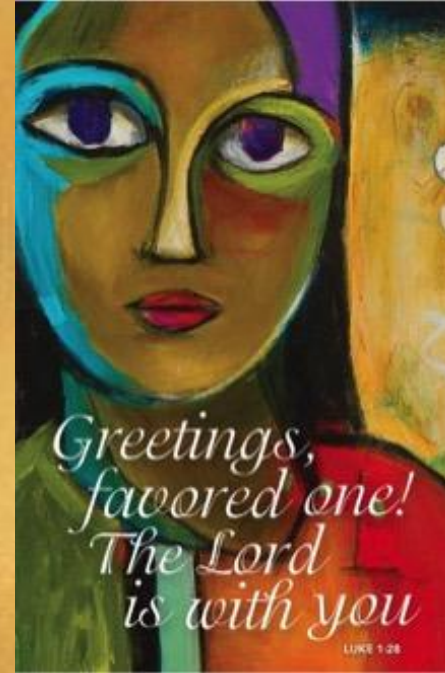
*Antiphon*

*Lesson*

Luke 1:68-79

*Carol*

ELW 253– *He Came Down*



# Lessons & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:

**Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

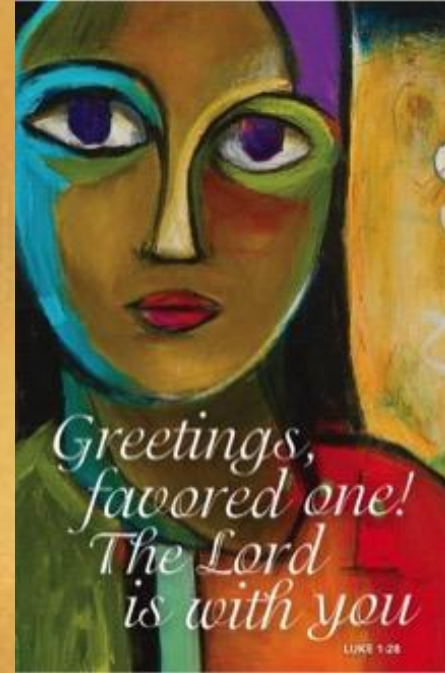
## *Antiphon*

## *Lesson*

Isaiah 35:4-7a

## *Carol*

ELW 242 (v. 1-2) – *Awake! Awake, and  
Greet the New Morn*





# Lessons & Carols

## *Antiphon*

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior:

**Come and save us, Lord our God.**

*Please join in singing:*

**O come, O come, Emmmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

# Lessons & Carols

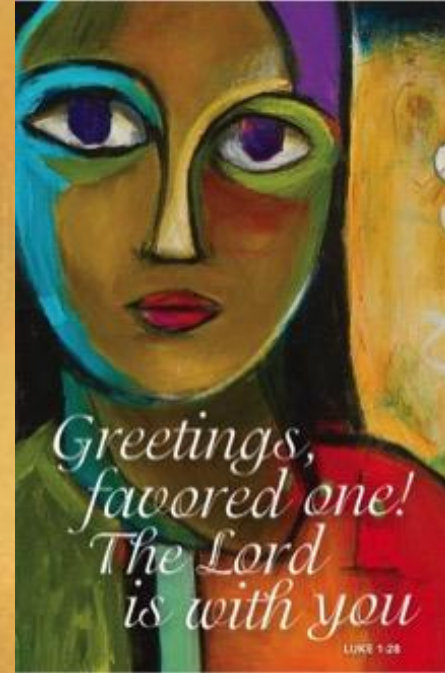
*Antiphon*

*Lesson*

Isaiah 7:14

*Carol*

ELW 279 (v. 1-2) – *O Little Town of  
Bethlehem*



# Responsive Prayer

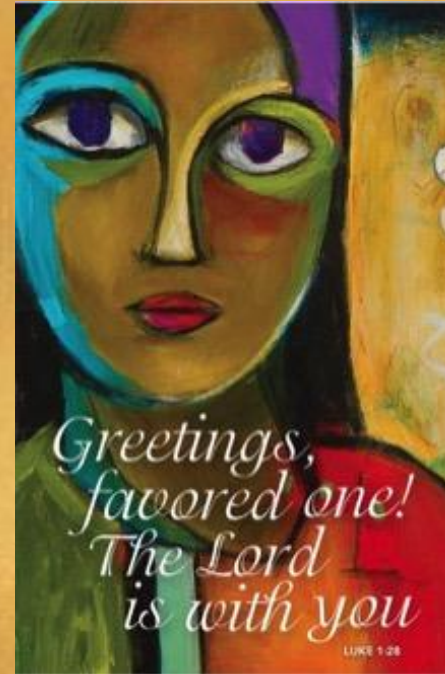
Our world stumbles blindly toward chaos—  
**come, source of wisdom, and reveal  
yourself to us.**

What we imagine to be strength is really  
weakness—

**come, mighty Lord, and fill us with your  
true strength.**

We long for a standard to look up to—

**come, Root of Jesse, claim us as your  
own.**



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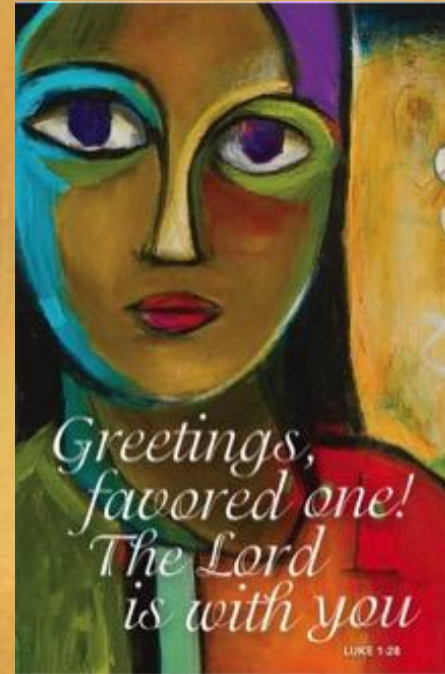
# Responsive Prayer

We languish in prisons of mind and spirit—  
**come, Key of David, and set us free.**

The darkness grows thick around us—  
**come, Light of light, and dawn upon us.**

We are scattered, lacking a sure leader—  
**come, Prince of peace, and lead us.**

We need to know that God is with us—  
**come, Emmanuel, and dwell in our hearts. Amen.**



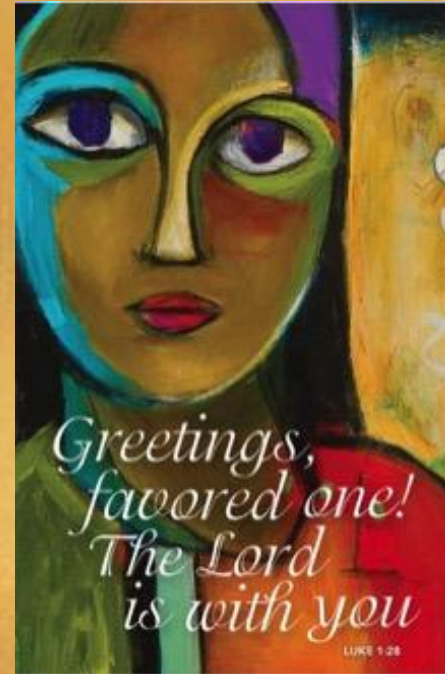
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# Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
always.

**And also with you.**

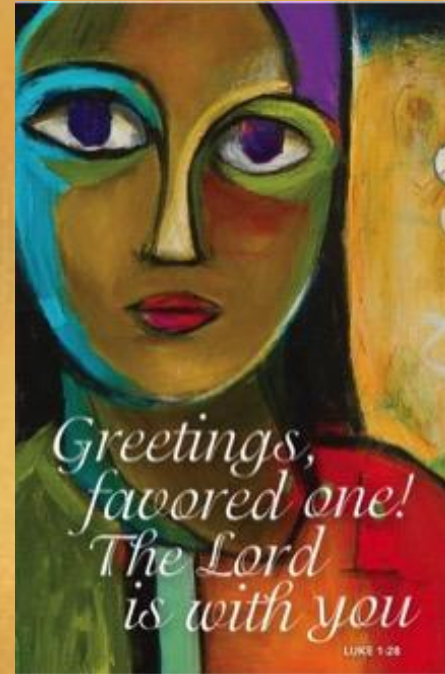
*Please turn to those around you and  
share a sign of God's peace.*



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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)*

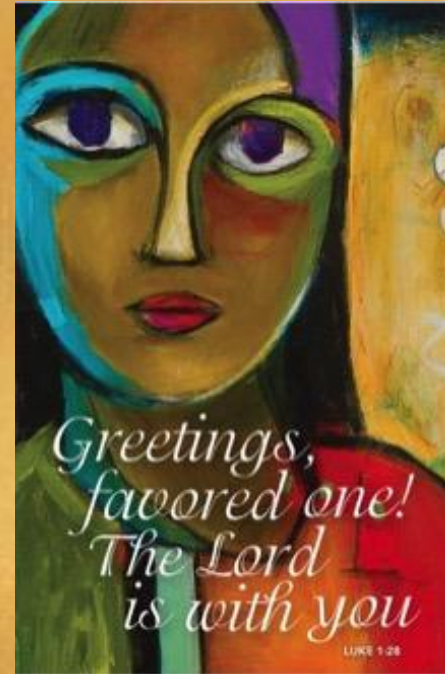
*please join in singing...*

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

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

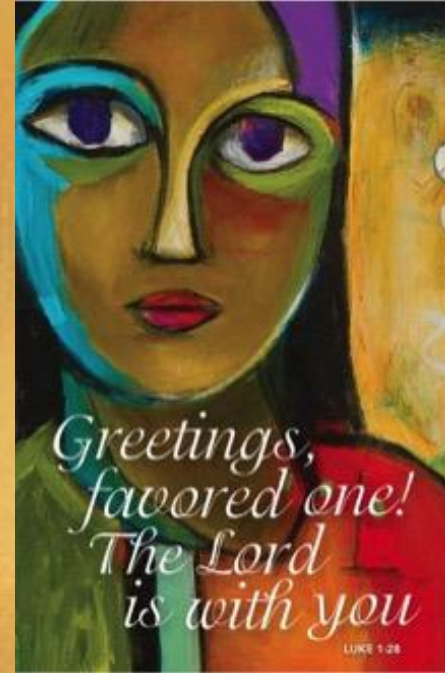
**Come, Hope of unity, make us one  
body.**

**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.

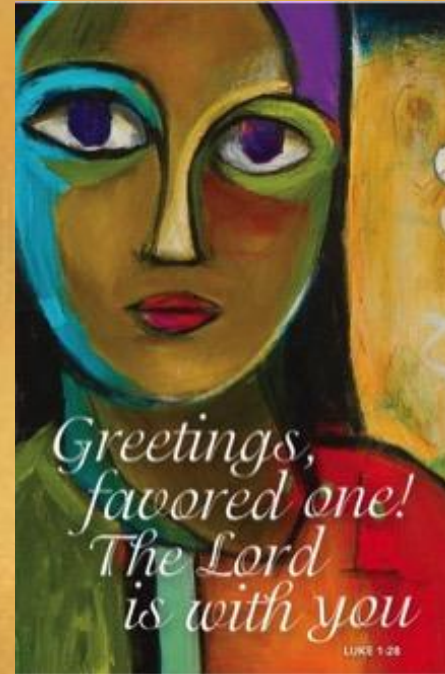
**And also with you.**

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.**

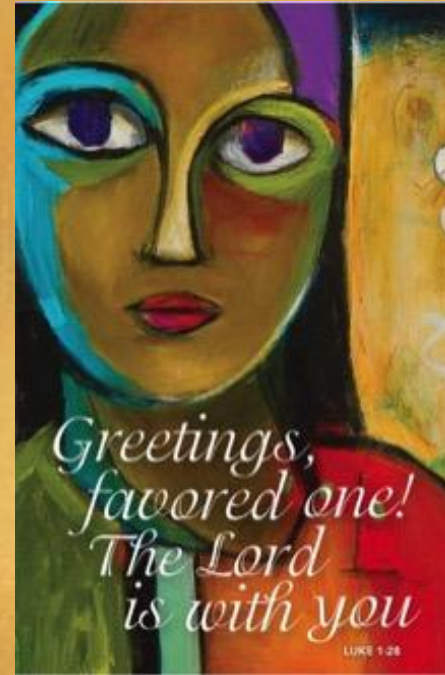


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# Communion

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.

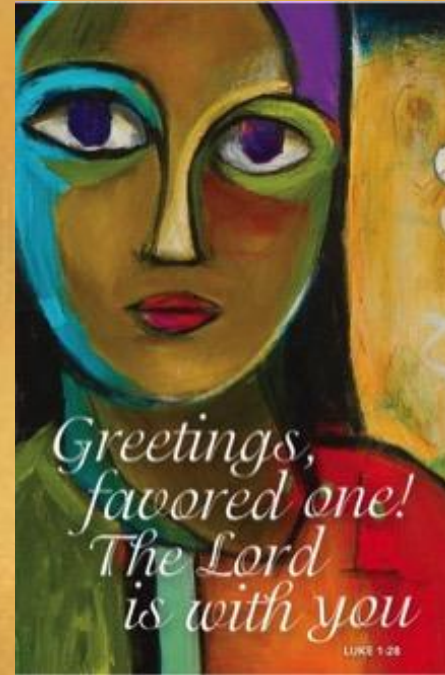


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# Communion

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.



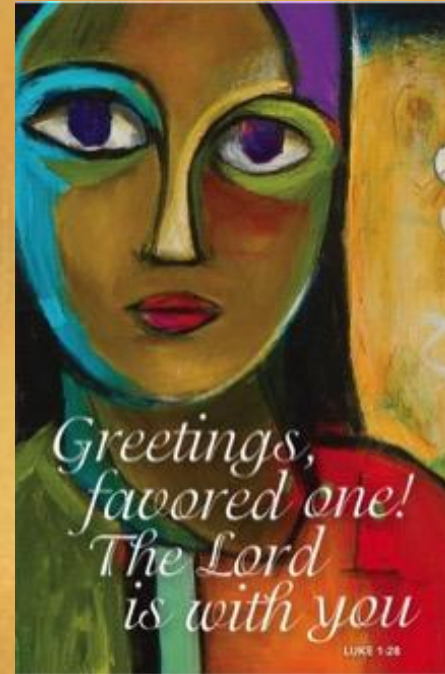
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# Communion

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

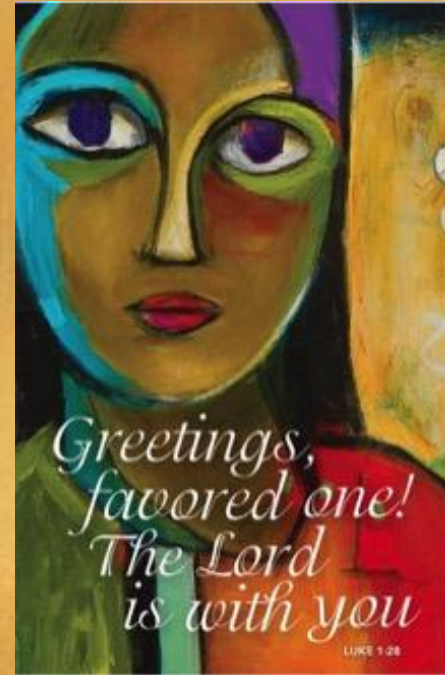
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

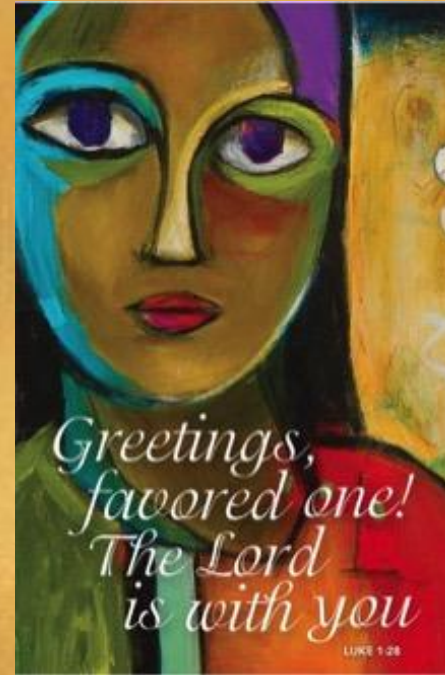


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# Communion Distribution

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

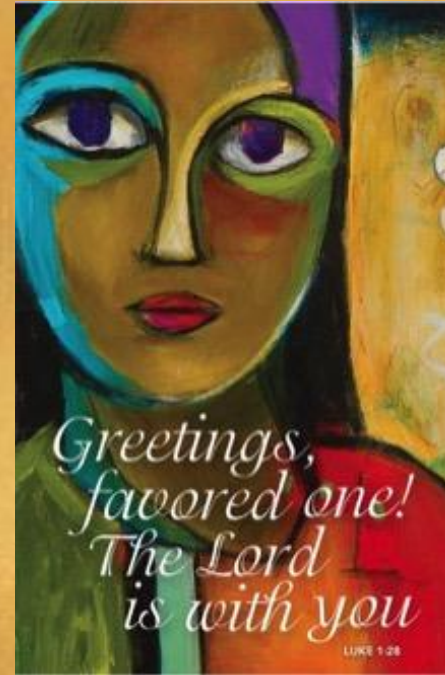
*Come and hold your hands out and  
receive God's goodness with the holy  
word of thanks: "**Amen!**"*



# 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.

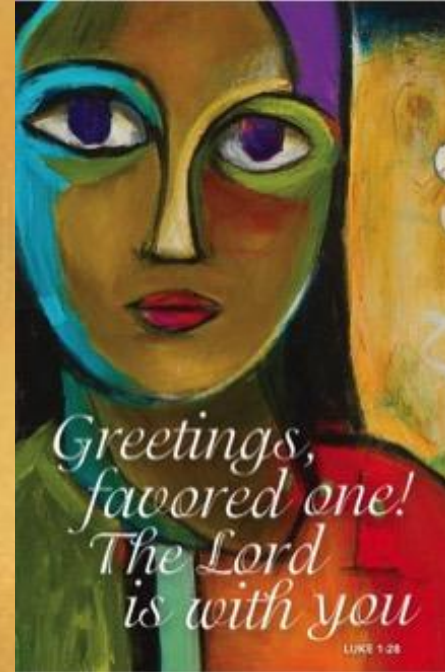
**Amen.**



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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.**



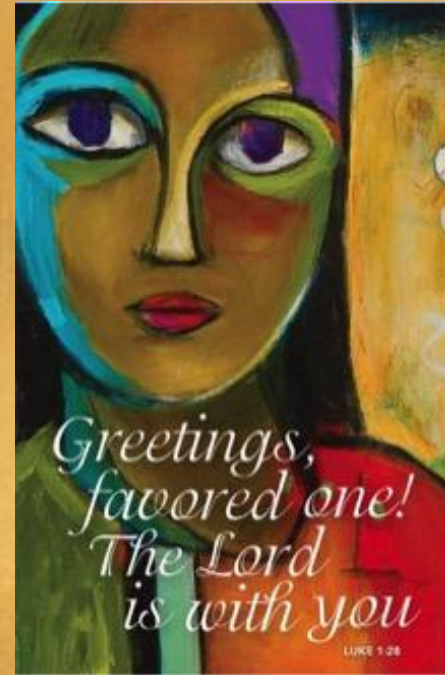
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# Communion Song – *ELW 561 v. 3*

*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 12/24/17**
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
  - 9:33 a.m. LYO Pancake Breakfast @ Immanuel
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First
  - 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ Immanuel
  - 9:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ First
- **Monday 12/25/17**
  - 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship @ Immanuel
- **Sunday 12/31/17**
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
  - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



December 24, 2017

## Announcements

### Advent Tree



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

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



*December 24, 2017*

## Announcements

### 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.

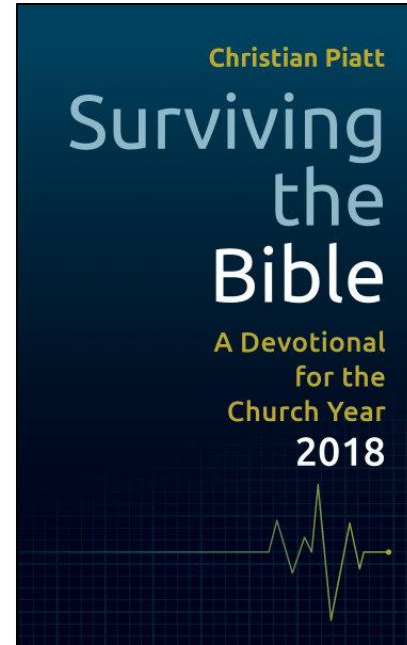


# Immanuel Lutheran Church



*December 24, 2017*

## Announcements



**Order your  
devotional  
for next  
church year  
today!**

*Sign up in the  
overflow*

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



*December 24, 2017*

## Announcements

### 2017 Christmas Schedule

#### ***Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>***

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 25<sup>th</sup>***

Christmas Day Worship

*10:00 a.m. - Immanuel*

# Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Concerns



- Members – **Ryan Gibertini** (*baptized 12-10*); **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

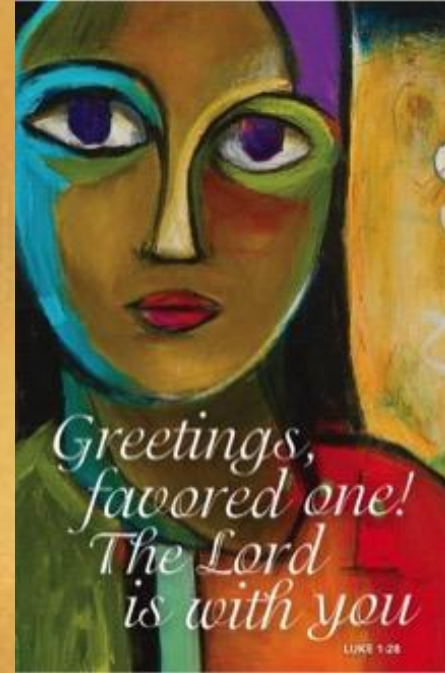
Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

In our Savior Christ, God is with us.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

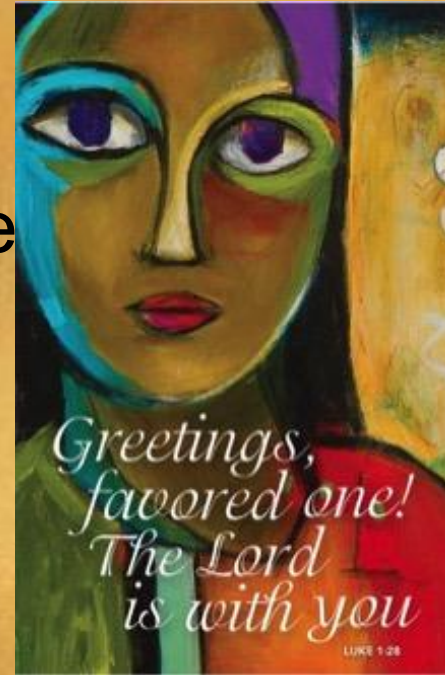
**Amen.**





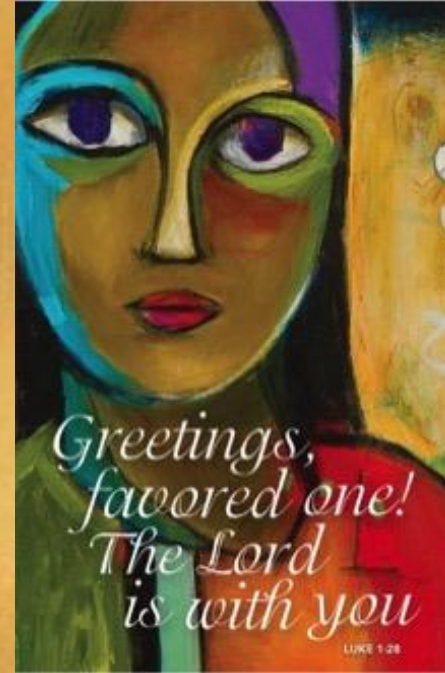
# Sending Song – “Joy to the World” *ELW 267*

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.



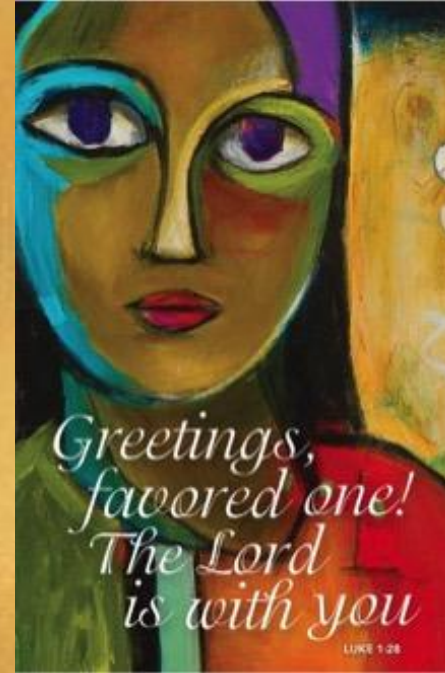
# Sending Song – “Joy to the World” *ELW 267*

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.



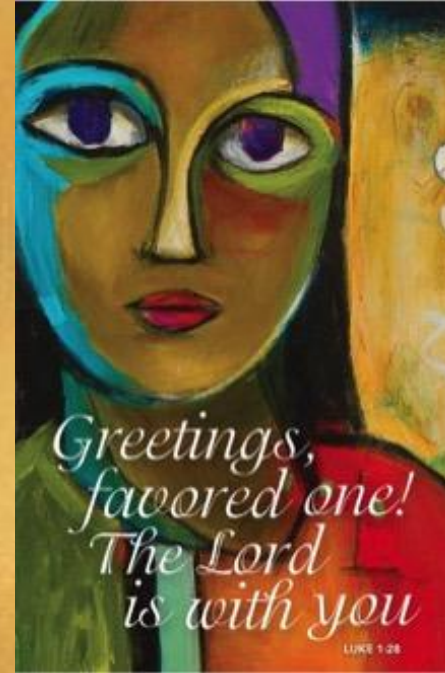
# Sending Song – “Joy to the World” *ELW 267*

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.



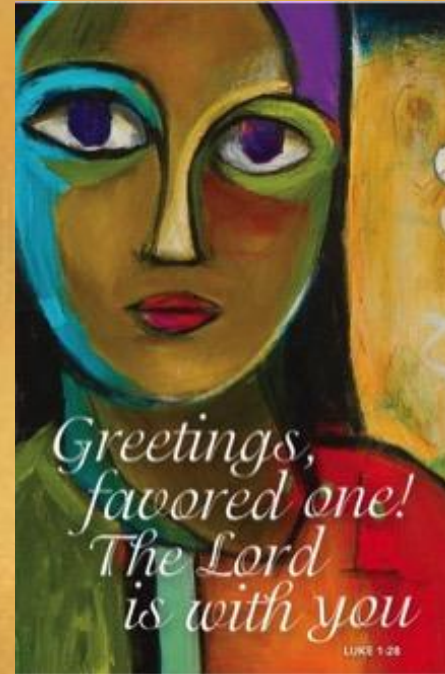
# Sending Song – “Joy to the World” *ELW 267*

4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.



# Dismissal

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



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