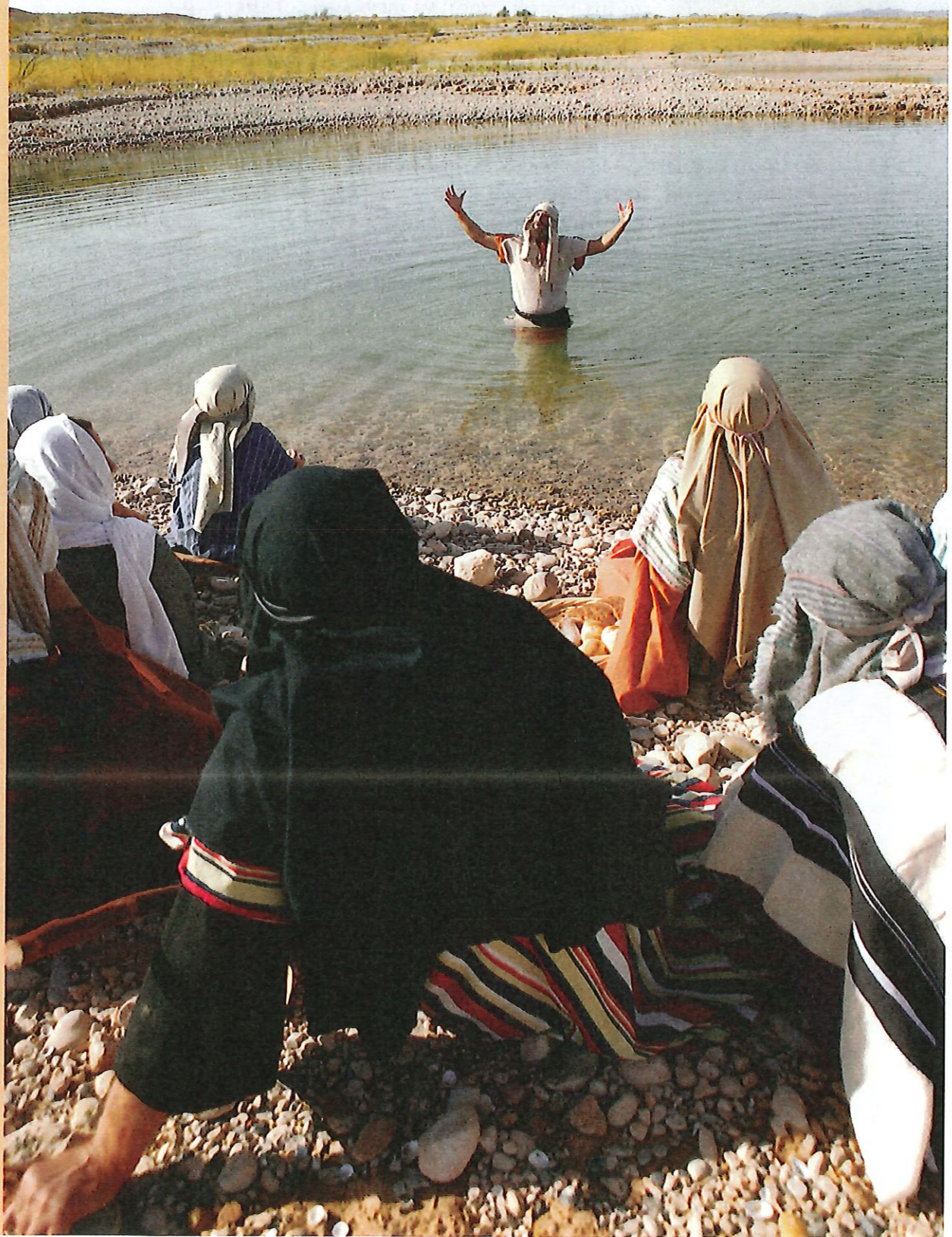
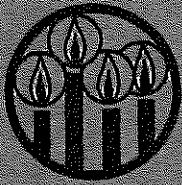


Pure and blameless for the day of Christ

PHILIPPIANS 1:10





About the Cover

The cries of John in the wilderness for a Baptism of repentance prepared the way of the Lord's first coming. For His second coming, Paul's deep desire is that we will be "pure and blameless for the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10).

The Lord has accomplished this for us by His abounding love that went all the way to the cross. So, it is by faith today that we are counted as pure and blameless because He is the pure, blameless, and spotless Lamb of God who has taken away our sin (see John 1:29).

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b

¹"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

*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 Sunday in Advent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 — December 8, 2024 – 8 a.m.
Order of Morning Worship

Opening Prayer // Opening Hymn: *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”* 816

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

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Behold, the days are coming, saith the Lord	C: <i>I will raise to David a righteous Branch</i>
P: A King shall reign and prosper	C: <i>He shall execute justice on the earth</i>
P: This is His name whereby He shall be called	C: <i>The Lord our Righteousness</i>
P: Prepare Ye the way of the Lord	C: <i>Make His paths straight</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it</i>

Confession and Absolution: pg. 184-185 // **The Introit:** *Psalm 66:1-12*

P: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! **C:** *Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!*
P: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You. **C:** *All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing praise to Your name.*”
P: Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man’s behalf! **C:** *He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot – come, let us rejoice in Him.*
P: He rules forever by His power, His eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against Him. **C:** *Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard;*
P: He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. **C:** *For You, O God, tested us; You refined us like silver.*
P: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. **C:** *You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but You brought us to a place of abundance.*

Gloria Patri: Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to the God the Son, Glory be to God the (LSB 506) Spirit, Great Jehovah Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run.

Kyrie: Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy Christ, Our King (LSB 733) Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** *And with your spirit.*

Collect: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *"Hark the Glad Sound"* 349

O.T. Lesson: *Malachi 3: 1-7b* *///* **Epistle Lesson:** *Philippians 1: 2-11*

(Please stand) Holy Gospel: *Luke 3: 1-14*

Confession of Faith: *Apostle's Creed (back of hymnal)*

Sermon Hymn: *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* 344

Children's Sermon *///* **Sermon**

Confessional Hymn: *"In God We Believe"* (802)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r In mercy has brought us renewal this hour
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secure True God and True Man once the cross He endured
God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess: With power and truth the church now He does bless
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Korff, Russel, Logan, Larry and Charlie; Korff, Warren, Mary, Aaron and Kim; and Krietemeyer, Helen.

Lord's Prayer *(back of hymnal)* **Closing Hymn:** *"On What Has Now Been Sown"* 921

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Guest Pastor, Indiana District President Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch
Matthew Wilson, Organist

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Worship 8 HC, SS 9:10 am, Worship-Children's Christmas Service 10:15 am, Pastor's 40th Anniversary Celebration 12:30 pm
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm, Advent Meal 6 pm, Advent Service 7 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Class at 9:30 (Revelation), Bible Study at 6:00 (Hebrews)
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Confirmation Christmas Service w/HC 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Thanksgiving Worship: 34 LS: 30; Sat, Nov 30: 44 LS: 34; Sun, Dec 1: 8 am: 73 LS: 51; 10:15 am: 63 LS: 40

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next week we will be praying for the families of Krietemeyer, Karen; Krietemeyer, Zachary, Ashlie, Aaron, Ryder and Ava; and LaMar, Scott and Jerrilee.

Evans Elementary School Gathering: You can place your items on the table in the Lounge or Storage Room. Thanks for blessing the students and families.

THANKS: to all those who made it possible for me to deliver 8 families Thanksgiving Meals. The families were thrilled and thankful.

CRAFT SUPPLIES: have been donated and are available to take. They are on a table in the gym and are free. If you are interested, please help yourself.

DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

Mid-Week Advent Meals: December 11 & 18 begin at 6 pm

Mid-Week Advent Services: December 11th "*Mighty God*" & 18th "*Prince of Peace*" at 7 pm

Children's Sunday School Christmas Program: December 8 during the 10:15 am service

Confirmation Christmas Service: December 15th 10:15 am-- *Isaiah 9: 6-7 Promised Messiah*

Christmas Eve Service: Monday, December 24 at 6 pm w/HC with **Choir Participation**

Christmas Candle- Light Service: Monday, December 24th at 10 pm w/HC - "*His Light Came to Earth*"

Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, December 25 at 9 am w/HC - *Celebration of His Birth*

"Sweet Needs for Kids"

A Thrivent Action Team has been created to host a Bake Sale to help a local family. This family has 5 children of their own. They are in the process of opening their home to 3 additional children in order to avoid their placement into the local Foster Care System.

They need our help! Providing for 3 additional children isn't an easy task when you already have 5. Beds, bedding, clothing, shoes, coats and hygiene items are just some of the current expensed they have incurred!

The purpose of this bake sale is to help purchase these items and maybe even put a little something under the Christmas tree.

Please support our Act of Kindness and come out and enjoy fresh baked sweet treats on:

Saturday, December 14th after church service

And

Sunday, December 15th after the early service as well as the late service.

Thank you,

Teresa Korff & our Thrivent Action Team