

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church Immanuel Lutheran School & Children of Grace Preschool 20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 29, 2023

#### HYMN - 573 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

We follow the order of Morning Prayer on page 207.

#### **OPENING**

#### OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

#### FIRST LESSON – Zephaniah 2:3;3:11-13

<sup>3</sup> Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. <sup>11</sup> On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.

<sup>12</sup> But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD. <sup>13</sup> They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid."

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

#### SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things— and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ

Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN - 690 "Blest Are They"

**GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12** 

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

He said: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN - 814 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

**SERMON – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31** 

#### "Let the Lowly Boast in the Lord"

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD on page 210

#### OFFERING

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY on page 213.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

#### PRAYER

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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#### BLESSING

HYMN - 515 "Christ Is the World's Light"

#### Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist:Jane VacekElder:Justin BlackVideo Taping:Mark DeVriesPower Point:Cody BlackAltar Guild:Deb Boelter and JulieThompsonUshers:Jeremy Prieve, MichaelThompson, Chuck Nisse, BradDuesterhoeft,Andy Prieve,AlexPrieve,KylePodratz

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Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service) Church Services Broadcasted Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pmon Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3

> https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutch Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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Today, January 29 after church we will welcome our new members that have joined us in 2022 and January of 2023.

Andrew Birkmaier Jeff Mauer Ryan and Rebecca Palmer and their children, Delilah & Peter Kari Paredes Ashley Weber

#### Along with the babies baptized in 2022

Anna Forcier, Daughter of Matt and Chrissy Forcier Hailey Gephart, Daughter of Brian and Olivia Gephart Cora Heine, Daughter of Mike and Miranda Heine Maria Jose Sanchez-Wendorff, Daughter of Kayla and Raul Sanchez Renlee Weber, Daughter of Dylan and Ashley Weber

## Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			New Member Welcome after
			church – Treats served
	2:00	p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting	
Monday:	<del>6:30</del>	<del>p.m</del> .	Choir
Tuesday:	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
-	7:00	p.m.	Ladies Aid
	8:00	p.m.	School Board
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service

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"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Jesus' testimony about himself is a powerful reminder that his light stands as a beacon for all. Light is a theme which permeates the Bible. From the pillar of fire leading the Israelites out of Egypt, to the

promise in Revelation that "there will be no more night," God has and will always be our Light, leading us through the darkness. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "Let the Light Shine: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band." The concert will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 12, in the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College. A livestream of the concert can be accessed at www.mlc-wels.edu/streams.



Weather Closings

Winter weather will soon be with us again. On Sundays with • questionable weather, worship cancellations will be announced on KDUZ -1260 AM radio. During the week, Pastor's policy is this: if

Hutchinson Public Schools are closed for the day, evening events at both Immanuel and Zion will also be postponed on that day.

This winter has proven to be a heavy one for snow fall. If you would like to help offset the cost of snow removal, you may designate a special offering along with your weekly envelope. Please make a note on the front of the envelope that it should go toward "snow removal." Thank you.

Immanuel has made plans to order more hymnals for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate a hymnal in memory of a loved one, we will affix memorial cards inside the front covers.

Please speak to Pastor or Julie.

The cost per hymnal is \$24.

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**LWMS** National **Convention Registration** Forms are available on the table in the entryway.



**2023 Church Directory** is available on the table in the entryway. Help yourself. If there are any corrections and/or changes, please let Julie Thompson know. Thank you.





Preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### School Calendar

January 31 – Home Basketball game at 4 February 1 - 2 hour late start February 2 – Home Basketball game at 4 February 3 – Drive Day – no bus





Immanuel Lutheran School's WINTER FUNDRAISER is a school calendar. The cost is \$10/each. They are located on the school table in the church entryway. There is a "yellow" box to place your money in. If any questions, please contact Brian Gephart.



**BUILDING FAITH FOUNDATIONS - New School Building:** Below is a link to our Thrivent page where you, family, alumni, and friends can donate to our building fund. Just click on the link, then push the Make Personal

Donation button. We also have this information on our website (www.hutchinsonlutheranschool.com) under Building Project with a Donation button that leads you to the same Thrivent page. For traditional check donations envelopes can be provided if you know someone that would go that route than online. BUILDING PROJECT rather Hutchinsonlutheran (hutchinsonlutheranschool.com)

# VELS YOUTH NIGHT

GATHER THREE TIMES A YEAR WITH YOUTH IN YOUR AREA. LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER AS CHRISTIANS. HAVE FUN AND BE ENCOURAGED IN YOUR FAITH.

YOUTH	I NIGH	T DATE: Sunday, January 29th, 2023	
TIME:	Registra	ation 3:15pm / Event 3:30pm-5:30pm / Pick-up by 6:00pm	
LOCAT	ION:	Sartell Community Center (850 19th Street South, Sartell 56377)	

WELS Youth Night provides a series of youthfocused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of our congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, and fun with fellow high schoolers (9th-12th grade) from all over the area.



# The school has a variety of fundraising options to help the school withvarious activities....won't you help?



**SCRIP** A current list of the gift cards available thru the school is posted on thebulletin board. You pay the face value of the card and the school receives the % listed. We also carry Cash Wise/Coborns (\$25, \$50,

\$100) which does not show on this list. The money earned provides your children with their field trips throughout the year. Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of ourSchool and Pre School. *Karen Kohls* 

- Caseys Rewards. Go to <u>www.caseys</u>.com
- cocacola.com/give for Coke products, enter the code
- Country Hearth Loaves4Learning
- Ink Cartridges There is a collection box in the entryway.
- School Store Fundraiser <u>www.schoolstore.com</u>
- Amazon Fundraiser <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u>
- Cash Wise Rewards- enroll at <u>www.morerewards.com</u>
- *BoxTops* This is all digital. For us to get credit, you will needto download the Boxtops for Education App on your smart phone, search Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson and scan your entire receipt.

A complete listing with details is on the table in the entry way by the schooldisplay. Thank you for your help.



### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**<sup>®</sup>

Do you have Choice Dollars® available? Have you directed them? You can direct to thousands of organizations enrolled in the program - *including Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!*