



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

SERVICE OF THE WORD
Welcome Home Sunday
October 27, 2019

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN — 365 *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God has called us to live as family. Yet, our love for God and for each other is not what it should be. Our priorities and choices are often flawed. But the power of God's love enables us to live a new life. Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt.
 Help me to live faithfully as part of your family.**

M: God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and empowers us to be his people. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

After a brief introduction, all sing:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the family of believers with your never-failing mercy.

Bind us together with the bond of your love.
 Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful,
 and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation;
 for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Scripture says that people are not wired to be rugged individuals. God created us to need one another. Two are better than one. Even better is having Christ as the third strand within a relationship. He provides the love and grace that keeps that bond strong.

⁷ Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:

⁸ There was a man all alone;

he had neither son nor brother.

There was no end to his toil,

yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.

“For whom am I toiling,” he asked,

“and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?”

This too is meaningless—

a miserable business!

⁹ Two are better than one,

because they have a good return for their labor:

¹⁰ If either of them falls down,

one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls

and has no one to help them up.

¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone?

¹² Though one may be overpowered,

two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 133

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:9-18

Jesus became our brother so that by his suffering, death and resurrection he might unite us to himself and knit us together into a spiritual family

⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name

to my brothers and sisters;

in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Sunday School Song

“In the Family of God”

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus wants us in his family so that he might give us rest and peace

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY — 532 *God Is Here! As We His People*

SERMON – “Welcome Home” **Hebrews 2:9-18**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

✠ Prayers ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayers and petitions are made on behalf of the Church

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, How Good It Is

The duet will sing vv. 1,2. The congregation is invited to join on v. 3



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand



dwells to - geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty.
to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.
to pre - fer one a - noth - er, for - give as he for - gives.



Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace
When we live as one we all share in the love



are the fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
when we of - fer the bles - sing of be - long - ing.
of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll



live out his Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has



come for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

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*Today's Altar flowers are in honor of Asher Krajsa's  
Baptismal Birthday given from his family.*

**Serving today:**

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

**Altar Guild:** Barb Rasmussen **Elder:** Kurt Leske

**Video:** Mike Heine **Video:** Carl/Mark

**Ushers:** Kori and Joyce Leske, Steve and Cindy Wendorff, Mike Yerks,  
Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Jay Mackedanz

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WELCOME HOME SUNDAY:

TODAY, OCTOBER 27th with a Pot-Luck
served in the church basement. (Plates,
silverware, beverages will be provided)

*We hope everyone will join us for church
and fellowship. Everyone welcome!!*



God's Creation 2020 Calendars: We have 25 calendars for
sale. **Cost: \$7.00 each.** Please connect with Julie Thompson if
you are interested in purchasing. *Thank you.* Please make
checks payable to "Immanuel Fellowship Committee".

*At the August 21 Council meeting it was discussed and approved to purchase
the propane gas for the heating season at a contract price of \$1.249/gallon
for 3,500 gallons. However, this option needs to be paid for upfront at the
cost of \$4,371. It was approved to use the line of credit to pay for this.
However, the Council is asking for your help to pay off this purchase on the
line of credit relatively quickly. Please consider giving an additional gift in
your offering towards this expense. Thank you.*

To date: \$2,325 has been given to assist with the cost. Thank you.

Living in God's Grace this Week

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| Today, Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Pot-Luck in church basement |
| Monday: | 7:00 p.m. | Choir |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Bible Study at ILC |
| Tuesday: | 2:00 p.m. | Bible Study at Grace |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study at Grace |
| Wednesday: | 4:15 p.m. | Confirmation |
| Thursday: | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Immanuel |
| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |



Remember:

To turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd.



Thank you to everyone who helped with cleaning the
basement. It is greatly appreciated!



GILL, our youth group for 4-12 grades, is selling **Carlson Apple
Orchard pies** for \$11 each. The choices are: Dutch Apple, Apple,
cherry, pumpkin, and Apple crisp.

If you are interested, please sign up on the table in the entry.

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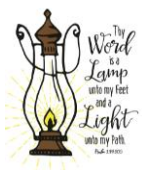


The scale model of our church building that was built by Joe Vostinar has been in storage for multiple years in multiple places. The model has been used in parades over the years. If anyone is interested in this, please contact Harold Plath by January 1, 2020. It was decided

at the October Voter's meeting, that if there was no interest in the scale model it will be dismantled and disposed accordingly.



Kindergarten through 8th
Grade
Children of Grace Pre-School



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The school is looking for Latchkey **sub** caregivers for before and after school. We do have caregivers that stepped forward to help full time. If anyone can help out as a sub, they can contact Barbara DeVries home 320-587-6138 or email

devriesfamilyinbox@gmail.com

School Calendar of Events:

Friday, October 25 at 9a – Chapel

Friday, October 25 – Picture Re-take

Friday, October 25 – Hot Lunch - Serving: Schaefer/Erickson


Wed-Fri, October 30- Nov 1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 1 – Hot Lunch – Serving: Chance

Sunday, November 3 – ILS sings at Immanuel

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



SCRIP A current list of the gift cards available thru the school is posted on the bulletin 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 our School and Pre School.  School.
Karen Kohls

- **General Mills - BoxTops** - Thru October 2019
- **NEW: cocacola.com/give** – for Coke products, enter the code
- **Country Hearth - Loaves4Learning**
- **Ink Cartridges** – There is a collection box in the entryway.
- **School Mall Fundraiser** - www.SchoolMall.com
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - www.smile.amazon.com
- **Cash Wise Points**– enroll at www.cashwise.com



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



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**Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of
Grace Preschool**
Financial Development Plan

Rationale

The school has been the focus of Immanuel's ministry for 100 years. It's not the only thing we do. But it has been the main focus of our time, talents, and treasure. We have received significant blessings from this effort. Our children have received a strong foundation in Christian teaching. Many have gone on to excel in high school and college. Many have become spiritual leaders in our congregation. New families joining our congregation in the past few years have mentioned the school as their main reason for joining Immanuel.

In order for the school to continue its ministry, it needs a functional facility. The current building has served us well but falls short in several areas: having enough space for current and future class sizes, restroom facilities, storage space, recreation and physical education space, office space, and access control. In addition, though the current building is maintained, it has the appearance of age. This puts off families who are comparing us to the public school system.

Challenges

The tuition model makes it difficult for some families to choose Christian education.

Continued growth in class size may require adding staff, which puts additional stress on the budget.

New facilities require significant capital expenditure. A significantly larger building would cost more to operate, offsetting potential maintenance savings.

Advantages

Our sister church Grace joined us supporting the school directly. We have potential partners in St. Paul, Litchfield and St. John's, Glencoe. Several families from St. Paul are already sending students.

Both Immanuel and Grace own our property and buildings outright. We have no significant debt.

We have time to plan and set goals and milestones. Beginning now will make a new building possible down the road.

We have a significant number of non-WELS students. We are the only Lutheran elementary school in the area.

Cost
\$2,000,000

Actions

- Immanuel and Grace incorporate stewardship emphasis into their yearly worship plans. Look at the blessings God has given through this ministry.
- School hosts a planning giving seminar to talk about designated gifts. Invite Immanuel, Grace, Zion, St. Peter, St. Paul. This seminar helps people understand the options for planned giving through their estate. Attendance does not obligate anyone to support the school. But that option is available.
- Engage Jeff Davis from Cornerstone Consulting Ministry for a free initial consultation.
- Submit Antioch grant application. (Deadlines in July and October.)
- Establish an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing needs of the school.

Goals

- 1) Support community needs - (preschool, daycare, gym space)
- 2) Increase community awareness with a new building and available gym space - (sports camps, tournaments, open gyms)
- 3) Become a better-fitted outreach arm of Immanuel and Grace (look attractive, look like a school)
- 4) Update and have a modernized building to better support students learning and have adequate workspace.
- 5) Have enough room to grow and support growth
- 6) Eliminate renting sports facilities

The big question is how can we do all this? How can we take on such a big project when we're already struggling? In 1 Samuel 14, God's people faced a similar situation. Their enemies were camped all around them. And every night their army got smaller as soldiers deserted and ran away. In other words, they were stuck. They didn't dare attack. And they couldn't just walk away. One day, Jonathan decided to try something. He and his armor bearer decided to go over to the enemy outpost. And Jonathan said, "Perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few." He didn't have a command from God or a promise of success. But his faith moved him to try something a little risky and see what God would provide.

Our school ministry feels stuck. We feel afraid to take on such a big project as building a new school. But we can't just walk away. Yet God is still able to do great things, whether by many or by few. Let's step forward in faith and see if the Lord will act on our behalf. He has richly blessed our efforts up to now. Those who have attended our school in the past continue to reap a harvest of righteousness and peace, the blessings that come from faith. Our school gives us the chance to share God's Word every day. It lets us equip our children for a bright future in this life and the life to come. Previous generations had less than we do. But they stepped forward in faith so that our church steeple could be seen for miles around. Perhaps God will let us be the generation that does the same thing for the school. Lift up your eyes to the hills; where does our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.