



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



November 17, 2019

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN — 551: verses 1, 2, & 3
For All the Saints

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:13

C: And also with you.

M: I heard a voice from heaven say,
"Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

**C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor,
for their deeds will follow them."**
Revelation 14:13

M: For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom
and will possess it forever —

C: yes, for ever and ever!
Daniel 7:18

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord,
we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven.
Yet we have disobeyed God, and deserve only his wrath and punishment.
Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our
Father,
asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful,
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus
Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us ~2~
and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
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: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

ALL (sung): *Hymn 551: verses 4, 5, 6*
Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Savior,
you have set the final day and hour
when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.
Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son
that we may sit with him
and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

In the New Jerusalem we will not experience the "former things" like death, crying, and pain. We will enjoy the company of our Christian family for all eternity.

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;

the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not live out his years;

the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child;

the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered

accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;

they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;

my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain,

nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;

for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,

they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;

while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,

and the lion will eat straw like the ox,

and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,"

says the Lord.

M: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;

C: praise him in his mighty heavens.

M: Praise him for his acts of power;

C: praise him for his surpassing greatness.

M: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

C: praise him with the harp and lyre,

M: praise him with timbrel and dancing,

C: praise him with the strings and pipe,

M: praise him with the clash of cymbals,

C: praise him with resounding cymbals.

M: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

C: Praise the Lord.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

ALL (sung): Hymn 551: verse 7

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:

The saints triumphant rise in bright array;

The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-5

The vastness of our heavenly home is beyond our comprehension. We will live in our new home "for ever and ever."

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

VERSE OF THE DAY**Revelation 7:15**

~5~

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

ALL (sung): *Hymn 551: verse 8*
From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 20:27-38**

Through a parable Jesus teaches that on Judgment Day those who wasted their God-given gifts will have to give an account. Fortunately, when judging us, the Master will look at what Christ has done as our Savior.

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**HYMN OF THE DAY — 728***Jerusalem the Golden***SERMON Luke 20:27-38 Triumphant Saints Live Forever****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.

THANK OFFERING**Prayers****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***with commemoration for the faithfully departed*

M: With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.

C: You are the rest of the blessed dead. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. We remember their names before you.

M: *Dawn Marie Nass* †

I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25-26

M: Heavenly Father, we recall with gratitude what you have done for us and for your Church through these saints. May their good works, which were prompted by your love in Christ and performed to your glory while here on earth, encourage us to live for you. As we join our worship and work with theirs, may we acknowledge ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place.

C: Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.

M: Through your Word, remind us who have not yet reached heaven that we remain part of the saints militant. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we continue to wage war for you, as our Christian forefathers did—battling against our sinful flesh, winning souls for Christ, and combating the deadly influence of Satan in this world.

C: Uphold your promise to use your Word and Sacraments to keep us in the faith so that, when our work on earth is done, we may join the saints triumphant.

Special prayers and petitions may follow

LORD'S PRAYER

M: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Holy Communion

OPENING SENTENCES

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

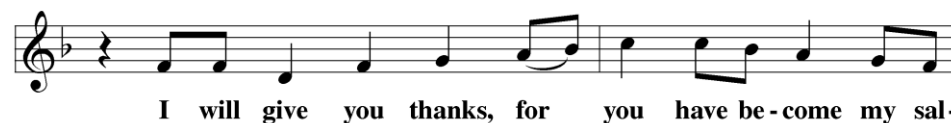
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! ~8~
In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
He sends his Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children
and to strengthen us when we are weak.
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ.
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



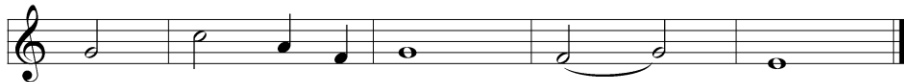
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — 549

Around the Throne, a Glorious Band

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — 310

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CLOSING PRAYER

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M: We give you thanks, O Lord,
for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet
that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament.
Through this gift you have fed our faith,
nourished our hope,
and strengthened our love.
By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people
until that day when you will receive us as your guests
at the wedding supper of the Lamb,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 — 417

I'm But a Stranger Here

Serving today:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Altar Guild: Betty Rusch & Karen Plath **Elder:** Kori Leske

Video: Mike Heine **Video:** Alex/Andy

Ushers: Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Mya Gosse, Lucas Plamann, Tom Schlueter, John Schlueter, Chuck Nisse, Patrick Schlueter

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**2020 Offering Envelopes are available.** Please pick your box up on the table in the entry way. Also, don't forget to check your mailbox. *Thank you.*

**Living in God's Grace this Week**

|                |             |             |                             |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Today, Sunday: | <b>9:00</b> | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday School</b>        |
|                | 10:00       | a.m.        | Worship Service w/Communion |
|                | 6:30        | p.m.        | GILL at Grace Lutheran      |
| Monday:        | <b>6:00</b> | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Bible Study at ILC</b>   |
|                | 7:00        | p.m.        | Choir                       |
| 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             |



Say *Merry Christmas* with a small gift to **Emily Ash, Martin Luther College student.** Insert your gift into the box. Donations will be added together to purchase a larger gift card. **Accepting donations until December 8.**

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Poinsettias

If you would like to help beautify our church with poinsettias in celebration of Jesus' birth, please sign up on the sheet in the entry way **by December 1st**. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$10.50 each. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Henke.



A Door Offering – Will be held on Sundays, December 1st and December 8th for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.

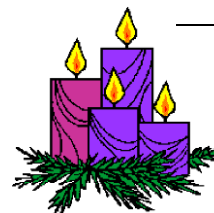


Church Decorating

On Saturday, **November 30 at 9:00 a.m.** we will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you have an hour or so to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.



Sunday, November 17 at 6:30
GILL at Grace Lutheran Church



Advent Pot-Luck
Sunday, December 8th after church
In the church basement

Everyone Welcome, please bring a dish to pass.
(Plates, silverware, beverages and dessert will be provided)



We are almost there....71% (\$3,100) has been given as additional gifts towards the propane gas expense of \$4,371. The remainder of the bill is \$1,271. Let's see if we can pay this off by Christmas. Thank you to all who have given an extra gift towards this expense.

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Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Christmas Party

Once again we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the residents at Belle Plaine Hope Center. These gifts assure that every resident will receive a Christmas gift. You can get ideas for gifts from the “Needs Gift List” available in the entry. A collection box will be available throughout November with a deadline of **December 1st**. Contact Sharon Smith, Belle Plaine Coordinator, with any questions. *See the “Needs Gift List” Thank you.*

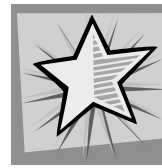
- Craft paints, water-soluble
- Construction paper -- Sketch pads
- Easy craft kits -- Snap-on care models
- Markers -- Scissors
- Puzzles, 300 piece -- Word search puzzles
- Leather making kits -- Manicure sets
- Hand lotion - Hand-held game videos
- CD players, CD's easy-listening music
- Small snack items for bingo prizes
- Large print books -- Necklaces
- Washable slippers – Men's aftershave
- Scarves - Baseball caps
- Open-front sweatshirts or cardigans
- Bottled “ice” water any flavor
- Puddings -- Word search books
- Small Hershey bars
- Body and Bath Lotion
- Dollar Store Adult Coloring Books



Thanksgiving Services – Thursday, November 28

8:45 a.m. at Zion Lutheran
and
10 a.m. at Immanuel

Use Scrip as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 15 and the cards will be delivered before Christmas. As always, local cards are on hand after that date for last minute gifts. Contact Karen Kohls.



Christmas Cards

The Ladies' Aid has Christmas cards available for sale. They are sold by the box and are in the church library. They also have an assortment of birthday and many other general greeting cards.



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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School Calendar of Events:

Thursday, November 21 – Forensics at MLC (grades 4-8)
Friday, November 22 – 1:30 Dress Rehearsal
Friday, November 22 – Hot Lunch – Yanish/Dragt
Sunday, November 24 – 2 p.m. Silent Auction
Sunday, November 24 – 3 p.m. School Play
Monday, November 25 – 3 p.m. Photo Club
Wed-Friday, November 27-29 – No School
Sunday, December 1 – Sing at Grace Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome to ILS's all school play on Sunday, November 24th at 3pm in the Immanuel Lutheran Church basement. There is also a silent auction prior to the play at 2pm in the church meeting room. All proceeds from the auction will go toward curriculum materials, technology upgrades, education supplies, and athletic equipment; which are not covered in the regular school budget.

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. *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.



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

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.



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