



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



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November 24, 2019

Gathering

OPENING HYMN — 579

Lift High the Cross

INVOCATION

M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 1:4-6

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness."
Jeremiah 23:5-6

Since we have such a merciful King, let us humbly approach his throne, confess our sins, and plead for his mercy.

C: Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. *Psalms 5:2-5,7-8,12*

M: As God's called servant I announce to you what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

"I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. You are my witnesses, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. I am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."
Isaiah 43:1,10-11,15,25

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

Hymn 341 – Crown Him with Many Crowns – Verses 1 and 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:2-6

Christ is the King of kings, with countless sheep in his flock. Yet he cares for every single one. He knows us by name. He leads into his kingdom of peace and righteousness.

²Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. ³"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

⁵"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and

right in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 45 (page 83)

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:13-20

Everyone is part of a kingdom. The only question is if it is a kingdom of darkness or light. Everyone has a king.
The only question is if your king really cares for you. Our Savior-King has proven his love in blood.

¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



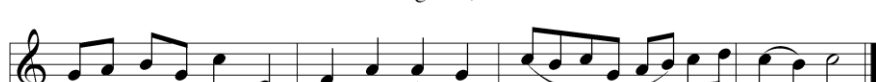
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!



Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 22:13

M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

After a one verse musical introduction, the congregation sings

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

With eyes of faith, the criminal sees Jesus for whom he really is—a gracious king, suffering and dying that we might be forgiven.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN OF THE DAY — 351

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

SERMON TEXT: Colossians 1:13-20

Christ Is All in All

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.

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**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**

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught 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.**

**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 — 727**

*There Is a Higher Throne*

**Serving today:**

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

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

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

**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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**Living in God’s Grace this Week**

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|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Today, Sunday:   | <b>9:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday School</b>                        |
|                  | 10:00 a.m.       | Worship Service                             |
|                  | 2:00 p.m.        | ILS Silent Auction                          |
|                  | 3:00 p.m.        | ILS School Play                             |
| Monday:          | <b>6:00 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:        | 8:45 a.m.        | Thanksgiving Service at Zion                |
|                  | 10:00 a.m.       | Thanksgiving Service at ILC                 |
| Friday:          | 11:00 a.m.       | Ladies Aid to take down<br>Fall Decorations |
| <b>Saturday:</b> | <b>9:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Set up Christmas Tree Decorations</b>    |
| Sunday:          | 9:00 a.m.        | Sunday School                               |
|                  | 10:00 a.m.       | Worship Service                             |
|                  |                  | <i>Free Will Offering for Candy Bags</i>    |
|                  | 11:30 a.m.       | Ladies Aid Lunch                            |

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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.*



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.**



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Advent Pot-Luck Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after church In the church basement

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

**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.**

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*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.*



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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

### Our Congregation Mission Offering:

Each year, at our Annual Meeting, Immanuel decides the amount for our Congregation Mission Offering. This offering allows our synod to operate worker training schools for teachers and pastors. And it allows us to send missionaries to proclaim the gospel around the world. At the beginning of 2019 we set our CMO at \$20,000. As of October 31st, we have sent in \$11,746. Please help fulfill our mission commitment by designating an offering for missions in your offering envelope. Thank you.

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## Thanksgiving Services – Thursday, November 28

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



### 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.



Joy to the World!

### Christmas Caroling!

Anyone interested in Christmas Caroling is welcome to come along with the Choir on Sunday, December 1st at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at the Pines in Hutchinson. *Everyone welcome!!*



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.



### 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.



### 2020 Directory

The Church Directory will be updated for 2020, if you have a change in address and/or phone, please let Julie Thompson know. Also, if you would like your email address included. Either place the information in box #75 or send it to her via email at [juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com). Thank you!



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## School Calendar of Events:

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](http://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](http://www.SchoolMall.com)
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
- **Cash Wise Points**– enroll at [www.cashwise.com](http://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](mailto: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.



### **Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup>**

Do you have Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> available? Have you directed

them? You can direct to thousands of organizations enrolled in the program - ***including Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!***

I encourage you to consider directing your Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School. Doing so helps us continue our important ministry of strengthening communities and changing lives! Otherwise your Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> will be directed by Thrivent. You can do this by logging into your account on line at <https://www.thrivent.com/>

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