



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

HYMN - 25 “The King Shall Come”

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: 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 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 24

M: The earth is the LORD’S, and everything in it,

C: **the world, and all who live in it;**

M: for he founded it upon the seas

C: **and established it upon the waters.**

M: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?

C: **Who may stand in his holy place?**

M: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C: **he will receive blessing from God his Savior.**

M: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

C: **be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

M: Who is this King of glory?

C: **The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

M: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

C: **lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

M: Who is he, this King of glory?

C: **The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL – Mark 13:32-37

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN - 2 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

SERMON – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 “Eagerly Wait”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

M: 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.

HYMN - 7 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

OFFERING - Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the sanctuary.



Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek **Elder:** Jason Horrmann

Video Taping: Mark DeVries

Power Point: Mike Heine **Altar Guild:** Betty Rusch and Karen Plath

Ushers: Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Justin Black, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff

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on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3

Please note ILS’ NEW web site: www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com

Monthly Calendar (under calendar) Weekly Bulletins (under service)

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Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:30	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00	p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00	p.m.	School Board
Saturday:	9:00	a.m.	Children’s Christmas Eve Practice
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			Door Offer for Christmas Bags

Children’s Christmas Practice

Saturday, December 5, 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The children will have a **Christmas Party** on December 19 following practice from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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A Door Offering – Will be held on Sundays, December 6th and December 13th for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.



Say **Merry Christmas** with a small gift... Our MLC Adopt a Student, Emily Ash, is practice teaching at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, Florida until December 18th. After the Christmas break, in 2021, she will be practice teaching again at a different location. We would like to send Emily a Christmas gift to help with her travels and living expenses.

Anyone wishing to contribute can place their donation into the Christmas box in the entry designated for Emily. We will send the gift after December 13.

Use Scrip as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 13 and the cards will be delivered by the 20th. As always, local cards are on hand after that date for last minute gifts. Proceeds are used for School trips and transportation during the school year. There are lists of retail stores in the entry on the school table. **Contact Karen Kohls.**

What is SCRIP? *Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for our school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, or credit cards. You purchase gift cards from our school at face value and our Scrip Coordinator orders those cards at a reduced price, which is an instant rebate for our school!*



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.

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Church Decorating

Thank you to all who helped!!



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 TODAY, November 29th**. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$10.50 each. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Henke.



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 **November 29th**. 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 -- Body and Bath Lotion
- 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 -- Small Hershey bars
- Word search books -- Dollar Store Adult Coloring Books

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Nominating Committee will meet on
Wednesday, December 9 at 8 p.m.

Christmas Services Schedule

Christmas Eve

Zion at 3:00 p.m.

Immanuel at 5:30 p.m. Children's Service
For the Parents and Grandparents

Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve at Joint Service at Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.

No New Year's Day Service



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.



2021 Directory

The Church Directory will be updated for 2021, 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. Thank you!

The Advent Wreath

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The **first candle**, which is purple, **symbolizes** hope. It is sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The **second candle**, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The **third candle** is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the **final purple candle** to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Choice Dollars®

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!*



**Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Children of Grace Pre-School**

NEW WEBSITE: www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com
<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutchinsonlutherschool>



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*

- ****New** Caseys Rewards.** – Go to www.caseys.com
- 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.



BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

This program will help beautify our campus and help us raise money for our school. The bricks will be placed in front of the steps at school. Whether you are a student, graduate, or a supporter of Immanuel Lutheran and Children of Grace, add your name to the history books. Buy a 4 x 8 brick for \$40 or an 8 x 8 brick for \$60. Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)
ALL TEXT WILL BE CENTERED AND CAPITALIZED

4 x 8 Brick

8 x 8 Brick

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Immanuel Lutheran School
20917 Walden Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 18, 2020.

If you have any questions, please call Brian Gephart at (269) 932-5117.