

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

HYMN - 11 “Comfort, Comfort All My People”

We follow the Service of Word and Sacrament on page 26.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” ⁶ A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?” “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” ⁹ You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

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SECOND LESSON - 2 Peter 3:8-14

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

VERSE OF THE DAY - Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

CHOIR - “Prepare Ye”

GOSPEL - Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”— ³ “a voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

HYMN - 16 “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

SERMON - Isaiah 40:1-11

“All Mankind Will See It Together”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT - *We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

DISTRIBUTION

207 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

308 “As Surely As I Live, God Said”

BLESSING

HYMN - 21 “Hosanna to the Coming Lord”

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Serving today:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Altar Guild: Betty Henke & Donna Telecky **Elder:** Kori Leske

Video: Mike Heine **Recording:** Madyson/Nolan

Ushers: Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Dawn Nass, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff

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Gifts to Our Lord

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

|                  |                |             |                                               |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Today:           | 9:00           | a.m.        | Sunday School                                 |
|                  | <b>9:45</b>    | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>Hymn Sing</b>                              |
|                  | 10:00          | a.m.        | Worship                                       |
|                  | 11:00          | a.m.        | Elder's Meeting                               |
|                  | 11:15          | a.m.        | Bible Study                                   |
|                  | 1:00           | p.m.        | Confirmation                                  |
|                  | <b>1:30</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Christmas Caroling<br/>@ Harmony River</b> |
|                  | 5:30           | p.m.        | G.I.L.L. at Grace                             |
| Monday:          | <b>7:00</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Choir</b>                                  |
|                  | <b>8:00</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>                            |
| Tuesday:         | 2:00           | p.m.        | Bible Study at Grace                          |
|                  | 7:00           | p.m.        | Bible Study at Grace                          |
| Wednesday:       | 4:15           | p.m.        | Confirmation                                  |
|                  | <b>7:00</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Council</b>                                |
| <b>Saturday:</b> | <b>9:00-11</b> | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>Children's Christmas Practice</b>          |
|                  | <b>10:00</b>   | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>Choir to join Children's Practice</b>      |
| Sunday:          | 9:00           | a.m.        | Sunday School                                 |
|                  | 10:00          | a.m.        | Worship                                       |
|                  | 11:15          | a.m.        | Bible Study                                   |
|                  | 1:00           | p.m.        | Confirmation                                  |

**Use Scrip as Christmas gifts. Place orders by TODAY, December 10 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.**



**Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Christmas Party**  
Thank you to all who made donations towards the Belle Plaine Christmas gifts. And thank you to all that went along to help. It is greatly appreciated. *Sharon Smith*



**G.I.L.L. TODAY:** Bible Study is Sunday, December 10 at 5:30pm. A meal will be served at Grace.

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Joy to the World!
Everyone welcome!!

Christmas Caroling! -- TODAY

Anyone interested in Christmas Caroling is welcome to come along with the Choir on Sunday, December 10th at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at Harmony River in Hutchinson.



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.



A Door Offering – Will be held on Sundays, TODAY, December 10th for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.



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.



The **annual marriage retreat** hosted by St. Paul's, Litchfield and Immanuel, Willmar will be held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd from March 9-11, 2018.

Reservations may be made online at: https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/wels_march_2018. If you have any questions, please feel to send them to welsmarriageretreat@gmail.com, or call Pastor Engel at [320-444-7641](tel:320-444-7641). Reservations need to be made by January 31st.

Christmas Services Schedule

Christmas Eve

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10:00 a.m.

Zion at 3:00 p.m.

Immanuel at 7:00 p.m. *Children's Service*

Christmas Day

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.



Immanuel will have a hymn sing TODAY before worship starting about 15 minutes before the service begins, the elder for that Sunday will ask for people to suggest hymns for the congregation to sing.



Snow Removal – Please talk to a Trustee (Mike Heine, Brad Duesterhoeft or Chris Wersal) if you are interested in helping with the snow removal for the Church. *Thank you*



Christmas Gift Bags – After the holidays, if you have extra Christmas Gift Bags (new and/or used) that you don't know what to do with...please save for Belle Plaine. This make gift wrapping so much easier for all of the gifts that are given to the residents. Thank you! Please connect with Sharon Smith regarding this.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to begin the process to fill the ballots for the following positions at the next Congregational/Voter's meeting scheduled for January 16th. Please consider giving of your time and talents when called upon.

- Vice-Chairman
- Delegate
- Financial Secretary
- Trustee (3 year term)
- Elder (3 year term)
- Finance (3 year term)
- Cemetery Board (3 year term)

The Holy Scriptures have defined God pleasing ways in which women may serve their Lord. The Immanuel Ladies' Auxiliary is made up of all women in our congregation. The Ladies Executive Board is asking for volunteers to be on the ballot at the January 17th meeting for the following:

- Vice President
- Director (3 year term)

Please contact Julie Thompson or Deb Plamann if you have questions or would like to volunteer to serve as Vice President or Director.

The Vice President serves as vice president in assisting the President for one year and then moves into the office of President for one year. The President directs 2 meetings per year and consults with the Executive Committee to ensure that the condition and cleanliness of the kitchen and basement are adequate for use.

The 3 Directors oversee church improvements when contacted by the church council. They also rotate duties communicating with members hosting a catered event and initiate the annual cleaning of the church kitchen and basement.

Thank you.



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Kindergarten through 8th Grade
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Check the bulletin board in the entry way for the school's
Friday Note and *PTF minutes*. *Help yourself!*



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

Cash Wise Points - NEW PROCESS – enroll at www.cashwise.com

Under: “Deals”

“\$ More Rewards” -- “Enroll”

Select: “Immanuel Lutheran, Hutchinson”

The points are automatically tallied on line when you shop.

School Fundraising:

BoxTops – Found on most

General Mills, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Totino's, Pillsbury, products (etc). Just need to be



cut out. Loaves4Learning – From the makers of Country Hearth & Village Hearth Bread. They are UPC's usually found on bread bags.

Cut off from bag. Ink cartridges - Empty cartridges from computer printers Kwik

Trip Milk Moola – Only caps with the Milk Moola symbol or bag top.

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There is a collection box on the bulletin board by the meeting room.



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