



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022

HYMN – 309 “The Advent of Our King”

We follow Setting Two on page 172.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY (page 174)

In place of GLORY BE TO GOD, sing #627 **“To God Be the Glory”**

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with you light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay,

grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the LORD has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

PSALM 146

SECOND READING – Romans 15:4-13

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. ⁹ Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: I will send my messenger a-head of you; who will prepare your way be-fore you.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Matthew 11:2-11

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

⁷ As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN – 324 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

SERMON – Matthew 11:2-11

“Expect Great Things”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT - *We invite those who hold membership in this church or any church in fellowship with WELS, to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

814 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

654 “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN - 519 “There Is a Redeemer”

Christmas Services Schedule

Christmas Eve

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.

New Year’s Eve at Immanuel at 7:00 p.m. with Communion

Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jill Dettman

Elder: Jason Horrmann

Video Taping: Mark DeVries

Power Point: Lily DeVries

Altar Guild: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky

Ushers: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks

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Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)

Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)

Church Services Broadcasted Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pm on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3



<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutch>

Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.



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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.

Variety of Greeting Cards



The Ladies' Aid has a variety cards available for sale in the Church Library. They are sold by the box and/or individual cards. Prices will be marked accordingly.



A Door Offering – Will be held on today, December 11th for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve. Thank you.



And if anyone has an update to their address and/or phone, please let Julie Thompson know. juliethompson@mchsi.com or Church Box #75.

Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday			<i>Door Offering for Christmas Candy Bags</i>
	6:30	p.m.	PTF
	6:30	p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	6:30	p.m.	Elder's
	7:00	p.m.	Council
Saturday	8:00	p.m.	Nominating Committee
	9:00	a.m.	Children's Christmas Practice Children's Christmas Party
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study



If you would like to join in the fun to see The Church Basement Ladies - **Plowin Thru**, on Saturday, January 14, at 3 p.m. at the Ames Center in Burnsville. Please sign up on the sheet in the entryway by Sunday, December 11th.

There are 6 front row seats (no stairs) and 3 rows behind.
\$36 per ticket.

Transportation will be extra provided by the Hutch School Bus. Will stop and eat on the way home at Unhinged Pizza, Glencoe.

"The year is 1975 and all our favorite characters are back!"

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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 17th. Please consider giving of your time and talents when called upon.

- Vice-Chairman
- Treasurer
- Delegate
- 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 18th meeting for the following:

- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Director (3 year term)

Please contact Janel Radunz or Deb Boelter 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.



WELS Travel Tour Opportunity through MLC

The MLC Alumni Association invites W/ELS members to join a March 1-12 travel tour which plans to visit Southern CA, Grand Canyon West, the Mighty Five Utah national parks, and the Colorado Rockies. The trip involves a one-way flight from MSP to CA and a motorcoach bus return. An MLC Choir concert, daily devotions, WELS worship in NV and NE, and visits to three WELS high schools are also part of the plan. For more information, visit bit.ly/la2nu (tour) or contact coordinator Steve Balza (alumni@mlc-wels.edu) or 507-217-1731).



In April 2023, Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool will be breaking ground to build a new building. There will be new classrooms, new lockers, new tables, new offices...lots of new. Part of that process could also bring a new name. We are looking for possible new name ideas for our new school building. Please share your ideas below. (*we are just looking for ideas, not necessarily changing the name*)

Please share with Brian Gephart or Pastor at church and we can write down your suggestion.

**Kwik trip has a new promotion going on for
in store purchases.**

**There is a new "GROCERY" card and by using this card, 15% is
donated to the school.**

(excludes: fuel, tobacco, alcohol, lottery or stamps)

**The regular Kwik trip cards are still available for fuel and instore
purchases, and will donate 5% to the school.**



If you would like to purchase **Scrip cards** (*now called Raise Right*) for Christmas, the deadline for Christmas orders will be **December 11**.

On hand is a supply of popular cards for anything last minute. Cash Wise is not on the list, but I do have cards for Cash Wise/Coborns.

Just a reminder, the cards pay the face value of the card and the school gets the rebate % which is used for trips during the year.

Please see Karen Kohls.

During the previous school year it paid \$1,322 in bus fares on various trips.



*Preschool, Kindergarten,
1st through 8th Grade*

School Calendar

Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. – PTF

Thursday, December 15 at 4 p.m. – Home Basketball game

Friday, December 16 at 9 a.m. – Chapel at Church



BUILDING FAITH FOUNDATIONS - New School



Building: Below is a link to our Thrivent page where you, family, alumni, and friends can donate to our building fund. Just click on the link, then push the Make Personal

Donation button. We also have this information on our website (www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com) under Building Project with a Donation button that leads you to the same Thrivent page. For traditional check donations envelopes can be provided if you know someone that would rather go that route than online. **BUILDING PROJECT | Hutchinsonlutheran** (hutchinsonlutherschool.com)

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*

• **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 Store Fundraiser** - www.schoolstore.com

• **Amazon Fundraiser** - www.smile.amazon.com

• **Cash Wise Rewards**– enroll at www.morerewards.com

• **BoxTops** – This is all digital. For us to get credit, you will need to download the Boxtops for Education App on your smart phone, search Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson and scan your entire receipt.

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



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