



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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

### **HYMN - 11 “Comfort, Comfort All My People”**

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

### **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 your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **FIRST LESSON - Zephaniah 3:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. <sup>16</sup>On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. <sup>17</sup>The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

### **PSALM 130 on page 114**

### **SECOND LESSON - Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY - Matthew 11:10**

Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL - Luke 3:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in

keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup>“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup>John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. <sup>14</sup>Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

<sup>15</sup>The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **HYMN - 14 “Arise, O Christian People”**

### **SERMON - Luke 3:7-18**

### **“Exhortation and Proclamation”**

### **NICENE CREED**

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 HYMNS**

**303 “With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”**

**311 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

### **BLESSING**

### **HYMN - 710 “Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered”**

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The Nominating Committee will be meeting this week to fill the ballots for the following positions at the next Congregational/Voter's meeting scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider giving of your time and talents when called upon.

- Vice-Chairman
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for the following:

- Vice President
- Director (3 year term)

**Please contact Mary Ann Dettman or Janel Radunz** 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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### Serving today at Immanuel:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek **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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on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3

Please note ILS' NEW web site: [www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com)

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

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### 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 <i>Door Offering For Christmas Bags</i>
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	PTF
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
Saturday:	9:00	a.m.	Children's Christmas Practice
	11:00	a.m.	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday:	<b>9:00</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion

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**Zion's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was recorded.** If you are interested in watching, please contact Julie Thompson for the DVD.



### 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 Today, December 12<sup>th</sup> for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve. Thank you.



### 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.



### 2022 Directory

The Church Directory will be updated for 2022, 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!



**NEW DATE:** The GILL Lock in has been rescheduled for Friday, December 17 at Grace Lutheran Church.

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## Christmas Services Schedule

**Friday, Christmas Eve**

Zion at 3 p.m.

Immanuel at 7 p.m. (Children's Service)

**Saturday, Christmas Day**

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.



**Use Scrip as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 12 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.**

Don't forget there is also Cash Wise available also.

If there are questions or orders please direct to [Kohls@hutchtel.net](mailto:Kohls@hutchtel.net)



**Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Children of Grace Pre-School**

NEW WEBSITE: [www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://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*



- **Caseys Rewards.** – Go to [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com)
- [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 Store Fundraiser** - [www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com)
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
- **Cash Wise Rewards**– enroll at [www.morewards.com](http://www.morewards.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 school display. Thank you for your help.*



### **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!*