

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2017

HYMN - 19 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

This morning we follow the Common Service on page 15.

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 – Isaiah 61:1-3,10,11

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

PSALM 71 on page 92**SECOND LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

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 - John 1:6-8,19-28

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

¹⁹ Now this was John’s testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Christ.”

²¹ They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

²⁴ Now some Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶ “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

NICENE CREED**HYMN – 14 “Arise, O Christian People”**

SERMON – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

“The Lord is Faithful”

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

81 “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

309 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

BLESSING

HYMN – 183 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

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Serving today:

Organist: Jane Vacek

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

Video: Mike Heine **Recording:** Josh/Alex

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

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Our prayers and sympathies go out to Pastor Daniel Reich and his family at the death of his nephew, Aaron Reich, 36, of Buffalo. Aaron leaves behind his wife, 3 boys and their fourth child due in July.

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Living in God's Grace this Week

Today:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	11:15	a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00	p.m.	Confirmation
Monday:	7:00	p.m.	Choir
	8:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday:	2:00	p.m.	Bible Study at Grace
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study at Grace
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
Saturday:	9:00-11	a.m.	Children's Christmas Practice
	10:00	a.m.	Choir to join Children's Practice
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School Party
	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	3:00	p.m.	Worship service at Zion
	7:00	p.m.	Children's Service @ ILC



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.



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.



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*



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On Sunday, January 7, 2018, Great Plains Lutheran High School will be highlighted with Pastor Paul Lindhorst will be our guest preacher that day. He will highlight the gospel work being done at Great Plains Lutheran High School. A door offering will be received on the 7th if you would like to support this work. Pastor Lindhorst will also present more detailed information during the Bible Class hour, beginning in the meeting room at 11:15 at Immanuel. Everyone Welcome!



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.

New Year's Day – 9 a.m. at Zion



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.

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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 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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Immanuel Lutheran School
Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Children of Grace Pre-School

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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

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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. Accepting only clean milk caps Only milk caps from Milk Moola. There is a collection box on the bulletin board by the meeting room.





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