



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022

CHOIR – 325 “My Soul in Stillness Waits”

We follow Setting Two on page 172.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY (page 174)

In place of GLORY BE TO GOD, #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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

PSALM 89

SECOND READING – Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 179



Refrain



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

Pastor: The virgin will conceive and give birth / to a son; and they will call him Im- / manuel.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

HYMN – 315 “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

SERMON – Matthew 1:18-25

“God Is With Us”

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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.*

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

496 “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

677 “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN - 313 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

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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: Jane Vacek

Elder: Justin Black

Video Taping: Mark DeVries

Power Point: Cody Black

Altar Guild: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky

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

Contacts

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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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Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
Monday	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
Saturday	9:00	a.m.	Children's Christmas Practice
	3:00	p.m.	Worship at Zion
	7:00	p.m.	Worship at Immanuel
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



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.



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



WELS Travel Tour Opportunity through MLC

The MLC Alumni Association invites WELS 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).

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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.

Upcoming Annual Meetings

**January 17th – Annual Voter's Meeting/Congregational Meeting
at 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone invited to attend.

January 18th – Ladies Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The school has a variety of fundraising options to help the school with various activities....won't you help?

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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 in store purchases, and will donate 5% to the school.



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

School Calendar

Thursday/Friday, December 22/23 – No School

Monday thru Friday, December 26 to 30 – No School



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.hutchinsonlutheranschool.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



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

• coca.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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