



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020

CHOIR – “Will You Come to the Manger”

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

LESSON – 2 Samuel 7:8-16

⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

PSALM 89

M: I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;

C: I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

M: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

C: that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

M: The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,

C: your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

M: O Lord God Almighty, who is like you?

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

M: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

C: you walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

M: They rejoice in your name all day long;

C: they exult in your righteousness.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL – Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN - 23 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

SERMON – 2 Samuel 7:8-16 -- "What the Lord Will Do"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN – 32:1,3,5 "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

OFFERING - Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the sanctuary

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HOLY COMMUNION – 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.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the front of the sanctuary. If you do not desire to receive the sacrament, you may be dismissed during hymn 311:1-4.

Communicants, please come forward at the direction of the usher using the center aisle.

- Stand on the tape marks in front of the first row of seats.
- Use the full width of the sanctuary to keep distance from other households.
- The elder will put the bread into your open hand. When everyone has the bread, pastor will say, "Take, eat..."
- Pastor will hold out the tray for you to take an individual cup. When everyone has the cup, pastor will say, "Take, drink..."
- When your table has received a blessing, exit using the side aisles.



Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek **Elder:** Jason Horrmann

Video Taping:

Power Point: Mike Heine **Altar Guild:** Betty Henke and Donna Telecky

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

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

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

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| Today, Sunday:        | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>     | <b>Sunday School</b>                                             |
|                       | 10:00 a.m.           | Worship Service w/Communion                                      |
| Monday:               | 6:30 p.m.            | Choir                                                            |
|                       | 7:30 p.m.            | Bible Study                                                      |
| <del>Wednesday:</del> | <del>4:15 p.m.</del> | <del>Confirmation</del>                                          |
| Thursday:             | 3:00 p.m.            | Service at Zion                                                  |
|                       | 5:30 p.m.            | Children's Service at ILC<br><i>For Parents and Grandparents</i> |
|                       | 7:00 p.m.            | Service at Immanuel                                              |
| Friday:               | 8:45 a.m.            | Service at Zion                                                  |
|                       | 10:00 a.m.           | Service at Immanuel                                              |
| Sunday:               | <del>9:00 a.m.</del> | <del>Sunday School</del>                                         |
|                       | 10:00 a.m.           | Worship Service                                                  |

**If you would like to send a "thinking of you" or "Merry Christmas" card to Ralph Wendorff.**

*His new address is:*  
**Estates at Excelsior  
515 Division St  
Excelsior, MN 55331**



**Christmas Bags Door Offering – Thank you!!!**



**Weather Closings**

Winter weather will soon be with us again. On days with questionable weather, meetings and/or worship cancellations will be announced on KDUZ -1260 AM radio and on the website: [www.immanuelhutch.com](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)

**Upcoming Annual Meetings**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Voter's Meeting/Congregational Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

*Everyone invited to attend.*

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

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Christmas Services Schedule

Christmas Eve

Zion at 3:00 p.m.

Immanuel at 5:30 p.m. Children's Service
For the Parents and Grandparents

Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve at Joint Service at Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.

No New Year's Day Service



2021 Directory

The Church Directory will be updated for 2021, 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. Thank you!



**Kindergarten through 8th Grade
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The Ladies' Executive Board decided NOT to have the January Ladies Annual meeting. The groups will not be serving Lenten suppers again this year. Kitchen inventory is not due until January of 2022. Current President, Mary Ann Dettman and Director, JoAnn Kallemeyn have agreed to continue in their positions an additional year. No elections will be held until January of 2022. The next meeting is July 14 at 7:00p. If there are any issues that need to be addressed before that time, please contact Mary Ann or one of the Directors and we will hold an Executive Board meeting to discuss the issue. *Thank you.*

The Advent Wreath

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The **first candle**, which is purple, **symbolizes** hope. It is sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The **second candle**, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The **third candle** is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the **fourth week of Advent**, we light the **final purple candle** to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



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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*

- ****New** 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 Mall Fundraiser** - www.SchoolMall.com
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - www.smile.amazon.com
- **Cash Wise Points**– enroll at www.cashwise.com



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