



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2018

HYMN - 8 “Come, O Precious Ransom, Come”

We follow Service of the Word on page 38.

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 LESSON - Micah 5:2-5a

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be their peace.

PSALM 85 on page 97

SECOND LESSON - Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.’”

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” (although the law required them to be made). ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will,

we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

VERSE OF THE DAY - Matthew 1:23

Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 1:39-55

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”

⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”

HYMN - 23 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

SERMON - Luke 1:39-55

“He is Mindful of the Humble”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN - 12 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

PRAYER

HYMN - 65 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Christmas Services Schedule

Monday - Christmas Eve
 Zion at 3:00 p.m.
 Immanuel at 7:00 p.m. – *Children's Service*

Tuesday - Christmas Day
 Joint Service at Immanuel at 10 a.m.
New Year's Eve at Immanuel at 7 p.m.

Serving today:

Organist: Jane Vacek
Altar Guild: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky **Elder:** Justin Black
Video: Mike Heine **Video:** Nolan
Ushers: Bruce Trick, Kyler & Tessa Adams, Don Dettman, Andy, Brad & Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon & Nolan Hoff

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 Monthly Calendar (under calendar) Weekly Bulletins (under service)
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~~~Calendar of Events & Announcements~~~

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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.



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.



Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Children of Grace Pre-School



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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*



Schwan's Fundraiser starting - 42827.

- Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool are selling **\$20 discount cards**
- **Kwik Trip - Milk Moola**



Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	3:00	p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship at Zion
	7:00	p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship at Immanuel
Tuesday:	10:00	a.m.	Christmas Day Worship at Immanuel (Joint Service with Zion)
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	7:00	p.m.	Worship Service at ILC
Tuesday:	9:00	a.m.	Worship Service at Zion

- General Mills - BoxTops
- 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.

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