



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 29, 2019

**HYMN - 56 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”**

*We follow Service of the Word on page 38.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

<sup>8</sup> He said, “Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me”; and so he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup> In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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**SECOND LESSON - Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. <sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

**VERSE OF THE DAY - Colossians 3:15**

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL - Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

**HYMN - 41 “Let All Together Praise Our God”**

**SERMON - Galatians 4:4-7**

**“Jesus Came to Redeem”**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN - 53 “To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”**

**PRAYER**

**HYMN - 68 “Away in a Manger”**

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## Serving today at Immanuel:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek **Elder:** Steve Plamann **Video Taping:** Alex/Andy  
**Power Point:** Mike Heine **Altar Guild:** Betty Henke & Donna Telecky  
**Ushers:** Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff, Nolan Hoff

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**New Year’s Eve at Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.**

**New Year’s Day at Zion at 9 a.m.**

## Our Congregation Mission Offering:

Each year, at our Annual Meeting, Immanuel decides the amount for our Congregation Mission Offering. This offering allows our synod to operate worker training schools for teachers and pastors. And it allows us to send missionaries to proclaim the gospel around the world. At the beginning of 2019 we set our CMO at \$20,000. As of October 31st, we have sent in \$11,746. Please help fulfill our mission commitment by designating an offering for missions in your offering envelope. Thank you.

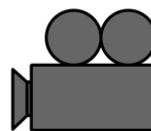


The scale model of our church building that was built by Joe Vostinar has been in storage for multiple years in multiple places. The model has been used in parades over the years. If anyone is interested in this, please contact Harold Plath by January 1, 2020. It was decided at the October Voter’s meeting, that if there was no interest in the scale model it will be dismantled and dispose accordingly.

## 2020 Directory



The Church Directory will be updated for 2020, 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!



**Looking for volunteers (not just students)** – if you would be willing to help video tape the church service, please contact Julie Thompson. This recording is then taken down to Hutchinson Community Video Network, so that it can be Broadcasted on Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pm on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3. Thank you for your consideration.

## Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	<del>9:00 a.m.</del>	<del>Sunday School</del>
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	<del>6:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Bible Study at ILC</del>
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Tuesday:	<del>2:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Bible Study at Grace</del>
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Grace
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship at Immanuel</b>
Wednesday:	<del>4:15 p.m.</del>	<del>Confirmation</del>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship at Zion</b>
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Also, please note if you wish to sign up for bulletins and/or flowers, the 2020 listing is located in the Church office on the bulletin board. Also, on the bulletin board is the Church Calendar for reserving the basement.

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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 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please consider giving of your time and talents when called upon.

- Vice-Chairman
- Delegate
- Treasurer
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> meeting** for the following:

- Vice President
- Director (3 year term)
- Secretary/Treasurer

**Please contact Janel Radunz** if you have questions or would like to volunteer to serve as Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer 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 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Voter's Meeting/Congregational Meeting  
at 7:00 p.m.**

*Everyone invited to attend.*

**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

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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.



Immanuel is currently conducting an opinion poll to help the voters make a big decision at our annual meeting in January. Sunday, January 4, 2020 will be the last day to make your voice heard. The poll has just one question, "Should the voters authorize the school board to conduct a fundraising campaign for building a new school?" To make this decision the voters need to hear your voice. So far 72 members have responded. Ballots are available from pastor either on paper or by email.

As we think about the future, it's useful to remember how hard the people before us had to work to start and run a school. They gave their best efforts to build a place where children could learn and grow. Over the years, our church as a whole and each of our families have received great blessings from having a school. Now we have a new generation coming up. If each of our 92 "giving units" could manage an extra \$100 per month, we could raise well over \$300 thousand in three years. Our sister church Grace is considering this same question. They have been willing to walk with us in this ministry. But we need to take the lead in making this decision. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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

[ilschool@hutchtel.net](mailto:ilschool@hutchtel.net)

<https://www.facebook.com/immanuel.lutheran.school.hutchinson>



### **School Calendar of Events:**

**ILS No School - December 22 to January 1, 2020  
School Resumes January 2, 2020**

**Friday, January 3 – Hot Lunch: served by Mackedanz**

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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*

- **General Mills - BoxTops** - *Thru October 2019*
- **NEW: 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](http://www.SchoolMall.com)
- **Amazon Fundraiser** - [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
- **Cash Wise Points**– *enroll at [www.cashwise.com](http://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.*



The school is looking for Latchkey **sub** caregivers for before and after school. We do have caregivers that stepped forward to help full time. If anyone can help out as a sub, they can contact Barbara DeVries home 320-587-6138 or email [devriesfamilyinbox@gmail.com](mailto:devriesfamilyinbox@gmail.com)

### **Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool Financial Development Plan**

#### **Rationale**

The school has been the focus of Immanuel's ministry for 100 years. It's not the only thing we do. But it has been the main focus of our time, talents, and treasure. We have received significant blessings from this effort. Our children have received a strong foundation in Christian teaching. Many have gone on to excel in high school and college. Many have become spiritual leaders in our congregation. New families joining our congregation in the past few years have mentioned the school as their main reason for joining Immanuel.

In order for the school to continue its ministry, it needs a functional facility. The current building has served us well but falls short in several areas: having enough space for current and future class sizes, restroom facilities, storage space, recreation and physical education space, office space, and access control. In addition, though the current building is maintained, it has the appearance of age. This puts off families who are comparing us to the public school system.

#### **Challenges**

The tuition model makes it difficult for some families to choose Christian education.

Continued growth in class size may require adding staff, which puts additional stress on the budget.

New facilities require significant capital expenditure. A significantly larger building would cost more to operate, offsetting potential maintenance savings.

#### **Advantages**

Our sister church Grace joined us supporting the school directly. We have potential partners in St. Paul, Litchfield and St. John's, Glencoe. Several families from St. Paul are already sending students.

Both Immanuel and Grace own our property and buildings outright. We have no significant debt.

We have time to plan and set goals and milestones. Beginning now will make a new building possible down the road.

We have a significant number of non-WELS students. We are the only Lutheran elementary school in the area.

**Cost:** \$2,000,000

### **Actions**

- Immanuel and Grace incorporate stewardship emphasis into their yearly worship plans. Look at the blessings God has given through this ministry.
- School hosts a planning giving seminar to talk about designated gifts. Invite Immanuel, Grace, Zion, St. Peter, St. Paul. This seminar helps people understand the options for planned giving through their estate. Attendance does not obligate anyone to support the school. But that option is available.
- Engage Jeff Davis from Cornerstone Consulting Ministry for a free initial consultation.
- Submit Antioch grant application. (Deadlines in July and October.)
- Establish an Endowment Fund to support the ongoing needs of the school.

### **Goals**

- 1) Support community needs - (preschool, daycare, gym space)
- 2) Increase community awareness with a new building and available gym space - (sports camps, tournaments, open gyms)
- 3) Become a better-fitted outreach arm of Immanuel and Grace (look attractive, look like a school)
- 4) Update and have a modernized building to better support students learning and have adequate workspace.
- 5) Have enough room to grow and support growth
- 6) Eliminate renting sports facilities

The big question is how can we do all this? How can we take on such a big project when we're already struggling? In 1 Samuel 14, God's people faced a similar situation. Their enemies were camped all around them. And every night their army got smaller as soldiers deserted and ran away. In other words, they were stuck. They didn't dare attack. And they couldn't just walk away. One day, Jonathan decided to try something. He and his armor bearer decided to go over to the enemy outpost. And Jonathan said, "Perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few." He didn't have a command from God or a promise of success. But his faith moved him to try something a little risky and see what God would provide.

Our school ministry feels stuck. We feel afraid to take on such a big project as building a new school. But we can't just walk away. Yet God is still able to do great things, whether by many or by few. Let's step forward in faith and see if the Lord will act on our behalf. He has richly blessed our efforts up to now. Those who have attended our school in the past continue to reap a harvest of righteousness and peace, the blessings that come from faith. Our school gives us the chance to share God's Word every day. It lets us equip our children for a bright future in this life and the life to come. Previous generations had less than we do. But they stepped forward in

faith so that our church steeple could be seen for miles around. Perhaps God will let us be the generation that does the same thing for the school. Lift up your eyes to the hills; where does our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.



### **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!***

I encourage you to consider directing your Choice Dollars® to Immanuel Lutheran Church or School. Doing so helps us continue our important ministry of strengthening communities and changing lives! Otherwise your Choice Dollars® will be directed by Thrivent. You can do this by logging into your account on line at <https://www.thrivent.com/>

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