

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2017

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 63:16,17; 64:1-8

¹⁶ You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. ¹⁷ Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

PSALM 24 on page 73**SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

VERSE OF THE DAY - Revelation 22:20

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Mark 13:32-37

³² "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Children's Sermon**HYMN - 2 "Savior of the Nations, Come"****SERMON - Isaiah 63:16,17; 64:1-8****"Rend the Heavens, O Lord!"****APOSTLES' CREED****OFFERING****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - 4 "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"

PRAYER



Tree Decorating

Our 2017 ornament is an Angel and Manger. During the singing of the hymns, you will be ushered up to place your ornament on the Christmas tree. **We will sing one verse of each Christmas hymn beginning at hymn #68 and work backward in the hymnal as noted on the screen. The organist will play the last line of each new hymn to introduce it.**



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Serving today:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Altar Guild: Betty Henke & Donna Telecky **Elder:** Jason Horrmann

Video: Mike Heine **Recording:** Carl Horrmann

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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**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                                         |
|                  | 11:30          | a.m.        | Ladies’ Aid Lunch                                   |
|                  | 1:00           | p.m.        | Confirmation                                        |
| Monday:          | <b>7:00</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Choir</b>                                        |
|                  | <b>8:00</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>                                  |
| Tuesday:         | 2:00           | p.m.        | Bible Study at Grace                                |
|                  | 7:00           | p.m.        | Bible Study at Grace                                |
| Wednesday:       | 4:15           | p.m.        | Confirmation                                        |
|                  | <b>7:00</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>School Board</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday:</b>   |                |             | <b>G.I.L.L Lock-in at Immanuel</b>                  |
| <b>Saturday:</b> | <b>9:00-11</b> | <b>a.m.</b> | <b>Children’s Christmas Practice</b>                |
| Sunday:          | 9:00           | a.m.        | Sunday School                                       |
|                  | 9:45           | a.m.        | Hymn Sing                                           |
|                  | 10:00          | a.m.        | Worship                                             |
|                  | 11:00          | a.m.        | Elder’s Meeting                                     |
|                  | 11:15          | a.m.        | Bible Study                                         |
|                  | 1:00           | p.m.        | Confirmation                                        |
|                  | <b>1:30</b>    | <b>p.m.</b> | <b>Christmas Caroling</b><br><b>@ Harmony River</b> |
|                  | 5:30           | p.m.        | G.I.L.L. at Grace                                   |

**Use Scrip as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 10 and the cards will be delivered before Christmas. As always, local cards are on hand after that date for last minute gifts. Contact Karen Kohls.**



**Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Christmas Party**

Once again we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the residents at Belle Plaine Hope Center. These gifts assure that every resident will receive a Christmas gift. You can get ideas for gifts from the “Needs Gift List” available in the entry. A collection box will be available throughout November with a deadline of **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Contact Sharon Smith, Belle Plaine Coordinator, with any questions. *(See the “Needs Gift List” available in the entry way for a complete listing)*  
**Thank you.**

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Joy to the World!
Everyone welcome!!

Christmas Caroling!

Anyone interested in Christmas Caroling is welcome to come along with the Choir on Sunday, December 10th at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at Harmony River in Hutchinson.



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.



Poinsettias

If you would like to help beautify our church with poinsettias in celebration of Jesus’ birth, please sign up on the sheet in the entry way **by December 3rd**. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$10 each. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Henke.



A Door Offering – Will be held on Sundays, TODAY, December 3rd and December 10th for the children’s candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.

Church Decorating: Thank you to all of you that helped!!



G.I.L.L. Bible Study is Sunday, December 10 at 5:30pm. A meal will be served at Grace.

G.I.L.L Lock-In We will be having our lock-in on Friday, December 8th at Immanuel.



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 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 Eve at Zion at 9:00 a.m.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Elizabeth Olson, the daughter of Pastor Olson who served from 1987 to 1994. Elizabeth's house caught fire and their upstairs is completely gone. The main floor has water damage and everything smells of smoke. They are thankful that everyone is safe. When you go through something like that you soon realize that all your worldly possessions are just "stuff." It can all be replaced. They are thankful for God's blessings in keeping them all safe.



Please share in the Spirit of Christmas with our **Befriend a Student, Emily Ash at MLC**, with a small gift of pocket change, cash or check to your liking. There is a gift box in the entry to collect such gifts before **December 3**. The Ladies Aid will then pool the gifts into a gift card as appropriate for Emily's Christmas trip home. Also, please sign the Christmas card. Or you could remember Emily at

Thanksgiving or Christmas with you own Holiday card. Her school address is on the envelope. (1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073 or her email: ashem@mlc-wels.edu)



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*

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.



**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!*



Looking for a volunteer to help out at school for ½ to 1 hour starting around 11:30. If you are able to assist a couple days a week, please contact Brian Gephart at the school. *Thank you.*



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

Cash Wise Points - NEW PROCESS – enroll at www.cashwise.com

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.

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There is a collection box on the bulletin board by the meeting room.



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