

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### DECEMBER 31, 2017

#### **HYMN - 78 "O Light of Gentile Nations"**

*This morning we follow the Common Service on page 15.*

#### **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 45:20-25**

<sup>20</sup> "Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save.

<sup>21</sup> Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. <sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

<sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. <sup>24</sup> They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. <sup>25</sup> But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

#### **PSALM 111 on page 106**

#### **SECOND LESSON – Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY – Colossians 3:15**

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

#### **GOSPEL - Luke 2:25-40**

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all people, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the

child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

### **HYMN – 41 “Let All Together Praise Our God”**

### **SERMON – John 15:1-11**

## **“We Abide in Christ”**

1. Apart from the Word, we wither and die

2. Through His Word, Christ cleans us and causes us to grow

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **HYMN – 80 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

## **BLESSING**

### **HYMN – 366 “O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”**

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<p>We thank Seminarian Adam Brasich for leading our worship today. He attends Bethany Lutheran Seminary in Mankato.</p>
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## Serving today:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

**Altar Guild:** Betty Henke & Donna Telecky   **Elder:** Justin Black

**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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## 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.



The **annual marriage retreat** hosted by St. Paul's, Litchfield and Immanuel, Willmar will be held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd from March 9-11, 2018.

Reservations may be made online at:

[https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/wels\\_march\\_2018](https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/wels_march_2018). If you have any questions, please feel to send them to [welsmarriageretreat@gmail.com](mailto:welsmarriageretreat@gmail.com), or call Pastor Engel at [320-444-7641](tel:320-444-7641). Reservations need to be made by January 31<sup>st</sup>.



**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.

## Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today: 9:00 a.m. ~~Sunday School~~

10:00 a.m. Worship

*No evening service for New Year’s Eve*

Monday: 8:45 a.m. **Worship Service at Zion**

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. Bible Study at Grace

7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Grace

~~Wednesday: 4:15 p.m. Confirmation~~

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. School Board

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. ILS Basketball at Sleepy Eye

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

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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 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### CALLING ALL GROUPS!



The deadline for any and all inclusions in the 2017 Annual Report is Sunday, February 11th. Please place in mail box #75 or send to Julie Thompson at [juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com). Thank you!

### Upcoming Annual Meetings

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Voter's Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**



**Please help! If you could stay after church on Sunday, January 14th to assist taking down the Christmas decorations, it would be greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you!**

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

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[www.lutheransonline.com/lo/ilsmustangs](http://www.lutheransonline.com/lo/ilsmustangs)

**Check us out on Facebook!**

<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelutheranschoolhutchinson>

Check the bulletin board in the entry way for the school's

*Friday Note* and *PTF minutes*. *Help yourself!*



**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](http://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.

Accepting only clean milk caps Only milk caps from Milk Moola.

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



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## **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.

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