



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

HYMN - 575 “By Grace I’m Saved”

We follow Setting Two on page 172.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

^{4:1}But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be

angry?”

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

¹⁰But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

PSALM 115

SECOND READING – Romans 9:6-16

⁶It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All: For it is by grace you have been saved, / through faith
and this is not from yourselves, it is the / gift of God.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-6

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a

denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

HYMN – 572 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

SERMON – Jonah 3:10-4:11

“Rejoice in God’s Grace”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

HYMN – 566 “Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN - 582 “Not Unto Us”

Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Elder: Justin Black

Video Taping: Mark DeVries

Power Point: Cody Black

Altar Guild: Marilyn Rusch

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

Attendance

September 17

Our Gifts - Offerings

Budget:\$ Mission:\$

Grounds Maintenance: \$

New School: \$

~~Calendar of Events & Announcements~~

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Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)

Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)

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



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

Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.



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

Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00	p.m.	Pizza ~ Puzzles ~ Pies
Monday:	10:00	a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30	p.m.	ILS Children sing in Church GILL Bonfire at ILC

TODAY!!



Sunday, September 24 at 5 p.m.

Pizza ~ Puzzles ~ Pies



Family fun evening – Everyone Welcome!

Pizza will be served – we will have some fun with a little challenge of putting together puzzles. (Puzzles will be provided.)

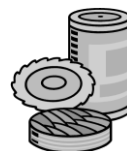
Bring a Pie (or dessert) to share.

Hope to see you there!

Sign-up sheets in the back table in entryway.

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The Ladies Aid is again sponsoring a drive for the Martin Luther College (MLC) food bank. MLC has a food bank program for married students that is supported by donations from WELS congregations and their members. This program provides food staples and practical items such as paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, toiletry items, cleaning supplies and laundry and dish soaps. Donations will be accepted from now thru **TODAY - Sunday, September 24th.** Totes are available in the church entryway. *Thank you.*



The Ladies Aid will tour **Anderson's Garden** in Litchfield, Wednesday, October 4. If you would like to car pool, we will be leaving church at 5:30. Otherwise, meet us at Anderson's Garden at 6 p.m. We are planning to eat at a Litchfield restaurant after the tour. Everyone Welcome!!

Also, if you would like to help decorate the church for fall, we will start at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4th.



Join Us on October 7!

MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Day

Saturday, October 7

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Learn about MLC's newest programs and plans.

See a sneak peek of the musical *Hello, Dolly!*

Hear updates from MLC students and faculty.

Enjoy an afternoon of MLC sports or take in Oktoberfest!

G.I.L.L. – Grace and Immanuel Luther League will meet on Sunday, October 1 at 5:30 at ILC. We will have a bonfire at the Teacherage.



The Fellowship Committee would like to celebrate

**Q3 and Q4, 2023 Birthdays
of the congregation.**

Sunday, October 8 after church we will be serving cake and coffee in the meeting room. *Please join us for fellowship.*

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Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Christmas Party

Once again we will be collecting Christmas and BINGO 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”. A collection box will be available throughout October with a deadline of **October 29th**. Thank you.

“Needs Gift List”

- Craft paints, water-soluble
- Construction paper -- Sketch pads
- Easy craft kits -- Snap-on care models
- Markers -- Scissors
- Puzzles, 300 piece -- Word search puzzles
- Leather making kits -- Manicure sets
- Hand lotion - Hand-held game videos
- CD players, CD’s easy-listening music
- Small snack items for bingo prizes
- Large print books -- Necklaces
- Washable slippers – Men’s aftershave
- Scarves - Baseball caps
- Open-front sweatshirts or cardigans
- Bottled “ice” water any flavor/diet pop
- Puddings -- Word search books
- Small Hershey bars
- Body and Bath Lotion
- Dollar Store Adult Coloring Books



Fall Cleaning!

Will be delayed until after the first of the year.

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Save the Date!

The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid has scheduled another trip to the Ames Center on

Saturday, December 2, 2023 for a 3p Show.

I’m Dreaming of a Looney Christmas

Featuring the Looney Lutherans!

Cost: \$34, bus will be an additional cost.

We will stop to eat at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe on the way home.

Last Day to sign up is October 29th.

Questions: See Donna Telecky



Support WELS Missions!

Learn more at the LWMS
Crow River Circuit Fall Rally

Mission Journeys: Publish Glad Tidings

Sat., Sept. 30, 2023 — 11a-3p

Registration starts at 10a

Speaker: Shannon Bohme, Mission Journeys

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

227 Ramsey Ave. S — Litchfield

Please RSVP by Sept. 25

to: Teresa Ross at taross316@gmail.com.

**All women of the
Crow River Circuit
are invited and
encouraged to
bring guests.
Children & families
welcome!**

Immanuel Lutheran School Calendar

Tuesday, September 26 – Soccer at Northwoods at 4p

Thursday, September 28 – Soccer at Arlington

Friday, September 29 – No Bus Service (Parent Drive Day)





Serving for the September's lunches has been filled!

Thank you! Thank you!

To all who have so graciously served!

October's schedule is pending.

Also, regarding the snacks and drinks, looking over the **generous donations**, the one item now would be

Gatorade and/or Diet and/or Regular pop/soda.

As the rest of the items are well stocked.

Again, Thank you! Thank you!

If any questions, please contact Brittany Clark (587-4858) or Julie Thompson (583-6007) for assistance. *Thank you.*

WELS Builders for Christ are looking for area volunteers to work with them. No construction experience is necessary and there are many opportunities to serve. Contact Elwood Heldt at 507-327-3313 for more information.



**Thank
You**

Thank you to all of the Kingdom Workers for their time and talent assisting with building the school.

We are truly blessed to have them with us.

Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st through 8th Grade

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

- **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 Store Fundraiser** - www.schoolstore.com
- **Cash Wise Rewards**– enroll at www.morerewards.com
- **BoxTops** – This is all digital. For us to get credit, you will need to download the Boxtops for Education App on your smart phone, search Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson and scan your entire receipt.

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



BUILDING FAITH FOUNDATIONS - New School Building: Below is a link to our Thrivent page where you,

family, alumni, and friends can donate to our building fund. Just click on the link, then push the Make Personal Donation button. We also have this information on our website (www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com) under Building Project with a Donation button that leads you to the same Thrivent page. For traditional check donations envelopes can be provided if you know someone that would rather go that route than online. **BUILDING PROJECT | Hutchinsonlutheran (hutchinsonlutherschool.com)**

Thrivent 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!*

School Calendar



Thank you for your support!



The School qualified to receive financing through LACE (Lutheran Association for Church Extension).

What is not covered through fundraising will be financed through this organization. The proposed school budget covers all loan payments without requiring extra financial commitments from our congregations.

LACE provides an opportunity for WELS members to purchase investments and receive interest payments. These investments help lower the interest rate on the building's loan payments through LACE.

They are currently offering a 2 YEAR SPECIAL* 5.30%

Visit laceinc.org to learn more and/or to obtain the application.

Designate Immanuel Lutheran School to help reduce the cost of the loan for the school. Only WELS or ELS members are eligible to participate.