



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

HYMN – 495 “The King Shall Come”

We follow Setting One on page 154.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GLORY BE TO GOD

The Word

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 READING – Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As 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! ³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴Since 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. ⁵You 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? ⁶All 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. ⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

PSALM 24

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

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Refrain



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

All: At the name of Jesus every / knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and un- / der the earth.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

HYMN – 301 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

SERMON – Mark 11:1-10

Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!

I. He comes so that we can identify him.

II. He comes in humility to save.

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING– *Advent Hymn Sing: 313, 358, 361, 354*

HYMN – 548 “The King of Glory Comes”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN – 313 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

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We thank Professor Tim Hartwig from Bethany Lutheran Seminary in Mankato for leading our worship this morning.

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Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek **Elder:** Justin Black
Video Taping: Mark DeVries **Power Point:** Cody Black
Altar Guild: Donna Telecky
Ushers: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann,
Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks

Contacts

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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.



Teacher, Joel Holz - School office: 320-587-4858

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Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	6:30	a.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
Saturday:	9:30	a.m.	Children's Christmas Practice
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion

Pastor DeVries received a call from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where to best serve.

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The Advent Poinsettias on the Altar are from the Ladies Aid.



During the Season of Advent, we would like to have a "Hymn Sing" during the offering. We will be singing 3 or 4 hymns on each Advent Sunday. There is a sheet in the entryway on the table to write down your favorite Advent and/or Christmas Hymns. If any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Thompson.



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



A call was extended to **Mr. Craig Kiecker** who is currently the principal at Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe, Arizona. He has been offered the Principal and 2-4 teacher position for 2024-2025 school year. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers in the next few weeks as he deliberates where best to serve.



giving tree

With the Christmas season upon us and our new school construction being completed, there are items the classrooms and offices are in need of. Immanuel Grace Lutheran School has placed a **Giving Tree** at the entrance of the church with numerous gift choices and price ranges. You can select an item from the tree, purchase the item, and return the item back to church or drop off at school before December 19th. If you would like to donate money in lieu of ordering the item please return the envelope with the gift of money by the same date. Keep in mind that the items listed can be purchased as a different brand but with similar size and type of the requested item. Please reach out to Michelle Kiecker @ 320-290-5001 with any questions.

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Variety of Greeting Cards AND Christmas Cards

The Ladies' Aid has a variety cards available for sale in the Church Library. They are sold by the box and/or individual cards. Be sure to check it out! Prices will be marked accordingly.



If you would like to purchase **Scrip cards** (now called *Raise Right*) for Christmas, the deadline for Christmas orders will be **December 10**. On hand is a supply of popular cards for anything last minute.

Cash Wise is not on the

list, but I do have cards for Cash Wise/Coborns.

Just a reminder, the cards pay the face value of the card and the school gets the rebate % which is used for trips during the year.

Please see Karen Kohls.



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.



MOVING HELPERS NEEDED:

Citizens Bank is remodeling and has graciously donated any of their office furniture to us. Saturday, December 9th we need able bodied helpers to move desks and office furniture onto a trailer to be used for the new school building. If you are available, please let Brittany Clark know at the school, 320-587-4858 or ilschool@hutchtel.net,

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Christmas Services Schedule

Sunday - Christmas Eve

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10:00 a.m.

Zion at 3:00 p.m.

Immanuel at 6:00 p.m. *Children's Service*

Monday - Christmas Day

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.

Sunday - New Year's Eve

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.



Immanuel Lutheran School Calendar

Sunday, December 3 – Sing at Grace Lutheran Church

Thursday, December 14 at 3:45 – Basketball at Northwoods, Hutchinson



LACE - Lutheran Association for Church Extension:

- There is a *special rate** being offered for new investments only. A two year term at 5.30% (minimum of \$25). Offer expires 12-31-2023.
 - **Interest paid annually and will automatically transfer to a 2 year term at its currently posted interest rate or can be redeemed at your request.*
- The school's current balance of \$725,000. Every five years the school's loan is scheduled to balloon. When the loan balloons, the current loan rate will increase to 5.75%
- By investing through LACE, it will assist in reducing the cost of the school's loan.
- Questions: please call 989-781-1600 or investwithlace.org

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
- **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 \(hutchinsonlutherschool.com\)](http://Hutchinsonlutheran (hutchinsonlutherschool.com))

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.

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