



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

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2023

HYMN - 361 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

We follow the order of Morning Prayer on page 207.

OPENING

In place of OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD we will **sing**
#333 “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

FIRST LESSON – Micah 5:2-5

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he will be our peace.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139

SECOND LESSON – Galatians 4:4-7

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

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN – 347 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

GOSPEL – John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN – 366 “O Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly”

SERMON – Galatians 4:4-7

“He Came to Redeem Us”

In place of WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD we will sing #350 **“Hark!
The Herald Angels Sing”**

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY on page 213.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN – 353 “Joy to the World”

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*Today’s Christmas bulletins are from
Jason, Jean, Carl & Alexis Horrmann
in memory of Clifford and Phyllis
and
Clifford’s Christmas Day birthday.*

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Poinsettias Donated by:	In Memory of:
Peggy and Mike Brekke	Gary Brekke Our Parents and Grandparents
Brad and Dori Duesterhoeft	John and Ruth Duesterhoeft Ed Dummer
Wanda and Brian Gauer	Our Loved Ones in Heaven
Anna Houseman and Travis Gauer	Our Grandparents in Heaven
Steve and Wendy Hellwig	Our Loved Ones in Heaven
Jeff Hoff	All our Loved Ones and Friends in Heaven
Paula Johnson	Doug Benage Dawn Nass
Lynn and Patty Mackedanz	Our Loved Ones
Carl and Elva Nass	Our Daughter, Dawn Nass Our Son-in-Law, Doug Benage
Kari Paredes	Joshua Halloff, Johanna Halloff, Grandparents in Heaven
Del and Elaine Prieve	Our Parents
Betty Rusch	Earl and Lillie Rusch Paula Gutzmer
Donna Telecky	Betty Henke Harold and Marie Plamann
Dave and Donna Telecky	Roger Plamann Howard and Ronnie Telecky
Michael & Julie Thompson Eric, Jenna & Nora Thompson	Quinton and Bea Thompson Deloris Thompson Floyd Kastens
Elizabeth, Ted & Liam Grof	
Bill and Jan Stibal	All Our Loved Ones in Heaven
Steve and Cindy Wendorff	Our Loved Ones in Heaven



Serving today at Immanuel:

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

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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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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.


Living in God's Grace this Week

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

- **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 schooldisplay. Thank you for your help.**

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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!**

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*

- **Cases Rewards.** – Go to www.cases.com

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Immanuel Lutheran School Calendar

Monday-Friday – December 25-29 – No School
Monday, Tuesday – January 1 & 2 – No School



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



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 |](#)

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