



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

NEW YEAR'S EVE
DECEMBER 31, 2023

HYMN – 367 “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

We follow Service of Word and Prayer on page 266

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

C: “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

M: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

C: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

M: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

M: Show us your unfailing love, Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

M: The glory of the Lord will be revealed,

C: and all people will see it together.

M: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

FIRST READING – Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ²look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

PSALM 90

SECOND READING – James 4:13-17

¹³Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of

possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

HYMN – 355 “Let All Together Praise Our God”

SERMON – Luke 12:13-21

“Be Rich Toward God”

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OFFERING

HYMN – 330 “Peace Came to Earth”

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN - 950 “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

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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

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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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Living in God's Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	8:00	p.m.	School Board
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00	a.m.	Take Down the Christmas Decorations



**Please help! If you could stay after church next
Sunday (January 7) to assist taking down the
Christmas decorations, it would be greatly
appreciated. Thank you!**

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Upcoming Annual Meetings

**January 16th – Annual Voter's Meeting/Congregational Meeting
at 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone invited to attend.

January 17th – Ladies Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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
- Treasurer
- Delegate
- 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 18th meeting for the following:

- Vice President
- Director (3 year term)

Please contact Deb Boelter or Dori Duesterhoeft 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.***

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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.



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*

- **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.

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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.hutchinsonlutheralschool.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 (hutchinsonlutheralschool.com)**

Thank you for your support!