



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 14, 2024

HYMN - 380 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

We follow Setting One on page 154.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In place of GLORY BE TO GOD, we sing #936 “All Glory Be to God Alone” verses 1,4, and 5

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 49:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.” ⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.” ⁵ And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his

servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—⁶he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

PSALM 2

SECOND READING – Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Refrain



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

All: You are my Son, / whom I love;
With you I am / well pleased.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Mark 1:4-11

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN – 377 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

SERMON – Romans 6:1-11

"Believers Benefit from Baptism"

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM (*see back page*)

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT - *We invite those who hold membership in this church or any church in fellowship with WELS, to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

689 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

570 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

BLESSING

HYMN – 679 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is the priceless means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote: "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Again Paul wrote: "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life. We reject the devil and confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus, to value the Word and sacraments, and to live a life that pleases God?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

May the eternal God, who saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you to everlasting life.
Amen.

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Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek **Elder:** Jason Horrmann
Video Taping: Mark DeVries **Power Point:** Lily DeVries
Altar Guild: Deb Boelter and Julie Thompson
Ushers: Jeremy Prieve, Michael Thompson, Chuck Nisse, Brad Duesterhoeft, Andy Prieve, Alex Prieve, Kyle Podratz

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



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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 w/Communion
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday:	7:00	p.m.	Voter's/Congregational Mtg
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00	p.m.	Ladies Semi-Annual Mtg
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
	2:00	p.m.	Fellowship Committee Mtg

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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.



**Call meeting for a
Principal/Teacher
Sunday, January 21 at**

Everyone Welcome!

The Ladies' Aid invited Ali Willard, Certified Preplanning Consultant with Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel, to speak to our group on **February 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

~~ Grant your family peace of mind ~~

Ali will provide information on how to start your funeral arrangements and create a personalized and meaningful service.

Everyone (men & women) are all welcome to attend!

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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 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 17th 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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Do you have a Thrivent Policy? If you answered YES, please help

Policy owners have access to two (2) programs at no cost to the policy holder.

- 1) An **Action Team**: It is Thrivent's way of supporting the service work that can be done inside of congregations by a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, with a \$250 Community Impact Card that can be used as seed money to purchase project supplies.
 - a. Please let Julie Thompson, 583-6007 or Eileen Prieve, 952-994-0369 know if you are a policy holder. We have a listing of who we have worked with in 2023.
 - To take advantage of this awesome support by Thrivent, we want to make sure we are aware of all available policy holders.-- *Please let us know.*
 - b. Don't worry, Julie and/or Eileen will assist and provide verbiage and how to apply for an Action Team.
 - c. In 2023, multiple Action Teams have been applied for: ILS School Play, ILS Christian Education Week, ILS Basketball Tournament, Grandparents Day, Summer Care, Outdoor Service, VBS, MLC Food Shelf Drive, LWMS Spring Rally, Kingdom Workers, to name a few.
- 2) **Thrivent Choice Dollars**[®] Please remember to direct dollars earned. You can direct to your church and Immanuel Lutheran School is an enrolled organization.
 - a. If you need assistance, please reach out to Julie and/or Eileen.

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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.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Immanuel-Grace School through the RaiseRight (Scrip) Gift Card Program. Since the beginning of this school year and through Christmas you purchased \$23,865 in Gift Cards giving our kids **over \$2,000** to use for school trips and bus transportation on the those trips.

This was the biggest Christmas we have ever had of purchases.



RaiseRight (use to be SCRIP) is a program where you pay the face value of the gift card and the school receives the percentage from the company. There is a listing of business along with Cash Wise/Coborns (\$25, \$50, \$100) which does not show on this list. A listing of participating retailers is available in the entry of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

To order scrip gift cards, contact Karen Kohls (Immanuel) kohls@hutchtel.net 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) taross316@gmail.com 320-305-9262.

Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of our School and Pre-School.



Immanuel Lutheran School Calendar
Monday, January 15 – No School
Tuesday, January 16 – Basketball at Home

