



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

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

HYMN – 372 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

We follow Setting One on page 154.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GLORY BE TO GOD

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Numbers 24:15-17

¹⁵ Then he spoke his message: “The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor, the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly, ¹⁶ the prophecy of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened: ¹⁷ “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.

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SECOND READING – Romans 11:13-15,28-32

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 161



Refrain



All: Where is the one who has been born king / of the Jews?

We saw his star when it rose and have come to / worship him.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Matthew 2:1-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

HYMN – 370 “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

SERMON – Matthew 2:1-12

“Rejoice in God’s Revelation”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

HYMN – 347 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN – 344 “What Child Is This”

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Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek **Elder:** Steve Plamann
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



<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
	11:00	a.m.	Take Down the Christmas Decorations
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	6:30	p.m.	PTF
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00	p.m.	Council
	7:00	p.m.	Ladies Aid
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion

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**Please help! If you could stay after church
Today to assist taking down the Christmas
decorations, it would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you!**

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.



Everyone is Welcome!

There is an
Open House and Dedication
for the new school
this afternoon from 1-3.

A Brief dedication will happen right away at 1p

A more formal dedication service
will happen at start of next school year.

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Thank you to all who helped clean the school as well as  
moving items from the old school to the new school.

The children will start classes on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

*God has truly blessed us!*

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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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>  
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.

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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 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

Sunday, January 7 – Sing at St. Paul's, Litchfield

Monday, January 8 at 6:30 – PTF

Tuesday, January 9 at 4:30 – Basketball – HOME

