



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
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Pastor Eugene DeVries

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025

HYMN – 315 “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

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CONFESSION

LORD HAVE MERCY

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *(page 191)*

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,¹⁰ and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing;

everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

PSALM 146

SECOND READING – James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 194



Refrain: Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia!



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All: I will send my messenger a- / head of you,
Who will prepare your way be- / fore you.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Matthew 11:2-11

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN – 324 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

SERMON – Matthew 11:2-11

"Don't Stumble Over Him"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT (page 199) - *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

358 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

611 "Joyously I'll Praise My Savior"

BLESSING

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



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Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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Serving today at Immanuel:

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

Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion <i>Door Offering for Christmas Candy Bags</i>
Monday:	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study at ILC
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
Saturday:	9:00	a.m.	Children’s Christmas Practice
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion



Door Offering – Will be held on Sundays, Today, December 14th for the children’s candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.



Variety of Greeting 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. Holiday cards are available. Be sure to check it out! Prices will be marked accordingly.



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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Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)
Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)
Church Services Broadcasted Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pm on



Pastor DeVries has a call to Trinity Lutheran in Bay City, Michigan

Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where to best serve.

*Our Sympathies to the family of Vince Jahner.
Vince passed away on December 6th.*



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Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Calendar

December 22 to January 2 – No School

Christmas Services Schedule

Wednesday - Christmas Eve

Zion at 3:00 p.m.

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

Thursday - Christmas Day

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.

Wednesday - New Year's Eve – Joint Service

Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.

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Birthday Bonus Month: If you direct your dollars during your birthday month, Thrivent will add an additional \$25 towards your designation.



If you would like to purchase **Script cards** (now called *Raise Right*) for Christmas, the deadline for Christmas orders will be **December 14**.

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 or reach out to her via email kohls@hutchtel.net or text 320-444-0170.