

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

### **HYMN – 360 “Behold, a Branch Is Growing”**

*We follow Setting Three on page 188*

### **CONFESSION**

### **LORD HAVE MERCY**

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

### **The Word**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 7:10-14**

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

### **PSALM 89**

### **SECOND READING – Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—<sup>2</sup> the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection



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from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.<sup>5</sup> Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.<sup>6</sup> And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 194



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



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All: The virgin will conceive and give birth / to a son,  
and they will call him Im- / manuel.

*Refrain*

### GOSPEL – Matthew 1:18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the

Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**HYMN – 327 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**SERMON – Romans 1:1-7**

**“To Be His Own”**

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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 – Advent Hymn Sing**

**#345 - Where Shepherds Lately Knelt**

**#358 - Of The Father's Love Begotten**

**#356 - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

**#353 - Joy To The World**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN – 333 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

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**Serving today at Immanuel:**

**Organist:** Jane Vacek      **Elder:** Steven Plamann

**Video Taping:** Mark DeVries      **Power Point:** Kyle or Lily/Alex

**Altar Guild:** Donna Telecky

**Ushers:** Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Craig Kohls, Carl Hoffmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks

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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 w/Communion |
| Monday:        | 7:00            | p.m.            | Bible Study at ILC          |
| Wednesday:     | 3:00            | p.m.            | Worship at Zion             |
|                | 6:00            | p.m.            | Worship at Immanuel         |
| Thursday:      | 8:45            | a.m.            | Worship at Zion             |
|                | 10:00           | a.m.            | Worship at Immanuel         |
| Sunday:        | <del>9:00</del> | <del>a.m.</del> | <del>Sunday School</del>    |
|                | 10:00           | a.m.            | Worship Service             |

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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.

### Immanuel Grace Lutheran School

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



### Variety of Greeting Cards

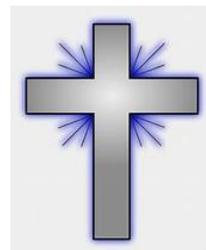
The Ladies' Aid has a variety cards available for sale in the Church Library. They are sold by the box and/or individual cards. Holiday cards are available. Be sure to check it out!

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.



*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.*

## 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.

*Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Calendar  
December 22 to January 2 – No School*

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If you would like to purchase **Scrip cards** (now called *Raise Right*) - 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](mailto:kohls@hutchtel.net) or text 320-444-0170.