



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2024

HYMN – 305 “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”

We follow Setting One on page 154.

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GLORY BE TO GOD

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 – Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶ On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you,

the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

PSALM 130

SECOND READING – Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Refrain



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

Refrain

GOSPEL – Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked,

“what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

HYMN – 324 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

SERMON Philippians 4:4-7

**Be Near Me Lord Jesus ...
... to help me rejoice
... to help me be gentle
... to help me have peace**

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

HYMN – 524 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN – 366 “O Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly”

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Thank you to Pastor Don Sutton from New Ulm as our guest speaker today. Pastor Sutton is retired but still serves as the CEO of Grace In Action, a leadership training ministry in the WELS.

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Serving today at Immanuel:

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

Our Gifts

Attendance
December 8

Offerings
Budget:\$ Mission:\$
New School Contributions: \$
Grounds: \$ Sunday School: \$

Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Guest Preacher NO Communion
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
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 <i>Cake Served after the service</i>

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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.

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School

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Christmas Services Schedule

Tuesday - Christmas Eve

Zion at 3:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday - Christmas Day

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.

Tuesday - New Year's Eve – Joint Service

Zion at 7:00 p.m.



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 coming soon. Be sure to check it out! Prices will be marked accordingly.



A call was extended to **Miss Rebecca Kramer** to teach 2nd to 4th grade.

She currently teaches at Crown of Life in West St. Paul. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates her calls.



Pastor DeVries will be on gone from December 14 to December 20th. If you need Pastorial Care, please call Pastor Tobison at 583-4520.



The Ladies Aid will be serving cake after church on Sunday, December 22 in honor of our church's 160th Anniversary.

Please join us in fellowship.

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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.



Current Employees and Retirees: Each

year, if you volunteer at least 25 hours in the current year at the school and/or for school functions, you can submit your hours to 3M Gives and 3M will gift the school \$500 once approved.

This is due to be reported on the www.3mgives.com/match site by December 31 for the respective year.

Please note that volunteer work for church does not qualify.

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Calendar

Friday, December 20 to Tuesday, December 31 - NO School



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