



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350
Pastor: Eugene DeVries

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

HYMN – 308 “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

We follow Setting Three on page 188

CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Malachi 3:1-7

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

²But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

⁶“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

PSALM 66

SECOND READING – Philippians 1:3-11

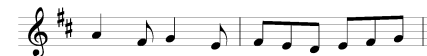
³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

CHOIR – “O Come to Us, Emmanuel”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 194



Refrain



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



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All: Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight / paths for him.
And all people will see God’s sal- / vation.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all people will see God’s salvation.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN – 316 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

SERMON – Luke 3:1-6

“Return to the Lord”

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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

312 “Comfort, Comfort All My People”

661 “Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord”

BLESSING

HYMN – 310 “Arise, O Christian People”

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Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Elder: Jason Horrmann

Video Taping: Mark DeVries

Power Point: Lily/Alex

Altar Guild: Donna Telecky

Ushers: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, 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 Candy Bags</i>
Monday:	6:30	p.m.	PTF
	6:30	p.m.	Choir
Wednesday:	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00	p.m.	Council
	8:00	p.m.	Nominating Committee
Saturday:	9:00	a.m.	Children’s Christmas Practice
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Party
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Guest Preacher NO Communion

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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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Door Offering – Will be held on **TODAY, December 8th** for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.

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.



If you would like to purchase **Scrip cards** (now called *Raise Right*) for Christmas, the deadline for Christmas orders will be **December 10**.

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.

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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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Choice Dollars[®]

Do you have Choice Dollars[®] available?

Have you directed them? You can direct to thousands of organizations enrolled in the program - *including Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!*



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.

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Calendar

Monday, December 9 – 6:30: PTF

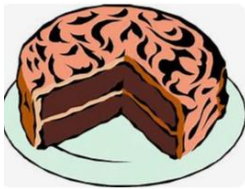
Friday, December 20 to Tuesday, December 31 - NO School

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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.

3M **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.