



**Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church**  
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350  
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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

**HYMN – 838 “The Will of God Is Always Best”**

*We follow Setting Two on page 172.*

**CONFESSION**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

**The Word**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST READING – Jeremiah 17:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.  
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup>“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup>They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”

**PSALM 1**

**SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 179**



*Refrain*



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**All:** The Lord will watch over your coming and / going;  
Both now and for- / evermore.

**Refrain**

**GOSPEL – Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup>and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward  
in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

### HYMN – 803 “Day by Day”

### SERMON – Luke 6:38

### “Grace Gives Us Generosity”

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For  
with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

### NICENE CREED

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

**THE SACRAMENT** - *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

816 “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”

673 “O Lord, We Praise You”

### BLESSING

HYMN – 626 “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

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### Serving today at Immanuel:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek      **Elder:** Ryan Palmer  
**Video Taping:** Mark DeVries      **Power Point:** Cody Black  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Plath and Betty Rusch  
**Ushers:** Andy Weber, Jon Hoff, Justin Black, Bruce Trick,  
Don Dettman, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff

### Living in God’s Grace this Week

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:00	a.m.	<b>Group Presentation after church</b> <b>Treats served by the Ladies Aid</b>
Monday:	7:00	p.m.	Group Presentation at Grace
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study at ILC
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
	6:00	p.m.	Steering Committee via Zoom
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service



The Ladies Aid will be serving treats after church on **TODAY** February 16, in appreciation to all members for their time, talents and offerings to the church. Please join us in fellowship.

## ~~Calendar of Events & Announcements~~

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### 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.

### Immanuel Grace Lutheran School

School office: 320-587-4858

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<https://www.facebook.com/immanuel.lutheranschool.hutchinson>



In March, we will be collecting for the **McLeod County Food Shelf**. March is the MN Food Share Campaign. All donations, including monetary, during the campaign are multiplied by the Food Fund. Collection boxes will be in the entryway. *Thank you for your help.*

### Ash Wednesday

### Wednesday, March 5

2p Worship at Zion

6p Supper Served at ILC

7p Worship at Immanuel

### *Ladies Aid is serving supper*

*To be served before church starting at 6:00 p.m.*

*Free will offering*



Ladies Aid is hosting a tour at the **Crow River Winery** on Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 PM. Everyone over 21 years of age is welcome. Feel free to invite your friends. The tour is \$10.00 per person. To participate in the tasting is an additional \$10.00. Please see the sign up sheet in the entry way. We ask each person to sign up on their own line.

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**Please note: The March 4, 2025 Ladies Aid meeting has been cancelled.**

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1. The Ladies Aid meeting will include massage therapist Sherronda Moore. She will speak on the benefits of massage. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM in the meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

**The 2025 Church Directory and 2024 Annual Report are available. Please pick up on the table in the entry way.**

### School Calendar



February 17 – No School

February 21-22 – MLC Basketball Tournament

March 3-7 – Christian Ed Week

March 10-11 – No School/Spring Break



**EARLY ENROLLMENT  
EXCLUSIVE TO CHURCH & SCHOOL  
FAMILIES**

Now that 2025 is here we are looking ahead to the next school year. If you would like to pre-register your child/ren at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School for 2025/2026, now is your chance! We are opening enrollment only to church and already registered school families before we allow the public to register. If you know you want your child/ren to attend our school please fill out the 2025/2026 registration forms, drop off / mail / email to IGLS by **February 17th** along with your registration fee (non-refundable) - this will guarantee your spot in our classrooms. Forms are located on the school website: [www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com) or can be picked up at school or emailed.

Not sure if you're ready to register or have questions? Email [immanuel.lutheranschool@hotmail.com](mailto:immanuel.lutheranschool@hotmail.com) or call 320-587-4858 to set up a tour and meet teachers.

## Give Freely

*And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. (2 Corinthians 8:10-13)*

After church, a family was discussing the service over Sunday lunch. Dad commented on how badly the organist sounded.

Mom said the choir wasn't prepared with one lady not blending in. Susie complained the pastor was boring and long. Adam listened thoughtfully for a moment, and then he said, "It wasn't that bad of a show for a buck." Ouch! These types of comments reveal an ungrateful attitude.

Paul was complementing the church in Corinth on their attitude toward giving, not just on the act or amount of their giving. In the previous verses, Paul said he was testing the sincerity of their love by their desire to give. Likewise, our love is tested by our willingness in offering generous prayers, funds, time, and talents.

Paul presents two very important points in this passage. Giving is an important part of the Christian's life – the completion of this act is important. But equally important is the willingness and desire to do so. As with most issues in the Christian life, attitudes are as important as actions. Attitudes find their origin in the heart. God is more concerned about the heart than anything else.

Attitudes toward giving reveals values and the sincerity of love for others and God. Ask God to fill your heart with love and motivate you to give in love. The end result will be gifts freely given. During this decision time for a special gift, reflect upon the proper attitude of giving.



We encourage you to attend one of the **Group Presentations** scheduled over the next few weeks. These presentations are the major way of receiving information about **Building Hearts for Jesus**. There will be opportunity to ask questions and discuss our congregation's plans regarding our fund appeal for Immanuel Grace Lutheran School. This will also be an opportunity for you to offer input and take home a packet to respond with your own plan to participate. We wish to stress the importance of this entire effort for our ministry and future.

Invitations have been mailed out for you to join in a  
**Group Presentation**  
for the **Building Hearts for Jesus** campaign.

Please note if you attended one of the Leadership Workshops this past week, you do not need to attend a **Group Presentation**.

Multiple dates/times/places are being offered.  
Please select a time that best works for you.

### **Hosted at Immanuel:**

- Sunday, February 16 after church in the basement

### **Hosted at Grace:**

- Sunday February 16 after church at Grace (at St. Peter's also)
- Monday, February 17 at 7 p.m.

***Thank you.***

If any questions, please reach out to  
Marilyn Rusch and/or Ryan Bushman, chairmen  
for the **Building Hearts for Jesus** campaign.



### **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.