



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2025

HYMN – 733 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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CONFESSION

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING – Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all

Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹²“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

PSALM 103

SECOND READING – Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Refrain



All: Love your enemies and pray for those
who perse- / cute you,
That you may be children of your Father in / heaven.

Refrain

GOSPEL – Luke 6:27-38

²⁷“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, 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.”

HYMN – 729 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

SERMON – Romans 12:14-21

“Overcome Evil With Good”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

HYMN – 767 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN – 928 “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

Serving today at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Elder: Ryan Palmer

Video Taping: Mark DeVries

Power Point: Alex/Lily

Altar Guild: Karen Plath and Betty Rusch

Ushers: Andy Weber, Jon Hoff, Justin Black, Bruce Trick,
Don Dettman, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff

~~Calendar of Events & Announcements~~

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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
Monday:	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study at ILC
Wednesday:	4:15	p.m.	Confirmation
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service - <i>Celebration</i>



Sunday for Building Hearts for Jesus

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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.

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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.*

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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.



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.



Just some updates:

First and foremost: **Thank you! Thank you!** To all who have attended the Group and/or Leadership meetings. We appreciate you taking the time to hear about the *Building Hearts for Jesus* campaign.

And to those for your generous support. The generosity of several families, have given us a strong start! These devoted believers have already committed \$394,000 toward our goal of \$700,000.

If you haven't returned your **Promise Sheet** yet, please return them to:

- The box on the school table in the entry way
 - The Offering Plate
 - To Eileen Prieve, Mailbox #48
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- If they could be returned by March 17, as this will help us evaluate where we are at in reaching our goal of raising \$700,000.
 - Extra copies are on the school table in the entry way. (Blue sheet)
 - When making your contribution, you can write out your check to the church, but make a notation that it is for the school. Or you can write out to the school and still place in the offering plate as the checks will be given to the school.

Packets of information – If you haven't received your packet of information yet, please stop by the table in the entryway. Marilyn will be available for questions too.

*On Sunday, March 2, 2025,
We will update everyone as to our progress.*



School Calendar

March 2 – IGLS sing at St. Paul's
March 3 to 7 – Christian Ed Week
March 10 to 11 – No School/Spring Break



KWIK TRIP | KWIK STAR



PTF will be selling Kwik Trip Car Wash cards. There is a Pre-Sale form (available thru February 28) on the table in the entryway.

You can purchase a 5 count Ultimate car wash card for just \$36!

For every card purchased we will receive a donation that goes to our Parent/Teacher/Friends organization which will in turn use the funds to purchase curriculum materials, technology upgrades, educational supplies, and athletic equipment which are not covered in the regular school budget.

Payment and any questions, please see Julie Thompson.



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.