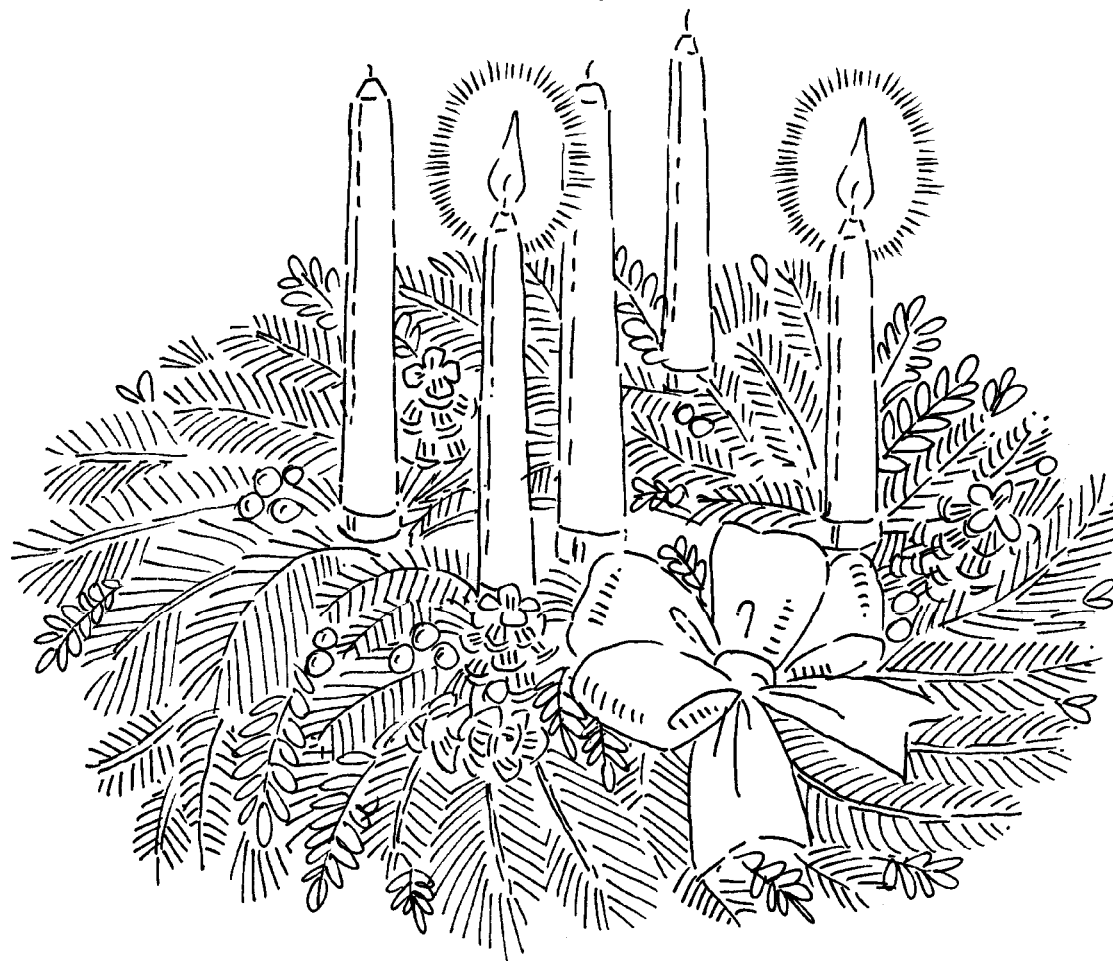


Second Sunday of Advent



Celebrate ~ Grow ~ Serve

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*In response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we the people of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran
Church are committed to:*

Celebrating the excitement of God's
influence in life by being visible witnesses
of Christ and

Ministering to the spiritual and physical
needs of our community and the world,

**Welcome to Immanuel! Thank you
for worshiping with us today. Please
sign the worship welcome pad (red
binder) during the offering. Thank
you!**

**Worship with Holy Communion
8:15 AM and 11:00AM.
Sunday School - 9:30AM.**

The nursery is available for children in
kindergarten and younger following the
Children's Message.

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday ó Friday

**FM hearing loops and large print hym-
nals** are available at the back of the
church. Please see an usher to assist you.
The church is equipped for hearing aids
with TØ (telephone) switches.

Prior to the start of worship, please turn
off **cellular phones, pagers or watch
alarms** that may sound during the wor-
ship service.

Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all
baptized Christians who have been admitted to
the Lord's Table in their own church and
acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in
the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness
of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to
offer white grape juice to those not desiring red
wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are
next to the communion assistants. Please
indicate your desire for grape juice to the
communion assistant. Empty communion
glasses are deposited on the end of the front
pews. All who commune are asked to check the
"will commune" box in the red worship
welcome pad.

Singing the Songs of Faith

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249

Tune: PUER NOBIS

The cleansed be every life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,

And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

(Stanza 2)

The Service of Holy Communion
December 4, 2011 8:15 and 11:00AM
Second Sunday in Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:15) *In Dulci Jubilo* - Marcel Dupre
 (11:00) *An Advent Tapestry* - Wilson
 ImmanuBells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen

D: Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

D: Faithful God,

C: we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen

D: God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring this good news: We are free from all that imprisons us; our sins are forgiven; God heals our broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as we wait for the day of God.

C: Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

Prepare the Royal Highway

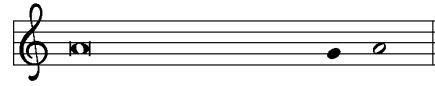
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GREETING

D: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



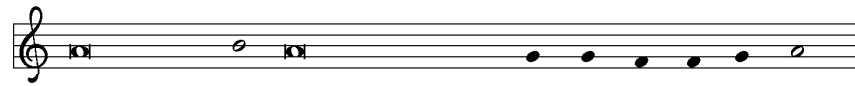
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

D: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

D: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Please be seated.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 1)

ELW #257

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Prayer

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 2)

ELW #257

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise,

and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

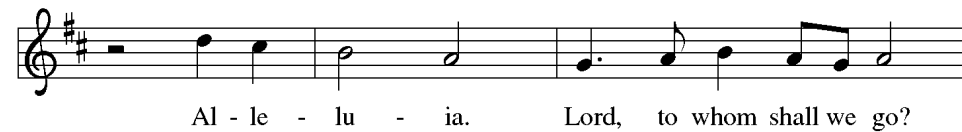
¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**



GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

D: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

D: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time the children are invited forward for a message. The nursery is available after the message for children 5 and younger.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW #256

SERMON

***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

RESPONSE

OFFERING (8:15)

Pilgrim's Hymn
Senior Choir

(11:00) *Meditation on Beautiful Saviour* - Moglebust
ImmanuBells

(Please sign the worship welcome pad, red binder, in your pew during the offering.)

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Assist. Minister: Hear us, O God, **Respond: your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW #244

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

(8:15) *Wer Nur den Lieben Gott* - J.S. Bach

(11:00) *Savior of the Nations, Come* - arr. Moglebust

ImmanuBells

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**Thank you to Deacon Ed Huehn for sharing his gifts with us while Pastor Paul is on vacation.** Pastor Paul returns to work on Monday evening for Bible Study. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Council president Tom Lombardo (217-2896) or the church office (872-5180).

**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Pastor John Kroschel, Larry Oakley, Dan Klauck, Pat Schilling, Margaret Cryder, Joe Rieger, Justin Larson, Britni Fox, Sawyer McFadden, Vincent Furia, Derik Plaisted, Jourdan Plaisted, Bill Oad, Mareesa Boyatzies, Katherine Foster, Dorothy Wint, Shirley Pappert, Ginny Zaso, Jenny Krause, Ann Friedman and the grieving family and friends of Bruce Redfoot, Hannelore Clark and Ruth Furber.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (immanev@frontiernet.net or 872-5180). We normally include those requests for two or three weeks in the Prayer of the Church.

**The members of Immanuel extend their congratulations to Katherine Lombardo and Jonathan Harper who will join in marriage on December 10, 2011.** Let us pray for this couple as they make their commitment to one another and begin life as husband and wife.

**Christmas Pageant - *The Birthday of the King* - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us at 9:30AM for the presentation of *The Birthday of the King*. Refreshments will be served after the performance.



***Festival Service of Lessons and Carols***

Mark your calendars! This year's *Festival Service of Lessons and Carols* will take place on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00pm and will feature the ImmanuBells and the Senior Choir.

### **St. John's Home - People Pushing**

Two times per year Immanuel members go to St. John's Home (corner of Highland and South Ave in Rochester) to assist residents to and from the chapel for services. The service is a regular worship lasting about one hour.

We will be going to St John's on Sunday, December 11. We will carpool from church, leaving at 12:45PM. The church service is at 2:00 and we will return between 3:30 and 4:00PM. If it is easier to meet us at St John's that is fine, too.

This is a great family service project. I appreciate your consideration of helping with this at this time of advent. If you have any questions please call Debbie Huehn 265-2266.



### **Alternative Gifts**

Alternative Gifts are available in the lower hallway between services during Sundays in Advent. This year we will have three gifts for purchase - felt gingerbread ornaments, which will benefit the Ontario Food Cupboard, prayer boxes and prayer bead key chains, benefiting the ELCA Malaria Initiative, and Christmas table runners, the purchase of which will benefit United Hands of Hope House, which provides services to victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse. These gifts will come with a tag stating that a gift has been made in the recipient's honor to that organization. By giving alternative gifts, you gift twice - once to someone you know and once to someone unknown!!!



**Join us for Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program, chair exercise, blood pressure check and a delicious lunch.

The program schedule is:

Dec. 7 ó -Paris and Germanyó Our own world traveler, Marguerite Manning, will share photos and stories from her recent trip to Europe.

Dec. 14 ó -Susan B. Anthonyó Annie Callanan, Director of Programs and Visitor Services at Rochesterø Susan B. Anthony House Museum, will share the inspiration of this famous woman.

Dec. 21 ó -Holiday Funó Bring along your favorite Christmas ornament to share. Get in the holiday spirit as we sing well-known Christmas carols and enjoy a holiday luncheon together!

Dec. 28 ó Due to the holidays, WOW! will not meet.

Come and join the fun ó and bring a friend to share it with! Transportation is available by calling the church office (872-5180) by Tuesday at 10:00AM. A \$2 donation for lunch is requested. We look forward to seeing you!



## Kids Night In / Parents Night Out - VeggieTales Style

On Friday, December 16th, 7:00 - 9:00PM let the youth of Immanuel watch your children while you finish those holiday errands. Your children will enjoy a VeggieTales story and make Christmas crafts. You can enjoy a quiet dinner, a quick trip to the store for that last minute gift you forgot, or whatever your heart desires. A sign up sheet will be posted December 1st. We would love to take care of your children!

## Backpacks Make A Difference

Last spring Immanuel began a backpack program in partnership with the Webster School District. The goal of the program is to send a backpack of food home with children who may be in need of additional resources. We partner with one elementary school. Throughout the year you will be asked to bring in an item of the week. We store the items at church and send the proper amount to fill the backpacks. We try to vary what we send from week to week. We try to send kid friendly foods with nutritional value. Our goal is to supplement the food in the household - not to supply complete meals.

This outreach project is separate from the food cart items which go to the Webster Food Cupboard. Thank you for your support of this ministry. Know that there is hunger in Webster! Know that this program does make a difference in the lives of others. If you have questions about the program contact Deb Huehn 585-265-2266 or [debbie@zacharybear.com](mailto:debbie@zacharybear.com)

We are collecting different food items each week to help fill the backpacks. Please consider bringing a food item to help. The Sunday School classes are collecting at their opening. There will be a box in the lower level of the church to collect the food.

- Dec 4 can of fruit (peaches pears or fruit cocktail)
- Dec 11 Box of spaghetti pasta (1 pound)
- Dec 18 can of pasta sauce (or plastic jar, no glass please)



### Sunday, December 11, 2011

- 8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Pageant

### Saturday, December 24, 2011

- 5:00 PM Family Christmas Service
- 7:00 PM Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- 11:00 PM Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

### Sunday, December 25, 2011

- 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- No Sunday School

### Sunday, January 1, 2012

- 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- No Sunday School

## Serving God and God's Church

| December 4, 2011            |                                               | Next Sunday, December 11, 2011           |                                         |                                                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                             | 8:15AM                                        | 11:00AM                                  | 8:15 AM                                 | 11:00 AM                                       |
| <b>Deacon/Worship Asst.</b> | Tom Lombardo                                  | Heidi Smith                              | Joey Rieger                             | Bernie Russell                                 |
| <b>Reader</b>               | Ted Ast                                       | Frank Riggi                              | Karen Sue Ross                          | Ian Russell                                    |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>  | No Communion                                  | No Communion                             | Gary Ross                               | Lori Russell                                   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Megan Mittak                                  | Josh Riggi                               | Jessica Hewlett                         | Aideen Foster                                  |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Sarah Nesbitt                                 |                                          | Anna Hewlett                            | Emily Ruffle                                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Jeff & Bonnie Slack                           | Nan Nesbitt                              | Don and Jean Gardner                    | Lisa & Meghann Foster                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Betty Tisa, Martha Styles, Ed & Nancy Behrens | Amy & Raechel Crosby, Bill & Judi Bogart | Nancy, Bob & Will Sponable, Fran Mooney | Jeff, Katherine & Claire Foster, Helmut Gunkle |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | Linda Belmont                                 | Marcie Diegert                           | Heather Sponable                        | Wendy Pryor                                    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Lyn Reville                                   | Delores Swanson                          | Lyn Reville                             | Delores Swanson                                |
| <b>Counters</b>             |                                               |                                          |                                         |                                                |

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| Members of Immanuel<br>Paul E. Shoop (Residence 6 585/216-2167)<br>John F. Beeg<br>Dave Ekimoff | Ministers<br>Pastor<br>Pastor Emeritus<br>Assoc. for Congregational Ministries<br>Administrative Associate<br>Director of Music<br>Handbell Director<br>Sexton<br>Congregational President |
| Barb Rafferty<br>Russell Draeger<br>Marguerite Manning<br>Ron Corey, Jr.<br>Tom Lombardo        | Barb Rafferty<br>Russell Draeger<br>Marguerite Manning<br>Ron Corey, Jr.<br>Tom Lombardo                                                                                                   |

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.

Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns.

**Marguerite Manning is the  
November shepherd.**

Please contact her (265-1825) if you know of a member in need of help or support.