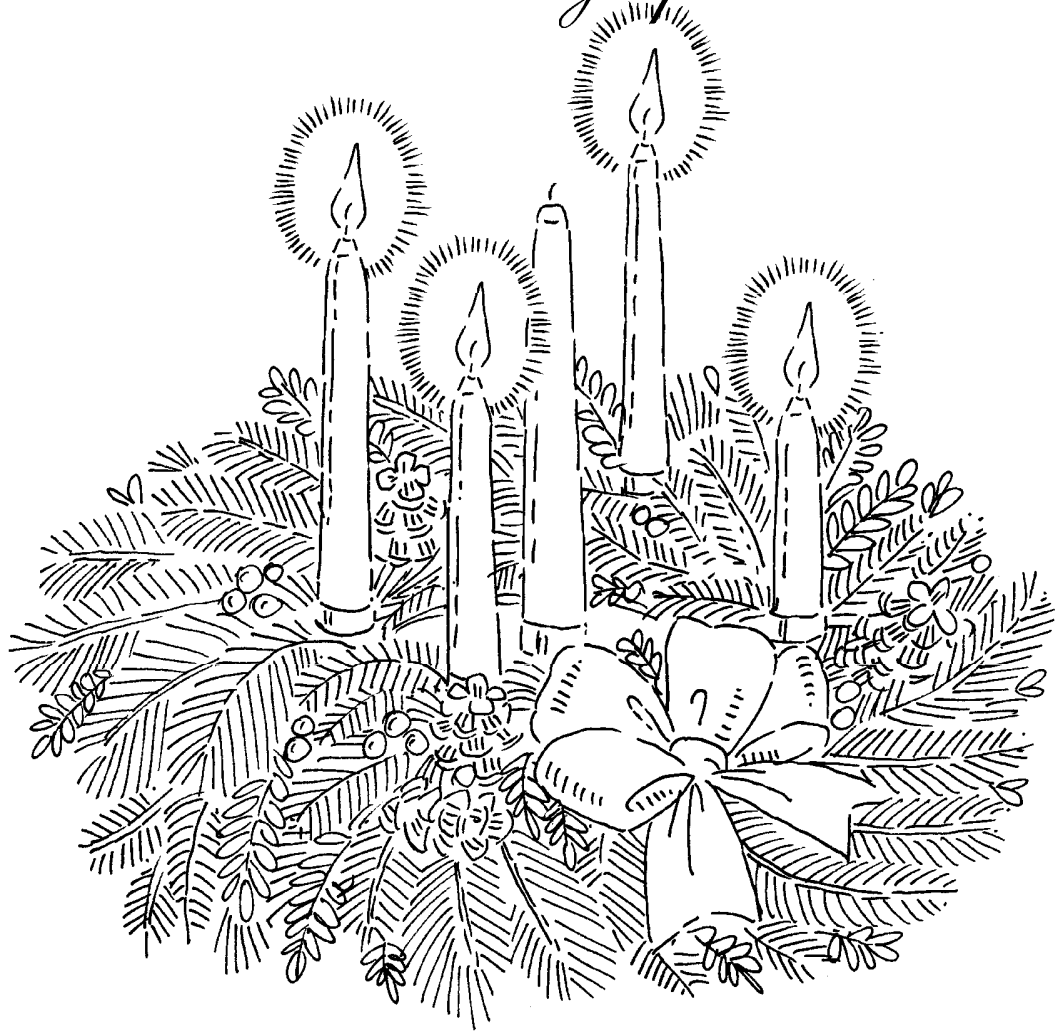


Fourth Sunday of Advent



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 T0 (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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
ELW 254, Stanza 1 (Charles Wesley)
Tune: JEFFERSON

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set they people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of
every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

The Service of Holy Communion
December 18, 2011 8:15 and 11:00AM
Fourth Sunday in Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo - Marcel Dupre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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

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

C: Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

For All the Faithful Women vs. 1, 6 & 11

ELW #419

GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father 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

Luke 1:47-55 *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

My soul magnifies the LORD,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for he has looked with favor**

on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations

will call me blessed;

⁴⁹**for the Mighty One has done great things for me,**

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹**He has shown strength with his arm;**

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³**he has filled the hungry with good things,**

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵**according to the promise he made to our ancestors,**

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Prayer

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 5)

ELW #257

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

MEAL

OFFERING (8:15) *Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verdebt* - J.S. Bach
(11:00) *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* - arr. Kastner and McChesney
Handbells and Piano

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

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. **God of abundance,**
C: we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

P: Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper. C: **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

O the Father's Love Begotten
The King Shall Come

ELW #295

ELW #260

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn* - J.S. Bach

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**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Pastor John Kroschel, Larry Oakley, Dan Klauck, Pat Schilling, Margaret Cryder, Justin Larson, Britni Fox, Sawyer McFadden, Vincent Furia, Derik Plaisted, Bill Oad, Mareesa Boyatzies, Katherine Foster, Dorothy Wint, Shirley Pappert, Ginny Zaso, Jenny Krause, Kris Maier, Margaret Gimble, Lisa Reagan, the Shuman Family and the grieving family and friends of the Pilato family.

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.



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

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



### **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!!!

### **5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE**

Once again this year there will be a Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 PM on December 24.

Immanuel will also celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve with two services of Candlelight Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00 PM.



**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**



**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. 21 ó Holiday Fun ó 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.

Jan. 4 ó Recycling Bikes for Rochester ó Dan Lill will tell us about this grassroots organization that collects and repairs bicycles for distribution, free of charge, to Rochester's most needy children and adults.

Jan. 11 ó All About Germs ó Our own Lyn Krauss will share information from an interesting article involving those germs we are surrounded by in our normal daily lives.

Jan. 18 ó A Visit to Germany ó Back by popular demand, Marguerite Manning will show her photos from a recent trip to Germany and share how life has changed in this country over time.

Jan. 25 ó Zephyros Winds ó Enjoy music from graduates of Eastman and Ithaca College. This gifted group includes Lisa Brumberger on clarinet, Susan Van Buren on bassoon, and Elizabeth Million on flute. All three are retired teachers who love to share their beautiful music.

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!

## **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 18 can of pasta sauce (or plastic jar, no glass please)

Dec 25 canned ravioli or Spaghetti O's

Jan 1 Jelly in plastic jar or squeeze bottle

Jan 8 Peanut butter

Jan 15 Mac and Cheese

Jan 22 Chicken noodle soup

Jan 29 can of fruit (peaches pears or fruit cocktail)

Feb 05 Box of spaghetti pasta (1 pound)

Feb 12 granola bars or fruit rollups

## CHURCH CALENDAR December 18 - 25

Sunday 4th Sunday in Advent  
8:15 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
7:00 pm Lessons and Carols

Monday  
7:00 pm Bible Study - Parables of the Last, Luke 15  
8:00 pm AA in Fellowship Hall, Al-Anon in Library, Alateen in Sr. High room, 2nd floor

Tuesday  
6:00 pm 2nd Year Confirmation Dinner and Class  
6:30 pm ImmanuBells Rehearsal

Wednesday  
10:00 am Wellness on Wednesday  
7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

Friday Office Closed

Saturday  
5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service  
7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion  
11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

Sunday Christmas Day  
9:00 am Mixed Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  
No Sunday School



It's time once again to order Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Services. You may choose **RED** or **PINK/WHITE MARBLE**. We will be ordering from Kittelberger Florist, at **\$12.50** each. The plants will be in 6" pots, wrapped in foil. Please fill out this form and return it in the offering plate on Sunday or to the church office. Checks should be made out to **Immanuel Lutheran Church** with a notation that it is for POINSETTIAS. Orders must be received by **Sunday, December 18th**. Please feel free to call with any questions. Blessings - Sheri Williams (585)770-3733)

| QUANTITY/COLOR | X \$12.50 |
|----------------|-----------|
| RED _____      | _____     |
| MARBLE _____   | _____     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | _____     |

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate below how you would like your gift to appear in the bulletin:

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after the 11:00 pm service.

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant the following Sunday.

\_\_\_\_ I would like my plant to go to a home-bound member.



## Serving God and God's Church

| December 18, 2011           |                                                | Next Sunday,<br>December 25               |                              | New Year's Day,<br>January 1, 2012     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 8:15AM                      |                                                | 11:00AM                                   |                              | 9:30 AM                                |
| <b>Deacon/Worship Asst.</b> | Deacon Dave Reville                            | Bruce Kulp                                | Leslie Schwartz              | Tom Lombardo                           |
| <b>Reader</b>               | Kendall Baller                                 | Jim Guderian                              | Marguerite Manning           | Carol Galskoy                          |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>  | Toni Baller                                    | Karen Holroyd                             | Ken Schwartz                 | Nancy Witmer                           |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Mitchell Baller                                | Matthew Geckle                            |                              |                                        |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Jacob Baller                                   | Jared Russell                             |                              |                                        |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Mike & Sue Herrman                             | Bernie & Lori Russell                     | Jan & Judy Brederson         |                                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Barb Stam, Cheryl Davies, Don O'Mara, Ron Nohe | Mark, Josh & Sarah Geckle, Arnold Krueger | Karen Holroyd, Karen Keymel  | Arnold Krueger, Ron Nohe, Karen Keymel |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | Dena Fedkew                                    |                                           | XXXXXX                       |                                        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Lyn Reville                                    | Delores Swanson                           | Lyn Reville, Delores Swanson | Marj Bovenzi & Janice Durand           |
| <b>Counters</b>             |                                                |                                           |                              |                                        |

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

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  
December shepherd.**

Please contact her (265-2266) if you know of a member in need of help or support.