



Fourth Sunday in 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,
through our God given talents.*

**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 & 11:00 AM
Sunday School for all ages
9:30 AM**

Grace @ 5 5:00 PM

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
hymnals** are available at the back of the
church. Please see an usher to assist
you. The church is equipped for hearing
aids with T (telephone) switches.

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.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, setting III
is our order for worship today.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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

**This week's Memory Verse is
Isaiah 9:6.**

**The December Memory Verse is
Luke 2:1-20.**

The Service of Holy Communion
December 19, 2010 8:15 and 11:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:15) *Little Partita for Advent* ó James Woodman
(11:00) *Prayer from "Hansel and Gretel"* - arr. Thompson
Handbell Trio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#16 of 52 Great Verses - Isaiah 9:6 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 707)

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Almighty God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us. Amen

P: In the advent of Christ, the dawn from on high breaks upon us with light and healing. Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor upon you, and forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

ELW #251

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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 hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 7) **ELW #257**
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (*Read responsively by whole verse.*)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,
and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**⁴O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**¹⁷Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Prayer

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 8) **ELW #257**

SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P: 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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW #241

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor/A: Lord, in your mercy, **Respond: hear our prayer.**

MEAL

OFFERING

(8:15) *Savior of the Nations, Come* ó Cary Ratcliff

Gathering Choir

(11:00) *Mary's Magnificat* ó Andrew Carter

Senior Choir

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

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon/ Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of abundance,

Congregation: 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 (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed rightí we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD

☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
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.

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

Pastor: God fills the hungry with good things. **Congregation: We come with joy to the feast.**

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.

COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
Savior of the Nations Come

ELW #265

ELW #263

*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

Deacon/ Assisting Minister: Let us pray. In this meal of goodness and mercy, O God, our mouths have been filled with your love and our tongues with shouts of joy. Now send us to gather the harvest of righteousness, that all those who sow in tears may come again to you in joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW #631

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

POSTLUDE *Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733* ó J.S. Bach

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**Join us each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our Grace@5 worship.** Grace@5 is a different worship service ó casual, informal, interactive and musically diverse.

**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Jim White, Randy Stachyra, Dan Klauck, Bev Milner, Bill Oad, Britni Fox, Laurie Reynolds, Cindy Weierman, Helen Tice, Ruth Rauber, John Geery, Kressa Sweezy, Melissa Hoke, Jane Hughes, Naomi Gregory, and the grieving family and friends of Gordon Lewis. To share a prayer concern or celebration, email [immanev@frontiernet.net](mailto:immanev@frontiernet.net) or call 585/872-5180. Members of Immanuel will raise your request in prayer. The full list of ongoing prayer concerns is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. For an email copy, please contact the church office.

**Mittens, Hats, and Scarves Needed!!** Winter is barreling down from the North and hands, heads and bodies will need extra protection!! The Mitten, Hat and Scarf gathering will take place between November 28 and January 2 this year, with the intention of distributing the warm clothing in time for the cold weather. Instead of a tree in the upper hallway, mittens, hats, and scarves can be left in the blue box across from the elevator. They will be taken to House of Hope, Maggie's Kids, and Cameron Community Center before Christmas. Either store-bought or hand-made items are welcome. They do not have to be wrapped - just warm!!!



**Friday, December 24, 2010**

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

**Sunday, December 26, 2010**

**9:30 AM** Worship with Holy Communion  
No Sunday School  
(One service only on December 26.)

### Alternative Gifts for Christmas

In an attempt to offer alternatives to giving things for Christmas, we have chosen two ideas which will give the gift of life to someone else! Purchase of a packet of cocoa mix, to which hot water needs to be added, will support building wells in Africa by Lutheran World Relief. Small decorated stones will help build schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. And small and large hand-thrown ceramic bowls will give the Webster Food Cupboard much-needed funds to alleviate local hunger. Each gift will be \$5 (larger bowls \$10) and will come with an explanation of the charity which will receive the donations. The alternative gifts will be available between services on the four Sundays in Advent. Plan ahead - get your gift list made of people you can honor with an alternative gift - and get ready for Advent shopping!



**YOU ARE INVITED to Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program and a delicious lunch. Transportation is available by calling the church office by 10:00 AM on the Tuesday before. Do come and have a good time!!!

#### Schedule

**December 22** No WOW due to holiday

**December 28** No WOW due to holiday

January 5 Mary Jane Frees shares ðA Woman's Legacyö  
Come and join us as our own Mary Jane tells of her life

January 12 Winter is Here! Bring your snowstorm/ice/storm stories to  
Tell and make snowflakes to take home for your windows

January 19 Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our own  
Kay Kennedy and sing some African-American spirituals

January 26 Sebastian Maroundit will speak about ðThe Lost Boys of Sudanö ó a  
Personal story you won't want to miss!!!

## Serving God and God's Church

|                              | December 19, 2010                                     |                                               | Next Sunday,<br>December 26, 2010           |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                              | 8:15 AM                                               | 11:00 AM                                      | 9:30 AM                                     |
| <b>Deacon/ Worship Asst.</b> | Deacon Dave Reville                                   | Bernie Russell                                | Deacon Ed Huehn                             |
| <b>Reader</b>                | Kevin Cawley                                          | Ian Russell                                   | Tamie Miller                                |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>   | Lyn Reville                                           | Janice Durand                                 | Deb Huehn                                   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>               | Michael Cawley                                        | Sarah Geckle                                  | Andrew Miller                               |
| <b>Crucifer</b>              | Jacob Kachmaryk                                       | Matthew Geckle                                | Patrick Miller                              |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | Jan & Judy Brederson                                  | Heather & Gary Immesoete                      | Ed & Nancy Behrens                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Cheryl Davies,<br>Barb Stam,<br>George & Mary Iverson | Josh and Mark Geckle,<br>Lori & Jared Russell | Ilene Roeger,<br>Don O'Mara,<br>Fran Mooney |
| <b>Nursery</b>               | Linda Belmont                                         |                                               | Dena Fedkew                                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | Debbie Ast                                            | Carol Galskoy                                 | Carol Galskoy                               |
| <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>Grace @ 5 Music Coordinator<br>Sexton<br>Congregational President |
| Barb Rafferty                                                                                   | Thatcher Lyman                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Marguerite Manning                                                                              | Isobel Davies                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ron Corey, Jr.                                                                                  | 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.

**Carol Galskoy is the  
December shepherd.**

Please contact her (265-4957) if you know of a member in need of help or support.