

Third Sunday in Advent

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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
Romans 8:28.**

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

The Service of Holy Communion
December 12, 2010 8:15 and 11:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:15) *Shades of "Forest Green"* ó arr. Waugh
ImmanuBells
(11:00) *Little Partita for Advent* ó James Woodman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#14 of 52 Great Verses - Romans 8:28 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 165)

***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**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn


ELW #242

GREETING

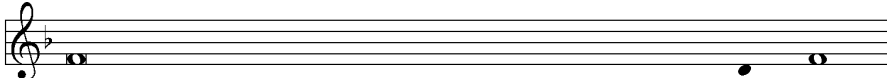
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



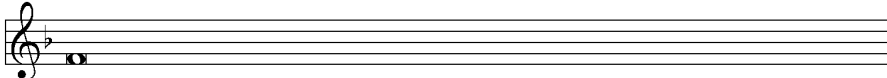
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



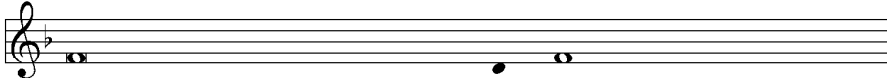
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



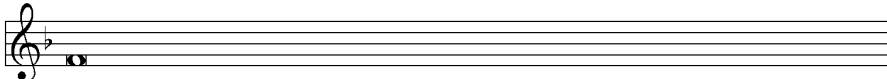
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



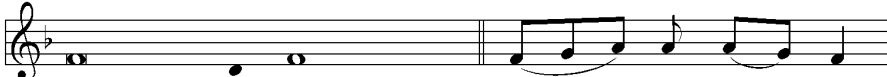
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




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 the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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.)

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 5) **ELW #257**

Psalm 146:5-10 *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob¹ for their help,*
whose hope is in the¹ LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that¹ is in them;***

who keeps his prom-¹ise forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who¹ are oppressed,*
and food to¹ those who hunger.

⁸**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes¹ of the blind;***

the LORD lifts up those who¹ are bowed down;

⁹the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares¹ for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall¹ reign forever,***

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.¹ Hallelujah!

Prayer

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (verse 6) **ELW #257**

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to [Jesus], "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264

SERMON

***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 right! 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 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* **ELW #250**
Savior of the Nations Come **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 *People, Look East* **ELW #248**

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

POSTLUDE *Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601* 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.

**Christmas Pageant - *Holiday in Bethlehem***

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM

Our Immanuel Sunday School will present this year's pageant, *Holiday in Bethlehem*, filled with new and traditional music and, of course, the wonderful Christmas story.

Join us as we honor the miracle that is Christmas! Stay for a reception following the pageant! Grace @ 5 will follow the reception. This will be a lovely afternoon to celebrate everything that Advent promises - the excitement that something very special is about to happen

**ImmanuBells will be sharing a Christmas concert of handbell music at Aaron Manor in Penfield on Tuesday, December 14th at 7 PM.** Everyone is invited to come and listen and sing along with the residents there!!

## 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!

**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.)



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

People-pushing, an activity in which all the able-bodied that are able go to St. John's Home to push all those who wish to attend worship service, is Sunday, December 26th. We will meet at church to carpool at 1:00 PM, drive to St. John's, push people to and from the service, and return to church around 3:30. It is a fun activity, interacting with some delightful folks and trying to get them back to the place where you picked them up!!! They are very appreciative of your help, so do come!! Please contact Deb Huehn if you have any questions at 265-2266.



**The Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.** Please join us at Bonnie Slack's home (162 Ashbrook Circle). Bring a dish to share along with copies of the recipe and your favorite cookbook. Contact Carol Galskoy ([agalskoy@frontiernet.net](mailto:agalskoy@frontiernet.net) or 585-265-4957) for more details if you would like to join us!

### **CHURCH CALENDAR December 12 - 19**

#### **Sunday**

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
3:30 pm Sunday School Christmas Program  
5:00 pm Grace @ 5

#### **Monday**

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
8:00 pm AA in Fellowship Hall, Al-Anon in Library, Alateen in Sr. High room, 2. floor  
Annual Reports for 2010 are due

#### **Tuesday**

6:00 pm 1st year Confirmation Dinner and Class  
7:00 pm ImmanuBells play at Aaron Manor

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

10:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Book Club meets at Bonnie Slack's for Pot Luck Dinner  
7:00 pm Girl Scouts

#### **Friday**

9:00 am Office Helpers and Open Door folders  
9:00 am Quilters

#### **Saturday**

6:00 pm Christmas Caroling

#### **Sunday**

7:30 am Gathering Choir  
8:15 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
5:00 pm Grace @ 5



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 **\$11.00** 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 19th**. Please feel free to call with any questions. Blessings - Sheri Williams (585)770-3733)

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| QUANTITY/COLOR | X \$11.00 |
| 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.



**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**

**Dec. 15 – ‘Don’t Be a Victim of Fraud Scams or Identity Theft’**

Lifespanø Jim Lynd, presenter

**Dec. 22 – No WOW due to holiday**

**Dec. 28 – No WOW due to holiday**

#### **Save the Date—January 30, 2011**

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 30, 2011, after the 11 am Church service. Refreshments will be served. Your attendance is very important to the Immanuelø mission  
øCelebrate ó Grow ó Serveö.



**In Stitches** will not meet in December. Join us at our next meeting on January 16th. The Friday morning quilters meet each Friday at 9:00am. All are welcome and you do not need to know how to quilt.

**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Jim White, Randy Stachyra, Dan Klauck, Bev Milner, Bill Oad, Britni Fox, Laurie Reynolds, Cindy Weierman, Deb Hill, Helen Tice, Ruth Rauber, John Geery, David Sweezy, Kressa Sweezy, William Dey, Melissa Hoke, John Fedkew, Jane Hughes, Chris Kulp, Amy VanWuyckhuyse, Naomi Gregory and the grieving family and friends of Beatrice Belmont, Edward Vander Horst and 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.

## Serving God and God's Church

|                                  | December 12, 2010                                   |                                                       | Next Sunday, December 19, 2010                        |                                                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | 8:15 AM                                             | 11:00 AM                                              | 8:15 AM                                               | 11:00 AM                                         |
| <b>Deacon/<br/>Worship Asst.</b> | Deacon Karen Sue Ross                               | Leslie Schwartz                                       | Deacon Dave Reville                                   | Bernie Russell                                   |
| <b>Reader</b>                    | Marguerite Manning                                  | Sarah Rowland/<br>Dale Rowland                        | Kevin Cawley                                          | Ian Russell                                      |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>       | Gary Ross                                           | Ken Schwartz                                          | Lyn Reville                                           | Janice Durand                                    |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                   | Alyssa Wicks                                        | Aideen Foster                                         | Michael Cawley                                        | Sarah Geckle                                     |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                  | Jessica Hewlett                                     | Emily Ruffell                                         | Jacob Kachmaryk                                       | Matthew Geckle                                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>                  | Doris Baranello &<br>Sharon Diringer                | Kathy Morgan,<br>Lisa Foster                          | Jan & Judy<br>Brederson                               | Heather & Gary<br>Immesoete                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    | Charlie & Sherry<br>Klauck, Jan &<br>Judy Brederson | Katherine &<br>Clair Foster,<br>Jay & Arline<br>Taber | Cheryl Davies,<br>Barb Stam, George<br>& Mary Iverson | Josh and Mark<br>Geckle, Lori &<br>Jared Russell |
| <b>Nursery</b>                   | Sandy Colbert                                       | Heidi Smith                                           | Linda Belmont                                         |                                                  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>               | Debbie Ast                                          | Carol Galskoy                                         | Debbie Ast                                            | 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<br>Thatcher Lyman<br>Marguerite Manning<br>Isobel Davies<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.

**Carol Galskoy is the  
December shepherd.**

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

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