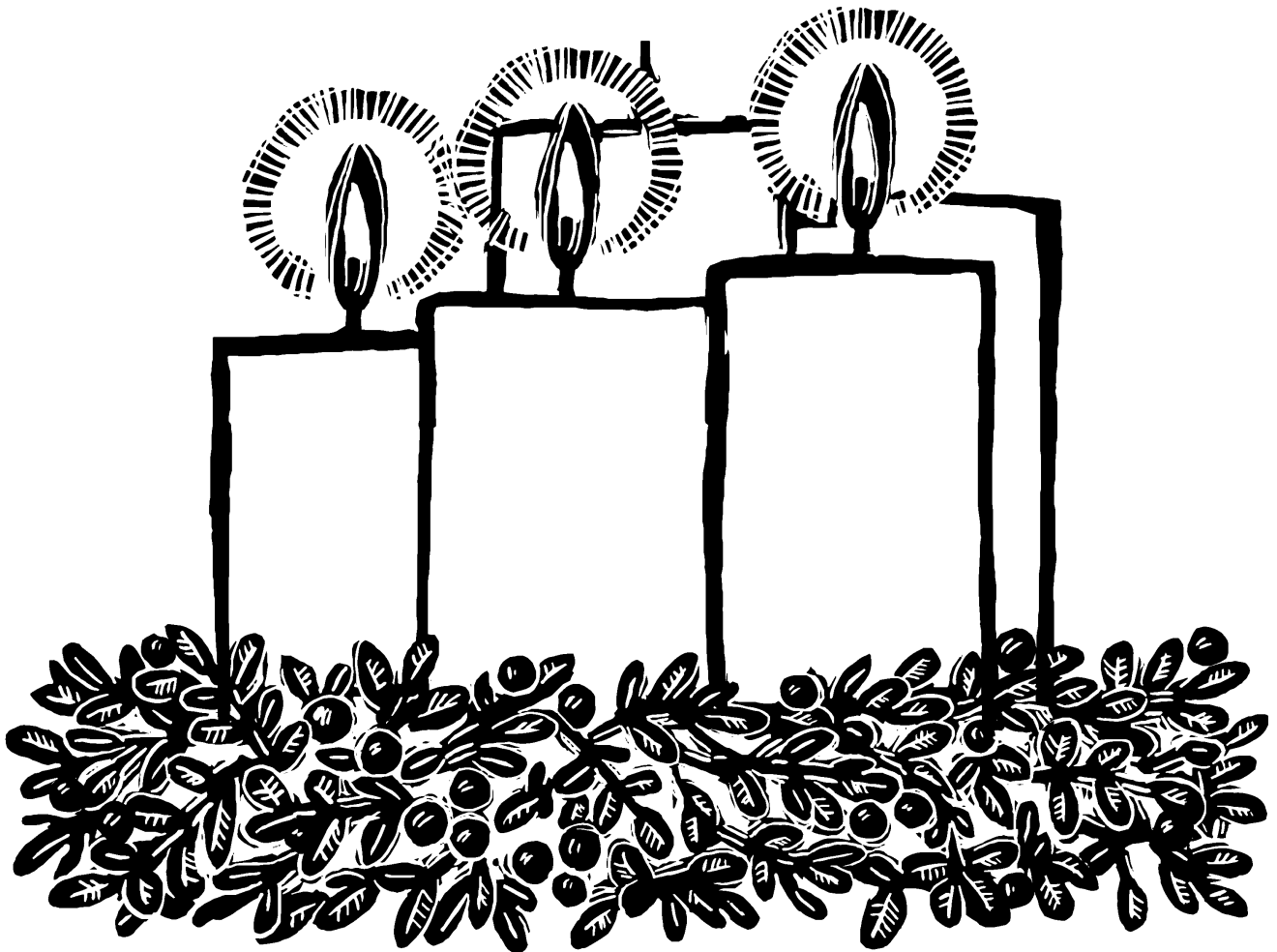


*Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church*

Sunday, December 16, 2018

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— THIRD SUNDAY OF —  
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Sunday Worship – 9:00am

Monday Worship - 6:30pm

**OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE THE TIMELESS MESSAGE OF SALVATION IN LOVE  
AND TO SHOW OUR FAITH IN WORDS AND ACTIONS.**

**Welcome** We welcome you to this hour of worship and pray that this time together might be a blessing for all of us.

Large print hymnals and hearing impaired receiver units are available in the Narthex by the bulletin board. Just ask an usher. We are also equipped with a Hearing Loop System that can be used with hearing aids featuring a t-coil.

If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to give consideration to Immanuel. Please worship with us again!



We ask that everyone in attendance please take the time to sign our Friendship Register. These red folders can be found in each pew. Thanks!

**Hearing Loop System** We are pleased to offer a Hearing Loop system to aid members & guests with hearing loss. If you wear hearing aids with a telecoil (T-coil), the system will either automatically amplify the sound or you may need to turn that function on. If you do not wear hearing aids or your hearing aids are not equipped with the T-coil, please ask an usher for a headset. If you experience problems with the hearing loop receivers, please ask an usher for help.

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*A Special Note to Visitors Regarding Holy Communion*

The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together must:

1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),
2. Examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and
3. Be perfectly united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17).

For these reasons, we ask:

1. That only communicant members belonging to either this or another congregation within our (WELS or ELS) fellowship come forward to commune with us.
2. That all who come forward be properly prepared to receive the sacrament. (See page

156 in the front of our Christian Worship Hymnal as an example of such preparation.)

If you are interested in learning more about our teaching and practices, or want to join our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.

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Service Theme:  
**The LORD Sends His Messenger**

Today we remember how God sent his messenger John the Baptist to prepare God's people for Jesus first coming. The message John preached was not only to prepare the people of his time; it is also meant for also us as we look forward to the Jesus second coming for our deliverance.

**Introduction**

- M:** We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.
- C:** **We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**
- M:** We hear his call to see the light.
- C:** **We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.**
- M:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
- C:** **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Three Advent candles are lit.*

**Opening Hymn:**  
*CW 16 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

**Order of Service:**  
**Service of Word and Sacrament (p. 26)**

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Lesson:**  
Malachi 3:1-4 (EHV)

Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like launderers bleach! <sup>3</sup>He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the

LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>Judah and Jerusalem's offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

### **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.  
(Luke 3:4,6 cf. NIV)

### **Gospel:**

Luke 3:1–6 (EHV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene—<sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low.

The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup>And everyone will see the salvation of God.”

### **Sermon Hymn:**

*CW 20 “When All the World Was Cursed”*

### **Sermon:**

Luke 3:1-6

## **A Messenger is Sent**

- 1) *To prepare the people of Judea for Jesus' coming*
- 2) *To prepare us for Jesus' return.*

**Nicene Creed** (p. 31)

### **Offertory**

*St. Paul's 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Choir*

*CWS 703 “My Soul in Stillness Waits”*

**Prayer for Advent** (p.123)

**Contemporary Lord's Prayer** (p.32)

**The Sacrament** (p. 33)

**Communion Distribution Hymn**

CW 38 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

**Final Hymn:**

CW 6 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

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**Children's Bulletins Available!** Children's Worship Bulletins are available in the Narthex.

**Worship Service Dvd's** The A/V committee makes DVD copies of each service and they are available in the Narthex. Please take one and share it with a family member or friend.

**Forward in Christ** This monthly publication from the WELS is available in the Narthex free of charge. Please take a copy home with you.

**Saturday Worship Service** The next **4:00pm Saturday Afternoon** Worship Service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be on **January 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Divine Call** On November 27<sup>th</sup> a Divine Call was extended to Rev. Daniel T Naumann, currently at Grace Lutheran Church, Prairie du Chien, WI. He is Married - Elizabeth- Education BS from Martin Luther College and has five children, ages 7,5,4,2,1. His email is [pastornaumann.gracepc@gmail.com](mailto:pastornaumann.gracepc@gmail.com). Please ask for God's guidance and wisdom as he deliberates this opportunity both here and at Grace Lutheran Church.

**Stewardships**

**Attendance Last Weekend:**  
Sunday – 116 / Monday - 32

**Received for Budget Week:** \$2,358.00 or 46%  
*Needed Weekly for Budget:* \$5,174.00

Sunday School Mission Collection: \$9.00

December ALMS to Date: \$80.00

**December Alms Recipient - Immanuel Member Help Fund**

**Fellowship** Join us in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom after church today for cookies and refreshments as we visit with our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Paul's.

**Altar Guild Meeting** **TODAY** after church in the **3<sup>rd</sup> classroom**. **NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED** - we will train and help you learn. Some of the Altar Guild duties are: setting-up and taking down communion ware, changing altar cloths, and handling the flower arrangements. The time commitment is about 1-2 hours on a communion weekend and less when there isn't communion. Easy to do. All duties / tasks are to beautify and enhance the church to glorify God. Come join us. Questions contact Michele Kitzinger 255-1583, Sue Kieckbusch 388-3406, Connie Karnitz 388-4163 or any other member. To God be the Glory.

**Little Lambs Bedtime Christmas Event** On **December 16<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00-7:00pm**, Little Lambs will



be hosting a special Christmas Bedtime event. Enjoy Christmas Songs, Games, Snacks and Crafts. Older siblings are welcome, but please note this is geared for ages 0-5. Invite a friend or two to share in the wonder of Jesus Birth. Call/Text Jill at 920-606-1433 with questions.

**Farewell Event for Pastor & Laura and Family** It's time for us to extend our well-wishes and God's Blessings to Pastor, Laura and Family as they get ready to leave for Ottawa, Canada. Please join us on **Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** in our Family Life Center from **3:00-7:00pm**. There will be a DJ, hot dogs, and beverages. If you choose, finger foods would be a welcome addition. Sign up at the back of church or call Mari Fager at 920-388-2841 to let us know you are coming. *Pastor's last services at Immanuel will be on December 30-31.*

**The AV Committee Needs Help** on Christmas Eve. Two members will be out of town that evening. Come on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings to learn how to operate the equipment. Age requirement; In High School or older. Able to attend the last two or three Children's Christmas Eve rehearsals would be a benefit for planning camera shots.

**MLHS Christmas Concert** You will not want to miss attending one or both of the 2018 Christmas Concerts at the Capitol Civic Centre on Friday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Your very own MLHS Lancer Singers, Concert Choir, Cantate Choir, Freshman Choir, and Symphonic Band will perform at 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Bring a friend and prepare your hearts to "Let us Adore Him" See you all there!

**Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale** Gloria in Excelsis Deo Christmas Concert this year will be on Saturday, December 15 @ 3PM at St. John-St. James Lutheran Church in Reedsville. Another concert will be the next day, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM at Grace Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Come and enjoy!

**Children's Choir Needs Participants** MLHS will be producing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in March of 2019. We are in need of about 16-24 students in grades 3-8 to be part of a children's choir in the musical. *Audition Information is available on the Narthex Bulletin Board.* If you have any questions at all, please contact Renee Schmill at [rmschmill@mlhslancers.org](mailto:rmschmill@mlhslancers.org) or 920-973-5044.

### **Christmas Worship Schedule**

- *Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am*
  - *Children's Service*
- *Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm*
  - *Christmas Eve Worship*
- *Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm*
  - *Christmas Day Worship*
- *Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am*
- *Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am*

• *New Year's Eve Worship*  
Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

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**Birthdays:**

(16) Mark Chaudoir, Jerry Kolmorgen, Jason Obry; (19) Bradley Vandermause, Miryssa Vandertie; (20) Sara Dax; (21) Amanda Langer; (22) Greg Hlinak, Sue Kieckbusch.

**Anniversaries:**

(22) Terry & Mary Daron.

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**IMMANUEL'S CALENDAR**

**December**

S (16)	<b>7:45am</b>	Sunday School	<b>8:00am</b>	Bible Class
	9:00am	Worship Service w/Communion		
		St Paul's Singing – Fellowship After		
	10:15am	Choir Practice		
	10:15am	Altar Guild Meeting		
	6:00pm	Little Lambs Bedtime Christmas Event		
M (17)	10:30am	Kewaunee Care Center Devotion		
	6:30pm	Worship Service w/Communion		
T (18)		NO Bible Class		
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting		
W (19)		NO Confirmation Class		
SA (22)	9:00am	Sunday School Christmas Practice		
S (23)	<b>7:45am</b>	Sunday School	<b>8:00am</b>	Bible Class
	9:00am	Worship Service		
	10:15am	Choir Practice		
M (24)	10:30am	Kewaunee Care Center Devotion		
	6:00pm	Children's Christmas Program		
	7:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship		
T (25)	9:00am	Christmas Day Worship		
SA (29)	3-7:00pm	Sullivan Farewell in Family Life Center		
S (30)	9:00am	Pastor Sullivan's Final Worship Service		
M (31)	6:30pm	Worship Service		

**Organist:**

Lacy Siegmund

**Greeters:**

Michele Kitzinger & Sandi Christman

Next Week

Eunice Siebert & Greta Bloniarz

December:

Kathy Gerdmann, Mari Fager, Sandy Hlinak

Secretary:

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