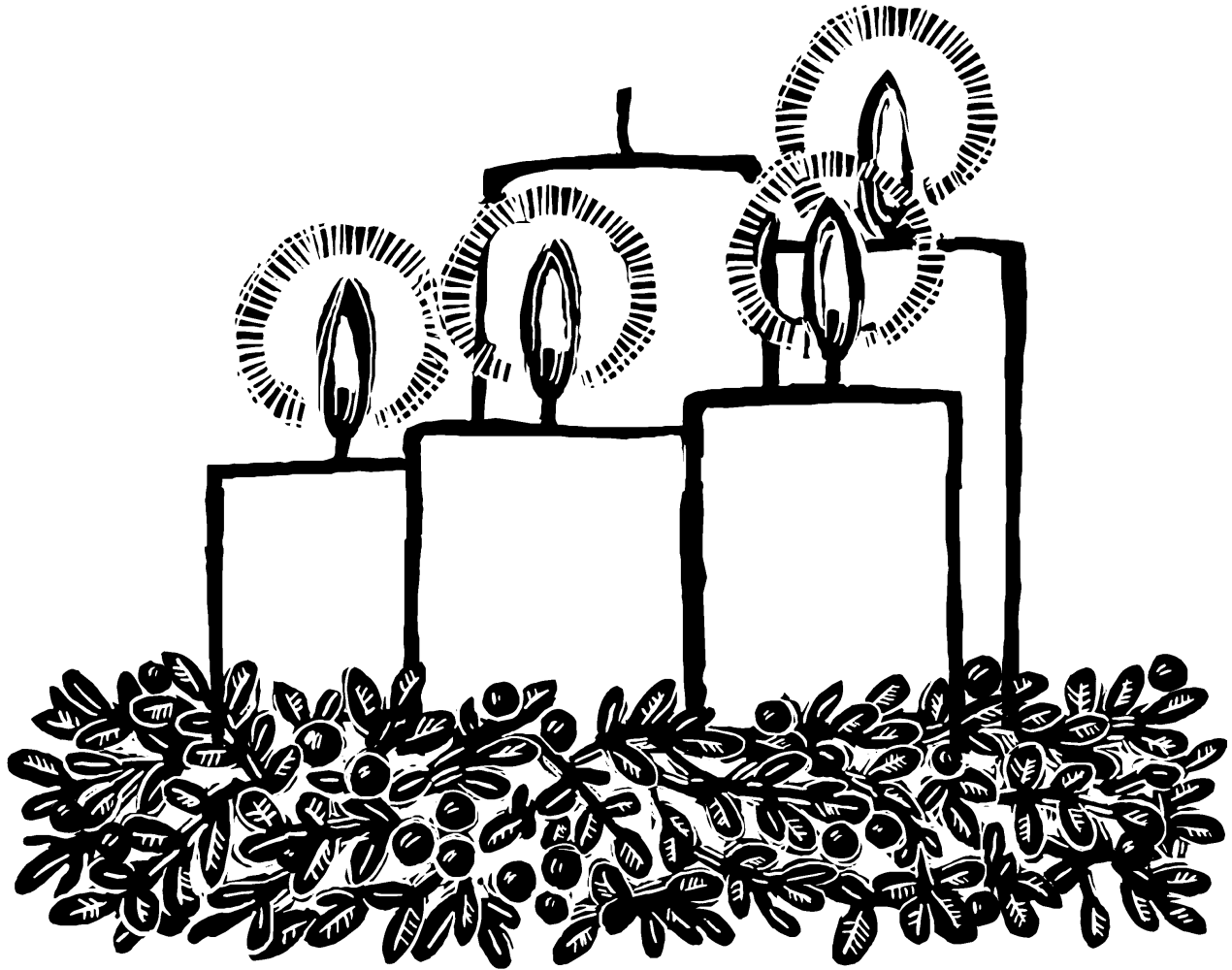


*Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church*

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Advent 4

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— FOURTH SUNDAY OF —  
**ADVENT**

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Sunday Worship – 9:00am

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**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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Service Theme:

**Great Things Come in Humble Packages**

Our lessons reveal God wrapping his gift of salvation in all sorts of humility. Why? So that his saving love for us might shine all the brighter.

**Introduction**

**M:** We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.

- C:** We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.
- M:** We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.
- C:** We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.
- M:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
- C:** Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

*(Four Advent candles are lit.)*

**Hymn:**

*CW 23 “Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”*

**Order of Service:**  
**Service of the Word (p.38)**

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Lesson:**

Micah 5:2-5a (EHV)

<sup>2</sup>But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel.  
His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity.  
<sup>3</sup>Therefore the LORD will give them up,  
until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child.  
Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup>This one will be their peace.

**Choir:**

*“Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace”*

**Second Reading:**

Hebrews 10:5–10 (EHV)

<sup>5</sup>Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said:  
Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but you prepared a body for me.  
<sup>6</sup>You were not pleased  
with burnt offerings and sin offerings.  
<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Here I am.  
I have come to do your will, God.

In the scroll of the book it is written about me.”

<sup>8</sup>First he said:

Sacrifices and offerings that were offered according to the law,  
both burnt offerings and sin offerings,  
you did not desire,  
and you were not pleased with them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said:

Here I am.

I have come to do your will.

He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

### **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.

Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)

### **Gospel:**

Luke 1:39–55 (EHV)

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. <sup>40</sup>She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>Just as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>She called out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!”

<sup>46</sup>Then Mary said,

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup>because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones.

He has lifted up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

### **Sermon Hymn:**

*CW 65 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

### **Sermon:**

Micah 5:2-5a

***“Good Things Do Come In Small Packages!”***

**Offertory**

**WELS Connection:**

*WELS Missions in Vietnam*

WELS Missions is growing. With the help of the WELS Pastoral Studies Institute, WELS Missions is opening a theological training facility in the capitol of Vietnam.

**Reception of a New Member**

*Sandy Pelnar and April (Jenna and Desiree) Kalcik*

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

**Contemporary Lord's Prayer** (p. 43)

**Final Hymn:**

*CW 53 "To Shepherds as They Watched By Night"*

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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 – 151 / Monday - 20

**Received for Budget Week:** \$6,693.50 or 129%

*Needed Weekly for Budget:* \$5,174.00

Sunday School Mission Collection: \$20.50

December ALMS to Date: \$81.00

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

## Christmas Worship Schedule

- *Children's Service*  
Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- *Christmas Eve Candlelight 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

**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.*



**Little Lambs** will start up again on **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and be every Tuesday from **10:00-11:30am**. Peter Kavicky and Jill Belter will be taking on the task of continuing this amazing playgroup that Laura started at Immanuel. If you are willing to help with our snacks please contact Jill at 920-606-1433.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR VACANCY PASTOR**

**Worship services** – Will remain the same, no change in times. A guest pastor will cover the 6,13 weekends of January.

**Adult Bible Class** – Sunday and Tuesday Bible Class will continue but will resume on **January 20** at the normal times. We will use the same material in both classes. The Sunday Class will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.

**Shut-ins** – visits will continue on a monthly basis

**Confirmation Class** – will continue same night, same time. Our first class in the new year will be on **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will skip the next two weeks (9,16) and then resume on January 23.

**Sunday School** – will continue as normal same time, place and material

**Pastor Kratz Contact** – I will be in the church office less frequently than your pastor has been. That means messages left on the phone may have a longer gap from the time the message is left to

the time I actually get it. I would encourage the use of my cell phone: **920-388-9500**. Call at any time I am here to serve your needs. Leave a message (I may be in the middle of a visit) and I will hear it far sooner than a message left at church.

**Emergency Contact While I Am Gone in Early January** -Pastors from St. Paul, Algoma, will be available for ministry emergencies. Their Church number is 920-487-5712. Perhaps easier to remember call Daniel Fager (Church President) at 920-255-2613 or Glenn Brunner at 920-629-7155. They can take steps to meet the ministry need.

**Birthdays:**

(23) Emily Bowers; (24) Greg Gretz; (25) Jesus, Merrie Novak.

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

S (23)	7:45am	Sunday School
	8:00am	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:** Eunice Siebert & Jean Klemish  
Children's Service Lois Siegmund & LaVerne Dax

Candlelight Service Peter & Anne Kavicky  
Christmas Day Dave Doden & Dick Stuebs  
December 30 Jeff & Rachel Christian

**December Altar Guild:** Kathy Gerdmann, Mari Fager,  
Sandy Hlinak

**Secretary:** Julie Siegmund: 304-0228/ [juliesiegmund@outlook.com](mailto:juliesiegmund@outlook.com)