"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me." Malachi 3:1, ESV

Second Sunday in Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS Lakefield, Minnesota December 8, 2024

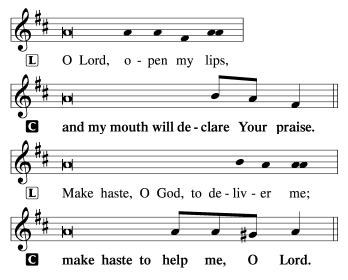


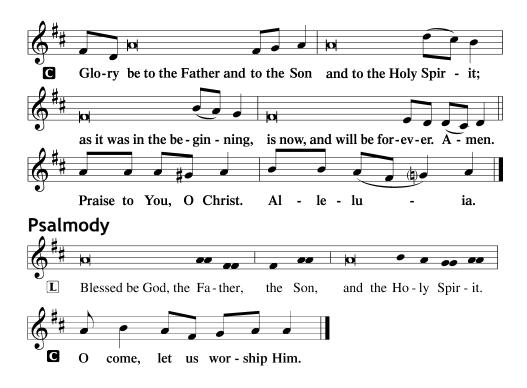
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Additional PsalmsPsalm 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b					
Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;					
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give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

L A reading from Malachi, chapter 3.

"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Immanuel Ringers On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Reading

Philippians 1:2–11

L A reading from Philippians, chapter 1.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 3:1–20

L A reading from Luke, chapter 3.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.""

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

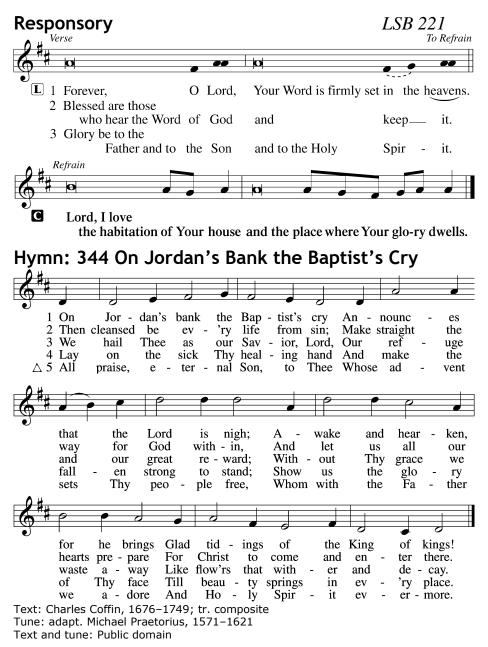
And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.



Sermon

Stand

Te Deum **C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a oth: -3 The noble army of martyrs praise_ You. 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last ing. 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo ry. 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You: To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in. 1 The glorious company of the apostles praise_____ You. 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son: 4 You are the king of glory, O₋ Christ; To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly 1 do crv: The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise_ You. 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort er. 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa ther. 5 When You took upon Yourself to de liv er man, . hand of God 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of vir gin. а 6 in the glory of the Fa ther. death, of will come 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be liev ers. _ be_ our. judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser vants, 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her tage. 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with sin. out 7 whom You have redeem ed with Your pre - cious blood. 8 Govern them and lift them up for ev er. 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up on_ us. 7 Make them to be numbered . . with Your saints magni - fy You. 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You. 7 in glory ev - er - last ing. 8 And we worship Your name for ever and ev er. 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

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Offering

Prayer

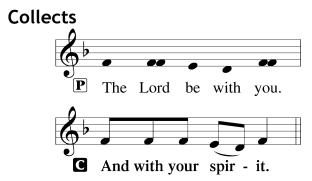
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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

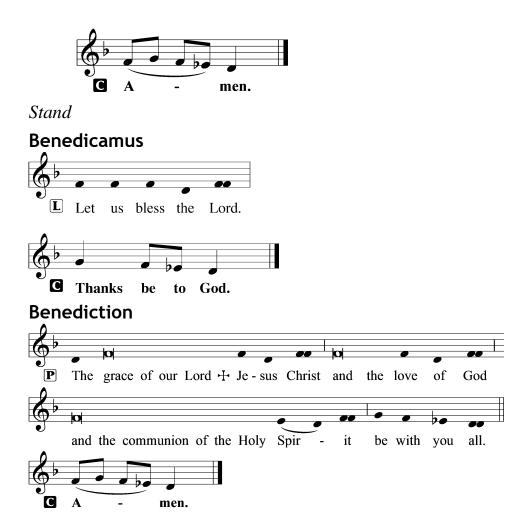


Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Grace

C Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





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Assisting with the Service

PreacherRev. Glenn BohmerElderJim BerkevichOrganistLori KrugerAcolyteLinkon Phillips & Karissa DaberkowUsherJoel, Dory & Mary Poppe

We Remember in our Prayers

The family of Delores Steffen on her passing away Rev. Matthew Lane as he considers the Call to Immanuel and Peace Lutheran Church in Faribault, where he currently serves

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Good Sam in Jackson, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Lakeview in Heron Lake, Koronis in Paynesville

Keith Kolander, Loretta Palmer, Jackie Ward, Ken Pohlman, Marlene Hendricksen, Ines Henning, Merlyn Rossow, Betty Hage, Bev Hall, dealing with health issues

Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Zach Williamson, friend of Pastor McDonald; Pastor Dennis Brech, Lake Shetek; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS student Janessa Dunker; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Denny Daberkow; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking; dealing with cancer

Tina Olson, sister of Amy Altman; Suzanne Leopold, friend of Jan Bakalyar; Joe Bradley, nephew of Joyce Aden; Mary Holt, aunt of Debbi Gettler; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Rob Pohlman, son of Ken Pohlman; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Missionaries in the Field Our Country and Our Military **IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or immanuel@immanuellakefield.com), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy pastor.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors this weekend. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

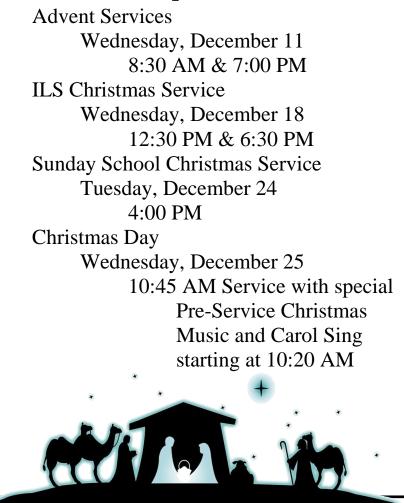
A CALL was extended to Rev. Matthew Lane. Please pray for Pastor Lane and his family as he considers the Call to serve us here at Immanuel and his current Call to Peace Lutheran Church in Faribault. Pray that the Lord would guide him in his decision.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with the family of Delores Steffen. Delores passed away on December 1st. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

VOTERS MEETING is today, Sunday, December 8th right after church around 11:45 a.m. On the agenda is the election of officers.

BENEFIT FOR IKE SCHIRMER, NEWBORN SON OF ADAM AND TRACEY (STEFFEN) SCHIRMER is today, Sunday, December 8th from 11:00-2:00 here at the Immanuel Activity Center. Ike was a preemie and in the NICU. Meal will be a freewill donation and there will also be an auction with raffle tickets. Come and show some support for the baby Ike and his parents.

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule



FOOD DRIVE for the Lakefield Food Shelf is going on right now. You are invited to bring items to the church any time and place them in the narthex. Your items may also be taken to Maynard's. Monetary gifts are also appreciated and can be dropped off here at the church (give to Amy), at City Hall, or mailed to the Lakefield Food Shelf, PO Box 115, Lakefield, MN 56150. **YOUTH GROUP** gets together today, Sunday, December 8th from 12:30-2:30 for Christmas Caroling, Christmas Bingo, Bible Study, and Stuffed Sock Gift Exchange. Meet to Christmas Carol at Valley View Assisted Living and then to Immanuel to enjoy the stuffed sock gift exchanges (Bring a pair of "Christmas socks" stuffed with candy/snacks to exchange) followed by Bible Study lead by Rhonda Swanson. Youth Group is for 6th-12th graders. Invite a friend to come along!

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY is Sunday, December 15th at 11:45 a.m. in the church basement. A potluck lunch will be served. Bring a dish to pass if you're able. Ham will be provided by the LWML. Hostesses are the LWML members. All ladies are welcome to join them!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January through March are now available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.





"GET A HANDEL ON CHRISTMAS!" Christmas Concert is at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop is on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. Elementary and high school band students will be performing and the high school choir will sing. Students are under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free-will donation. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop. *ILS band students will be performing with the elementary band*.



ANYONE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING GIFTS FOR THE LAKEFIELD SHARING TREE may find tags on the tree in the narthex or on the tree at City Hall. All you need to do is pick a tag, buy the gift, tape the tag to the gift, and place it under the tree in the narthex or under the tree at City Hall. Gifts need to be under the trees by December 12th. You do not need to wrap the presents.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS! Concordia St. Paul's **Twin Cities High School Honor Choir** will take place on Monday, February 10th at Concordia University St. Paul. This auditioned SATB honor choir intends to reward hard-working young musicians with a chance to sing with like-minded peers in a collegiate setting. Join Dr. Paul von Kampen, the choirs of CSP, and other talented high school singers for an unforgettable day of music making! The day will consist of rehearsals, sectionals, and a closing concert at 4:30 p.m. for family and friends. *Auditions close December 18th.* Submit your audition by scanning the QR code on the "Twin Cities Honor Choir" flyer that is on the church bulletin board. For more information, contact Dr. Paul von Kampen at vonkampp@csp.edu.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BRAND-NEW BIBLE STUDY

In the beginning was the Word... This is how the book of John begins. In the beginning God spoke, and light invaded the darkness. But instead of walking with God in the light, humanity fell into sin and darkness. Now, God has once again invaded the darkness with the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Join us for Bible study as we learn more about the "Word" – Jesus Christ – in the book of John. Interactive video, stimulating conversation, coffee and treats await. 9:30AM through December and then following church after the New Year.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- PTL Christmas Caroling is Sunday 12/8 at 2:00 p.m.
- ILS Band Concert is Saturday 12/14 at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School in Northrop
- ILS Christmas Service is Wednesday 12/18 at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Upcoming Basketball
 - Monday 12/9 at 4:00: B at St. Paul's Fairmont
 - Friday 12/13 and Saturday 12/14: B tournament at St. John Vianney, Fairmont

FLAT SHEETS, COTTON AND FLANNEL

The Immanuel Quilters are in need of flat sheets, both cotton and flannel. The sheets will be used as bottoms and fillers for the Orphan Grain Train quilts that the quilters are assembling. You may drop them off at the church basement. Questions, please call Connie at 507-841-3350.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

NO CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE THIS YEAR DUE TO THE VACANCY

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available at the bookstore. Come check out the wonderful selection. You can either pay Amy in the church office or leave your money in the empty box by the cards. *There is also a variety of Christmas gift bags with a religious theme available. Stop and take a look!*

SCRIP IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT IMMANUEL!

What is scrip and how does it work?

- You purchase a gift card.
- That business gives back.
- The amount given back can be put towards a family's tuition or hot lunch account. It can also go directly to the school, into the Teacher Salary Fund, Tuition Assistance Program, or Hot Lunch Assistance Program.

There are over 750 gift card options available through scrip for places you already shop at (including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, stores...) We have local scrip. Right here in Lakefield you can buy gift certificates for Maynard's, Cutting Image, SoJo, Styles on Main, Village Green, or Horse Barn and Hunt Club. Amy normally has Maynard's, Cutting Image, and SoJo gift cards on hand (no wait!). There are 3 easy ways to order scrip:

- Fill out the blue order form and turn it in by 8:00 on Monday morning. Order forms can be found in the church office or on the welcome center in the narthex. Your order will be ready to be picked up the following Monday.
- Online at raiseright.com (you can even get egift cards!)

• On your mobile devices with the RaiseRight app. Want more information? Talk to Amy in the office at 507-662-5718 or immanuel@immanuellakefield.com. **ADVENT DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available in both regular and large print on the welcome center in the narthex. This year's devotions are called "Come, Let Us Adore Him". Please help yourself to a copy. There are also Advent Devotions available from Martin Luther High School, Northrop. This one is called "Immanuel: God with Us" and the devotions are written by Martin Luther High School staff and students. Please help yourself.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

- 1. Facebook: "Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or any time after.
- 2. YouTube: "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield" on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or any time after.

POINTS OF INFORMATION December 1, 2024				
Current Fund received this past week\$9,590				
<i>Needed each week\$18,504</i>				
Non-budget giving				
Childrens Fund\$400				
Building\$4				
Current Fund needed for November\$74,016				
Offering Received in November\$58,620				
+ Tuition Received in November\$5,303				
= Current Fund Total November\$63,923				
Worshipping on Thanksgiving, November 27: 100				
Worshipping on Sunday, December 1: 95				
Worshipping on Advent, Wednesday, December 4: 131				
If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann				

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, December	·8 Second Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
10:45 AM	Worship
11:45 AM	Voters Meeting
12:30-2:30	Youth Group Christmas Caroling
2:00 PM	ILS Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 9 4:00 PM B BB at St. Paul's Fairmont 5:15 PM Board of Cong. Services Meeting Tuesday, December 10 6:10 PM Immanuel Ringers 7:10 PM Choir Wednesday, December 11 8:30 AM Chapel Advent 2:10 PM Confirmation 2:15-3:45 Prairie Ecology Bus – grades 3-6 7:00 PM Advent Worship Friday, December 13 **B** BB Tournament at St. John Vianney, Fairmont Saturday, December 14 **B** BB Tournament at St. John Vianney, Fairmont 7:00 PM ILS Band Concert at MLHS Northrop Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday in Advent 9:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship 11:45 AM LWML Christmas Party Monday, December 16 4:15 PM A BB at St. Paul's Fairmont Tuesday, December 17 4:15 PMB BB at home vs. St. Paul's Truman6:10 PMImmanuel Ringers 7:10 PM Choir Wednesday, December 18 12:30 PM ILS Christmas Service 2:10 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM ILS Christmas Service 8:00 PM **Board of Elders Meeting** Immanuel Lutheran Church and School 604 Bush Street, PO Box 750, Lakefield, MN 56150

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