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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Ad Te Levavi
Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184
December 1, 2019

As We Gather ~ The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “The LORD is our Righteousness” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11).

Announcements

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession/Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

Ps. 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1–3a



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | va-
tion;*

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

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Light the Candle

Vajda 709, Verse 1

(Advent 1) Light the can-dle of LOVE to - day, the Giv - er of love is
 (Advent 2) Light the can-dle of PEACE to - day, the Giv - er of peace is
 (Advent 3) Light the can-dle of JOY to - day, the Giv - er of joy is
 (Advent 4) Light the can-dle of HOPE to - day, the Giv - er of hope will
 here! Wel - come the love we live and die for, but
 here! Wel - come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 here! Wel - come the joy we crave and pray for, but
 come! Wel - come the hope we long and wait for, but
 on - ly Christ can give. Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. Flick - er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give. Flick - er and flame and
 glow with love, light up the world a -
 glow with peace, light up the world a -
 glow with joy, light up the world a -
 glow with hope, light up the world a -
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow with love,
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow with peace,
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow with joy,
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow with hope,
 light up the world a - round you.
 light up the world a - round you.
 light up the world a - round you.
 light up the world a - round you.

(Christmas)

Light the candle of CHRIST today,
 the Giver of light is here!
 Welcome the light we grope and sigh for,
 but only Christ can give.
 Flicker and flame and glow with light,
 light up the world around you.

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P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Jeremiah 23:5–8

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

Ps. 25:3–4



None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–9

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

<u>Nicene Creed</u>	LSB 191
<i>Sit</i>	
<u>Hymn</u> <i>“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”</i>	LSB 345
<u>Sermon</u>	<i>‘Wake Up’</i>
	<i>Romans 13:11</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
<u>Offertory</u>	LSB 192
<i>Sit</i>	
<u>Offering</u>	
<i>Stand</i>	
<u>Prayer of the Church</u>	
<u>SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT</u>	LSB 194
<u>Distribution Hymns</u>	
<i>“Savior of the Nations, Come”</i>	LSB 332
<i>“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”</i>	LSB 334
<i>Stand</i>	
<u>Nunc Dimittis</u>	LSB 199
<u>Thanksgiving</u>	LSB 200
<u>Post-Communion Collect</u>	LSB 201
<u>Salutation and Benedicamus</u>	LSB 201
<u>Benediction</u>	LSB 202
<u>Hymn</u> <i>“The Advent of Our King”</i>	LSB 331

The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome to Immanuel! On this first Sunday of Advent we come together as the people of God to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. All are welcome! Join hearts and voices in love and worship. Join hands in fellowship with those about you. We are the family of God. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Guests: Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Malachi 4:1–6, Romans 15:4–13 and Luke 21:25–36.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see *Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20* and *1 Cor. 11:17-34*. Thank you.

Stewardship: Matt. 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: it is a blessing to us to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals.

A sign-up is out for the cookie reception after the Children's Christmas Program December 15th.

Building Healthy Families for Dec. 1st: What traditions does your family keep which make Christmas all about Christ? For practical ideas to help you put the emphasis back on the presence of our Savior rather than the presents, check out the blog post, “Meaningful Christmas” on the LFS website. Lutheran Family Service is Iowa’s only Recognized Service Organization (RSO) by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for Pregnancy Support, Adoption Services, Family Wellness, Mental Health & Marriage Counseling. Find help at LutheranFamilyService.org
~**Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

Life Quote for Dec. 1st: “Here is why Christmas matters ... ‘[H]e too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death ...’ (Hebrews 2:14a). Imagine that. He needed a human body so it could be nailed to a cross. He needed human blood so it could be poured out as a sin offering for the world. For you. And it all started in Bethlehem. What can you say to that but ‘glory to God in the highest!’” Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 8th: Hear “God’s Yes” based on Romans 8:18-39 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Loved and Sent Series - “If we say that God’s purpose is simply to take our souls to heaven when we die, we might miss God’s bigger ‘yes’ ... God’s ‘yes’ to putting bodies and souls back together again in the resurrection; God’s ‘yes’ to creation as He intended it to be.” ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

A DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY...The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on John 5: The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath, Jesus Is Equal with God, The Authority of the Son, Witnesses to Jesus and more. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/1—12/7 is **Carnine**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/8—12/14 is **Kracht/Krumm**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Member Information: Please stop at the entryway table and verify we have your correct address and phone numbers. Correct any information on the sheets provided. Thank you!

December newsletters and calendars are in your boxes. Extra copies are available on the entryway table.

LWML: We will be meeting on the 9th at 11:30, bring your lunch, and if you have one, wear an “Ugly Christmas Sweater.” Pastor will have some Christmas activities for us. All women of Immanuel are invited to attend. See you there!

Calendars: The Board of Education is selling calendars again. If interested, please see Sherry Baker.

Soloists/Instruments: If anyone is interested in singing or playing an instrument in the Christmas Program on December 15th, please speak with Pastor.

EVERYONE is invited to go caroling at Windsor Manor next Sunday after Program Practice & Bible Study.

Council Meeting will be next Sunday, December 8th at 8:00 a.m.

It's that time of year again! Every year we adorn our altar area with poinsettias for Christmas. A poinsettia may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be displayed for the Christmas Eve Service. You may take the plant(s) you ordered home after the Christmas Eve Service. Place your order by filling out the order form along with payment and return in the offering basket by **Dec. 8th**. Order forms are available on the entryway table. Poinsettias are \$15 each. **Checks should be made payable to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church' with 'Poinsettia' in the memo line.**

BIRTHDAYS

Today...Jenna Mintle

Saturday...Gabe & Gavin Gilman

May God bless you today and each day that follows. May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be comforted by His care, and live in His grace now and forever.



THIS LITTLE CHILD, OF
LOWLY BIRTH, SHALL BE
THE **JOY** OF ALL THE
EARTH.



CHRIST CAME FOR YOU.

Come join us to receive His forgiveness, life and salvation.

*Children's Christmas Program
'Why Christmas?'*

*December 15th
10:30 a.m.*

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist:	Esther Huedepohl	Esther Huedepohl
Elder:	Joel McDonough	Steve Haase
Greeter:	Carnine	Christinson
Ushers:	Dale G./Gabe G.	Rich S./Dwight M.
Servers:	Dianna K./Sharon K.	Kris G./Joanie H.
Acolyte/Crucifier:	Ellie M./Sloane M.	Sophia L./Lauren L.

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

November 24, 2019

Attendance	52
Holy Communion	39
General Fund	\$2569.92
Missions	N/A

WEEK AHEAD **TODAY**

Elders' Meeting.....	8:00 am
1st Sunday in Advent.....	9:00 am
2nd Plate Missions: MICA	
Christmas Program Practice.....	10:15-11:30 am

MONDAY

Greek Study.....	1 pm
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TUESDAY

Private Confession Open Time.....	12-1 pm
Board of Education Meeting.....	4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

5th/6th Confirmation.....	4-5 pm
7/8th Confirmation.....	5-6 pm
Meal.....	5:30 pm
Evening Prayer Service.....	6:30 pm

THURSDAY

Bible Study.....	11 am
Private Confession Open Time.....	5-6 pm

FRIDAY

Festival of Trees.....5:30-7:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

Council Meeting.....	8:00 am
2nd Sunday in Advent.....	9:00 am
Christmas Program Practice.....	10:15-11:30 am
Caroling at Windsor Manor.....	11:30 am

Cookie Decorating Gathering for Teens

COME FOR COOKIE BAKING AND
DECORATING, FELLOWSHIP AND
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HIGHER
THINGS CONFERENCE 2020

DEC. 14, 2020
9:30AM-12:30PM
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
CARLISLE, IA

9:30am Matins Service
Higher Things Presentation
Cookie Decorating
Lunch served at noon
Parents welcome

RSVP: Samjoshfett@aol.com or 515-473-0798



Higher Things
Conferences
Watermarked
2020
www.highthings.org
www.watermarked2020.org



To kick off the information meeting about the Higher Things Conference in 2020, Holy Cross Lutheran church is hosting a youth event for teen youth around the metro! December 14th from 9am-1pm. We will be having fun with cookie decorating and baking, in addition to serving a light lunch. If you would like to help or contribute, please fill out the form below. Thank you!

**Donations – Please indicate number if you are
able to donate**

____ Package of hot dogs	____ Bag of chips
____ Sugar Cookie dough	____ Package of hot dog buns
____ Cookie frosting	____ Cookie decorations

**Volunteering – the times will be in the
Evening on Sunday, October 30th**

____ Help with Baking	____ Help with cookie decorating
____ Kitchen	____ Help with serving lunch

Turn form into Mailbox: Text

Or email/call: Samjoshfett@aol.com, or 515-473-0798

Heritage Park Christmas Celebration

"Glad Tidings and Good Cheer"

Come to an Old-fashioned Christmas Program!

Sing-along to Favorite Hymns and Carols!

Come Early and Visit the Malcom No. 6 School!

Open at 1:00 p.m. ~ Heritage Park



When: Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 P.M.

Where: Lower Blue Point Church
Heritage Park - 425 East Street S.
Poweshiek Co. Fairgrounds - Grinnell

Why: To experience the Joy of Christmas

All Are Welcome!

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Festival of Trees

***Friday, December 6th 5:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Drake Library***

Christmas Caroling at Windsor Manor

Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m.

Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

****A meal will be served before
each service at 5:30 p.m.***

Christmas Program Practice

Sunday, December 1st from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 8th from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 14th from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service

Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m.



Electronic Giving: Fast, easy, & secure

Support the work of our church through Electronic Giving. Have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically—you'll never have to remember your checkbook again!

We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form today.