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## **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

### **Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184**

### **November 24, 2019**

#### **As We Gather ~ *By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return***

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

#### **Announcements**

*(Please stand, if able)*

#### **Confession/Absolution**

LSB 184

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

# Processional Hymn

TLH 607, verses 1-10

*"Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning"*



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the  
2 Oh, what fear man's bos - om rend - eth When from heav'n the  
3 Won - drous sound the trum - pet fling - eth, Thro' earth's sep - ul -  
4 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; All cre - a - tion



Proph - et's warn - ing, Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.  
Judge de - scend - eth On whose sen - tence all de - pend - eth!  
- chers it ring - eth, All be - fore the throne it bring - eth.  
is a - wak - ing, To its Judge an an - swer mak - ing.

- 5 Lo, the book, exactly worded,  
Wherein all hath been recorded;  
Thence shall judgment be awarded.
- 6 When the Judge His seat attaineth  
And each hidden deed arraigneth,  
Nothing unavenged remaineth.
- 7 What shall I, frail man, be pleading?  
Who for me be interceding  
When the just are mercy needing?
- 8 King of majesty tremendous,  
Who dost free salvation send us,  
Fount of pity, then befriend us.
- 9 Think, good Jesus, my salvation  
Caused Thy wondrous incarnation;  
Leave me not to reprobation!
- 10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,  
On the cross of suff'ring bought me;  
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 65:17–25*

17“For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

18But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.

19I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.

20No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not fill out his days,  
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,  
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,  
and their descendants with them.

24Before they call I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain,"  
says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

*Ps. 45:14–15*

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following behind her.

**With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.**

### **Epistle Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, if able)*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

*(Please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day

TLH 607, verses 11-19

*“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”*

11 Righteous Judge, for sin’s pollution  
Grant Thy gift of absolution  
Ere that day of retribution!

12 Guilty, now I pour my moaning,  
All my shame with anguish owning:  
Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning!

- 13            From that sinful woman shriven,  
              From the dying thief forgiven,  
              Thou to me a hope hast given.
- 14            Worthless are my prayers and sighing;  
              Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,  
              Rescue me from fires undying.
- 15            With Thy favored sheep, oh, place me!  
              Nor among the goats abase me,  
              But to Thy right hand upraise me.
- 16            While the wicked are confounded,  
              Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,  
              Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.
- 17            Low I kneel with heart-submission,  
              See, like ashes, my contrition;  
              Help me in my last condition!
- 18            Day of sorrow, day of weeping,  
              When, in dust no longer sleeping,  
              Man awakes in Thy dread keeping!
- 19            To the rest Thou didst prepare me  
              On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me!  
              Spare, O God, in mercy spare me!

### **Sermon**

*‘Would It Change?’*

*Matthew 25:13*

*(Please stand, if able)*

### **Offertory**

LSB 192

*Following the Offertory, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*(Please be seated)*

**Offering**

*(Please stand, if able)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

LSB 194

**Distribution Hymns**

*“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”*

LSB 622

*“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”*

LSB 597

*(Please stand, if able)*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Salutation**

LSB 201

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

**Benediction**

LSB 202

**Closing Hymn** *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

LSB 516

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, leaves the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*



# ***The Immanuel Spirit***

**Welcome to Immanuel!** Welcome worshipers! “Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy...” (Psalm 149:5) Together let us lift up our hearts in gratitude to God. Together let us have fellowship before our Creator. Praise the Lord! 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:** Jeremiah 23:5–8, Romans 13:11–14 and Matthew 21:1–9.

**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:** *Matthew 25:2* – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.” A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life, and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

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

**Prayer Portals** are in your boxes.

**Building Healthy Families for Nov. 24th:** 46 million turkeys will be cooked this week and appear on a Thanksgiving dinner table. Along with your family's tradition of roasting the turkey, making the treasured stuffing recipe passed down through generations, and the perennial choice of cranberries still bearing indentations from the can or fresh, what other traditions does your family have? How do you express thanks to God or count your blessings? See what some families do (<https://www.focuson-thefamily.com/parenting/thanksgiving-traditions/>) or be creative and start your own tradition. In this world where we're urged on toward ever more possessions, it is essential to take time to reflect on all that God has done for us. 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. ~**Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

**Life Quote for Nov. 24th:** "May we thank the Lord always for valuing our lives enough to save them. For there is nothing greater to be thankful for today than a Father who spared not even the life of His Son to save ours. And trusting in this most precious work of Christ, we will arrive home again to share in a life that never ends." Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" ~ **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 1st:** Hear "Enough with the Self-Talk" based on Luke 18:9-14 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We are not always who we say we are. What you say to yourself about yourself may or may not be what's true. Dr. Michael Zeigler says, "Enough with the self-talk!" Who does God say you are? You'll find that you are worse than you thought, and yet, more loved than you could ever imagine. ~ **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.**

**SANCTIFYING YOUR HOBBIES WITH THE WORD OF GOD...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread, The Advent Hymn "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," Old Testament Patriarch Noah, The Psalter and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 11/24—11/30 is **Kaloupek/Kelting**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/1—12/7 is **Carnine**. 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.

**Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner** at St. John's Lutheran Church 1224 East St., Grinnell on Thursday, November 28th at noon. Please make reservations by calling the church at 641-236-4946 between 9am and 1pm Monday through Thursday. Transportation to and from the church can be provided. Call the church to make arrangements. Deadline for reservations and rides is noon Wednesday, November 27th. Thanksgiving Day worship will be 11-11:30am in the sanctuary.

**Immanuel Lutheran** is again participating in the Festival of Trees December 6th at the Drake Public Library. The Evangelism Board is collecting new colored socks size infant to adult, to use to decorate the tree. When the tree is taken down, they will be donated to the needy. Thanks! Board of Evangelism & Missions.

**Snowbirds:** To those of you that “fly” south for the winter and would like your monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning, to the church office. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. If you would like to “go green” and have your newsletter e-mailed to you, please submit your e-mail address. The newsletter can also be read online at [www.immanuelgrinnell.org](http://www.immanuelgrinnell.org) Thank You!

**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.

**Pastor will be out of town** Wednesday through Saturday. If a need arises, please contact an Elder or Pastor's cell phone 507-829-3901.

# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>
Organist:	Esther Huedepohl	Esther Huedepohl
Elder:	Darlo Kelting	Joel McDonough
Greeter:	Cadwell	Carnine
Ushers:	Rich S./Dwight M.	Dale G./Gabe G.
Servers:	Kris G./Melissa M.	Dianna K./Sharon K.
Acolyte/Crucifier:	Joey K. & Elizabeth K.	Ellie M./Sloane M.

## **Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)** **November 17, 2019**

Attendance	--
Holy Communion	47
General Fund	\$3243.00
Missions	N/A

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Oliver Louden...Saturday

## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **TODAY**

Last Sunday of the Church Year.....9:00 am  
Christmas Program Practice.....10:15-11:30 am  
Food Pantry Sunday

### **MONDAY**

Greek Study.....1 pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

No Confirmation  
Pastor out of town through Saturday

### **THURSDAY**

No Bible Study~Happy Thanksgiving!

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**EVERYONE**  
*is invited to go  
caroling  
at Windsor Manor*  
**Sunday, December 8th**  
*after Program Practice  
& Bible Study*



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.**





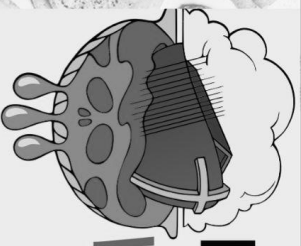
# Cookie Decorating Gathering for Teens

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](mailto:Samjoshfett@aol.com) or 515-473-0798



**Higher Things**  
Conferences  
**Watermarked**  
2020  
[www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org)  
[www.watermarked2020.org](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>

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

Turn form into Mailbox: Fett

Or email/call: [Samjoshfett@aol.com](mailto: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.***