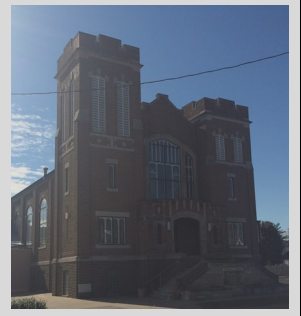


Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread



Second Sunday in Advent (*Populus Zion*) ~ December 8, 2024

Lectionary Summary:

Second Sunday in Advent (*Populus Zion*)

Malachi 4:1–6
Romans 15:4–13
Luke 21:25–36

The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “*...straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.



Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am

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**DO NOT BE ANXIOUS
ABOUT ANYTHING,**

but in everything by **prayer** and
supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made
known to God.

And the **peace** of God, which
surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHIL. 4:6-7

MEMORY VERSE



Live Broadcast

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

Church Announcements:

Bible Study Snacks: You can sign up to provide snacks on a future Sunday on the bulletin board downstairs.

12/8 – Bonnie Stoffel

12/15 – Bryce Cramer

Poinsettia Memorial Donations: Memorial Donations for Poinsettias will be collected in the church office in the amount of \$15.00 or more. Please have your donation turned in by December 18th to the church office. Thank you.

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is located in the back of church. If you are able, please choose a tag and purchase a gift. You can purchase either for a male or a female. The gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped this year. Gifts can be left under the tree in the church or in the church office. They will pick the gifts up on December 11th. If you have any questions please reach out to Theresa Karg at 618-534-8175.

LWML Christmas Party: The ladies of the LWML would like to invite all of the ladies of the congregation to join us after the Cookie Walk on December 14 at Pat's Barbecue at 12:00 pm for our annual Christmas Party. Our Cookie Walk and Coffee Cake Sales wouldn't be possible without everyone's support and help so we wanted to share the opportunity for fun and fellowship. Everyone is responsible for her own meal and we will also have a \$10 gift exchange if you want to participate. Please RSVP to Bonnie 618-318-6268 by December 10 so we can give Pat's a tentative head count.

Christmas Cookie Walk

8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(or until completely sold out)

Saturday, December 14th

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1915 Pine Street, Murphysboro/cafeteria
cookies, candies, breads, holiday treats



benefit sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League



School Announcements:

Our Stonie's fundraiser was a success! We brought in over \$5,700 in sales and donations. The goal is to keep about half of that for the scholarship fund. I'll have a final total for the scholarship fund once I receive the invoice from Stonie's. **THANK YOU** to all who sold and purchased items or made a monetary donation!

This past week was Gingerbread Week in PreK. There were lots of crafts and activities for the theme throughout the week. The week ended with the students decorating their own gingerbread cutout cookie, "baking" them, and then going on a hunt to find them in order to enjoy their treat. The cookies and decorating kits were purchased from One Hot Cookie. Check out our Facebook page for photos of the event.

Veronica Manwaring, Principal



Mark your calendar:

Advent Dinners & Services: Advent Dinners will be held on Wednesday, December 11th and 18th in the church basement/cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. with Advent services following at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us!

December 11th Meal:

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Chicken Gravy
Corn
Roll w/ butter

December 18th Meal:

Beef Taco Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup
Salad
Bread

School Christmas Program: Immanuel Lutheran School will be presenting a Christmas Program "A Shepherds Christmas" on December 19th and will begin at 6:00 pm in the church.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Services: On December 24th we will have our Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm and our Christmas Day service will be on December 25th at 9:00 am.

Important Dates in the Church:

13 December

Lucia, Martyr

One of the victims of the great persecution under the Roman emperor Diocletian, Lucia met her death at Syracuse on the island of Sicily in the year A.D. 304, because of her Christian faith. Known for her charity, “Santa Lucia” (as she is called in Italy) gave away her dowry and remained a virgin until her execution by the sword. The name Lucia means “light,” and, because of that, festivals of light commemorating her became popular throughout Europe, especially in the Scandinavian countries. There her feast day corresponds with the time of year when there is the least amount of daylight. In artistic expression she is often portrayed in a white baptismal gown, wearing a wreath of candles on her head.

(from *Treasury of Daily Prayer*)

Stewardship Thoughts:

Luke 21:28 — “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered and He will deliver the full victory to us in His second Advent. Therefore we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now, for we have nothing to be afraid of.

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

15 December

Third Sunday in Advent

Hymn of the Day:

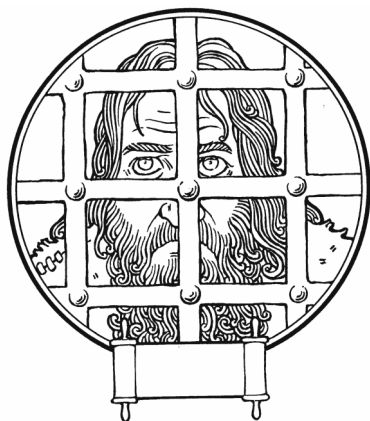
LSB 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Readings:

Isaiah 40:1–11

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Matthew 11:2–11



Daily Lectionary Readings:

Join in the congregation’s daily devotional life with this week’s readings.

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
12/8	Isaiah 24:14—25:12 <i>Obadiah 1–21</i>	1 John 2:15–29
12/9	Isaiah 26:1–19	1 John 3:1–24
12/10	Isaiah 26:20—27:13	1 John 4:1–21
12/11	Isaiah 28:14–29	1 John 5:1–21 <i>2 John 1–13; 3 John 1–15</i>
12/12	Isaiah 29:1–14	Jude 1–25
12/13	Isaiah 29:15—30:14	Revelation 1:1–20
12/14	Isaiah 30:15–26	Revelation 2:1–29



What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you’ll see around the church during Advent.

How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.

Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Bryan Hollmann

Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Brad Jarrett & Steve Draves

Altar Guild: Judy Baird & Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Ryker Gregory

Greeters: Susan, Emily, and Abigail Beckman

Sunday, December 15th, 2024

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Michael Clough

Ushers: Forrest Miesner, Bruce Mueller, Craig Mueller, Kent James, Brad Jarrett & Steve Draves

Altar Guild: Judy Baird & Paula Wheeler

Acolyte: Eli Pittman

Greeters: Loraine Cramer

Offering Income from last week:

December 1st, 2024:

Regular Offerings \$ 6,950.00

Loose Plate \$ 908.00

Total Offerings \$ 8,318.00

Attendance:

November 27th (Thanksgiving Eve) 20

December 1st 84

December 4th (Advent Midweek) 31



Anniversaries:

† No Anniversaries this week

Birthdays:

- † 12-8 Jeri Philips
- † 12-9 Aurelia Flores
- † 12-10 Abigail Christian
- † 12-13 Alyssa Mueller
- † 12-14 Charles Homan
- † 12-14 Theresa Karg

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- † 12-10 A.J. Boese
- † 12-11 Audrey Vaughn
- † 12-12 Luella McComb
- † 12-12 Emma Hicks
- † 12-14 Jean Winters
- † 12-14 Jackson Lattan

Expectant Mothers:

- † Bethany Campbell
- † Michelle Cramer

Immanuel Families:

- † Alinda Heron
- † Rob Hicks
- † Landon Hicks
- † Bryan & Vickie Hollmann



Comfort, health, recovery:

† Those in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, & Healthcare

- † David Arbeiter
- † Norman Beckman
- † Leah Carter
- † Ben Dallas
- † Valerie Draves
- † Tina Doan
- † Paul Estel
- † Terry Estel
- † Annette Etherton
- † Jane Gilbert
- † Cindy Gregory
- † David Gregory
- † Marilyn Imhoff
- † Scott Koch
- † Dan Kuenker
- † Faye Lee
- † Virginia Lewis
- † Ron Manwaring
- † Nelda Miesner
- † Rev. Ted Mayes
- † Wilma Nelson
- † Jeff Presutti
- † Don Porter
- † Amanda Reinhardt
- † Sarah Reitzel
- † Becky Streuter
- † Alice Svanda
- † Brenda Todd
- † Evie Todd
- † Richard Weber
- † Sue Williams
- † Beth Zobel
- † Carol Zobel

Let us pray at all times in the Spirit with boldness and confidence — making supplication for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).
✚ Pastor Christian



December BIRTHDAYS

- 12-1 Susan Beckman
- 12-1 Michele Carter
- 12-3 Abigail Vaughn
- 12-4 Reece Mileur
- 12-5 Jana Barnett
- 12-5 Tina Jarrett
- 12-6 Susan Closson
- 12-6 Brian Marik
- 12-7 Carol Stewart
- 12-7 Mykell Presutti
- 12-8 Jeri Phillips
- 12-9 Aurelia Flores
- 12-10 Abigail Christian
- 12-13 Alyssa Mueller
- 12-14 Charles Homan
- 12-14 Theresa Karg
- 12-16 Thomas Morgan
- 12-16 Peter Christian
- 12-18 Michele Carter
- 12-18 Kim Cramer
- 12-20 Lynda Homan
- 12-20 Sandra Wills
- 12-20 David Gregory
- 12-21 David Arbeiter
- 12-21 Cole Lattan
- 12-22 Ruth Boese
- 12-24 Lindsey Closson
- 12-26 Jessica Heiple
- 12-28 Becky Streuter
- 12-28 Ruth Vestal
- 12-28 Molly Batson
- 12-28 Alicia Flores
- 12-30 Irv Cartwright
- 12-30 Sadie Middendorf
- 12-31 Ashley Alvey

Altar Guild
 Judy Baird &
 Paula Wheeler

Ushers
 Forrest Miesner
 Bruce Mueller
 Craig Mueller
 Kent James
 Brad Jarrett
 Steve Draves

Organists
 12-1 Landon Hicks
 12-8 Corey Williams
 12-15 Corey Williams
 12-22 Landon Hicks
 12-24 Landon Hicks
 12-25 Corey Williams
 12-29 Landon Hicks

Elders
 12-1 Bryce Mueller
 12-8 Bryan Hollmann
 12-15 Michael Clough
 12-22 Charlie Homan
 12-24 Jeff Streuter
 12-25 Chuck Closson
 12-29 Jeff Streuter

Acolytes
 12-1 Jackson Fager
 12-8 Ryker Gregory
 12-15 Eli Pittman
 12-22 Emily Beckman
 12-24 Parker Closson
 12-25 Ryker Gregory
 12-29 Gage Pittman



NOW THE GOD OF
 HOPE FILL YOU WITH
 ALL
joy & peace
 IN BELIEVING, THAT
 YE MAY ABOUND IN
 HOPE, THROUGH THE
 POWER OF THE HOLY
 GHOST.
 ROMANS 15:13

December ANNIVERSARIES

- 12-17 Michael & Jodi Boese
- 12-18 Gary & Judy Baird
- 12-29 Thomas & Jean Morgan
- 12-31 Jim & Teresa Jenkins



DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	2 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	3 Pastor at Winkel 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	20 8:30 am Chapel 5:30 pm Advent Dinner 6:30 pm Advent Service	5	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 8 am - 12 pm Christmas Attic Sale
8 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	9 6 pm PTL Mtg	10	11 Angel Tree deadline 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 pm Advent Dinner 6:30 pm Advent Service	12	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 8-11 am Cook- ie Walk 12 pm LWML Christmas Party
15 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	16 6:30 pm Board of Di- rectors mtg.	17	18 Poinsettia deadline 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 pm Advent Dinner 6:30 pm Advent Service	19 Student Christmas Program 6 pm PreK 7 pm K-8	20 Pastor's Day Off School Christmas parties & Noon Dismissal	21
22 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	23 Christmas Break - No School	24 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service Christmas Break - No School/ Office Closed	25 Christmas Day! 9:00 am Christmas Day Service Christmas Break - No School/Office Closed	26 Christmas Break - No School/ Office Closed	27 Pastor's Day Off Christmas Break - No School	28
29 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	30 Christmas Break - No School	31 No School/ Office Closed				30