

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Introduction**

Christ’s presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Opening Hymn**      **“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”**      **#519**  
*Use Hymnal*

**Advent Litanies—A Week of Joy** *See insert*  
*(Light the pink candle as we song the following song)*

**Hymn**      **“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”**      **#240 vs. 3**  
*Use Hymnal*

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Gospel Acclamation**      **pg. 142**

*Alleluia.* I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your | way  
before you. *Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)*

**Gospel: Luke 3:7-18**

**Hymn of the Day**      **“Each Winter as the Year Grows Older”**      **#252 vss. 1, 6, 7**  
*Use Hymnal*

**Puppet Show**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**      **#257 vss. 1, 6, 7**  
*Lyrics Provided*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Sharing of Peace**

**Offering** *You are welcome to leave your offering as you leave the sanctuary.*

*Ushers brings the offering to the sanctuary*

### **Offering Prayer**

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**      **“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”**                      **#251 vss. 1, 2**

*Use Hymnal*

## **Dismissal**

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**Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Kathrine-Sylvia and Jezel (Pastor Sarras' Family), April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis Hustedt, Ashley Nickolai, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff Groethe, Edie Smith, Joan Winterhoff, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Pat Stolen, Sonya McCutcheon (Jackie's Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, Nancy (Reinertson friend), Linda Knott, Tom, Danielle (Reinertson Niece), Dan Westaby's sister, Cookie, for health and recovery. (Contact ILC office to update.)**

## **News**

### **Adult Forum in Emmaus Room at 10:30 am**

**The Sin of White Supremacy Christianity, Racism, and Religious Diversity in America by Jeannine Hill Fletcher**

How have Christian theologies of religious superiority underwritten ideologies of white supremacy in the United States? According to Hill Fletcher, the tendency of Christians to view themselves as the "chosen ones" has often been translated into racial categories as well. In other words, Christian supremacy has historically lent itself to white supremacy, with disastrous consequences.

How might we start to disentangle the two? Hill Fletcher proposes educational strategies that will help foster racial healing in America, the first of which is to

demand of white Christians that they accept their responsibility for racist policies and structural discrimination in America.

The schedule will be as following:

1. Sunday, December 12, 2021. The Witchcraft of White Supremacy
2. Sunday, December 19, 2021. When Words Create Worlds
3. Sunday, January 9, 2022. The Symbolic Capital of New Testament Love
4. Sunday, January 23, 2022. Christ Crucified
5. Sunday, February 6, 2022. Christian Love in a Weighted World

**Saturday, December 18, 2021, ILC Bell Choir** will play at Wausau Farmers Market located in Whitewater Music Hall, 130 1st St, Wausau, WI 54403! More information will be provided.

**Sunday, December 19, 2021, Christmas Pageant.**



You are encouraged to bring Christmas Cookies to share during the coffee hour ☺

**Monday, December 20, 2021, Church Council Meeting** at 6:00 pm.

**Friday, December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve Service** at 6 pm.

**Saturday, December 25, 2021, Christmas Day.** No service.

**Sunday, December 26, 2021, Christmas Carol Service** at 9 am.

**Monday, December 27, 2021, Deadline for Monthly Newsletter.**

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Year-End Giving Deadline.** Members' contributions for the 2020 Tax Year must be submitted by this date.



ILC is collecting **mittens and hats** during December to donate them to families in need in our community. Please place your donations under the Mitten Tree in the Narthex.



**A Canaan Olive Oil is Available in the Church Office.**

**Olive Oil is Here!** Canaan Fair Trade olive oil is available in the church office. The 500 ml bottles are available in the church office for \$25.00. The purchase of this excellent olive oil supports the Palestinian farmers who are part of the cooperative. In addition to using, it for your own purposes, it also makes a wonderful gift to give someone!



**We need volunteers for Sunday School and to videotape the worship service. We also need hosts for coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet for that. Thank you!**

<b>Worship Assistants – Today</b>		
Presiding Minister: Vicar Maggie		
<b>Pianist / Organist</b>	<b>Reader(s)</b>	<b>Usher</b>
Karen Zuidema		Bob Doede
<b>Video Recorder: Volunteer</b>		
<b>Altar Guild: Dan &amp; Holly Westaby</b>		

**Attendance on 12/05/21: 22**

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: [nkalesto@gmail.com](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)