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**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, December 03, 2023  
First Advent, Year B**

**Prelude**

**Announcement**

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

**Opening Hymn**  **“Prepare The Royal Highway” # 264 vss. 1, 3, 4**

**Lighting of the Advent candle.**

### Hymn “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” #240

**Christmas Is**

**R: Doug Helling R: Sue Schwede Props: Savannah**

**Introduction**

Reading:

**Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” # 283 vss. 1, 3**

**Evergreen**

Reading:

**Hymn “The Holly And The Ivy”**

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown,

Of all the trees that are in the wood The holly bears the crown.

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,

And\_\_ Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle As sharp as any thorn,

And\_\_ Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas day in the morn.

The rising of the sun \_\_\_\_And the running of the deer.

The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.

**Bells**

Reading:

**C: Ring the bells on Christmas Eve. Let them tell the story,**

**Christ was born in Bethlehem, sing we all His glory.**

**Let the bells their message ring**

**praises to the newborn King,**

**to the King of Light, who was born this night**

**and was cradled in hay in a manger lowly,**

**Son of God most holy.**

**Hymn “The Bells Of Christmas” # 298 vss. 1, 6**

**Star**

Reading:

**C: Shepherds left their flocks that night, came and knelt before Him.**

**Following the star so bright, that they might adore Him.**

**Then there came the wise men three from afar, the Child to see,**

**The King of Light, who was born this night,**

**and was cradled in Hay in a manger most lowly, Son of God most Holy.**

**Hymn “We Three Kings Of Orient Are”**

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing  gifts we  traverse  afar,

Field and fountain,  moor and  mountain, Following yonder Star.

Refrain:

           Oh........,  Star of wonder,  star of might,   Star with royal beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding,   Guide us to the perfect  light.

Glorious  now behold  Him arise,  King and God  and  Sacrifice,

Heav'nly  hosts sing Hallelujah,  Earth to heav'n replies.

Refrain:

           Oh........,  Star of wonder,  star of might,   Star with royal beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding,   Guide us to  the perfect  light.

**Candle**

Reading:

C: A thousand candles brightly shine across the earthly sphere.

And thousands, thousands beam their light to greet the Child so dear.

To ev’ry heart so poor and dark you send your soft beam bright,

The light of God’s love given to us this Christmas night.

O may your gentle light shine in, O star of Bethlehem,

And bring to ev’ry home on earth good will and peace to men.

Hymn “Love Has Come” # 292 vs. 1

Song

Hymn “Away In A Manger” # 278 vss. 1, 3

Gift

Reading:

C: What shall I give to the Child in the manger?

What shall I give to the beautiful boy?

Baskets of figs for the Child to enjoy.

Tan Tara Tan, when the figs will have ripened.

Tan Tara Tan, the will add to His joy.

Hymn “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” # 276

Prayers of Intercession

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

The God of peace bless you,

the love of Christ sustain you in hope,

and the anointing of the Spirit ☩ remain upon you

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** **“Joy To The World” # 267 vss. 1, 4**

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Postlude

**Prayer Concerns:** Barb West,Joan Bonstead’s daughter (Contact ILC office to update.)

December 06, 2023. There will be 4 bible studies for the four weeks of Advent. The second one titled *“Invitation”* will be held on Wednesday December 6th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you wish you may bring your lunch, and Bob Henning, the study leader, will make coffee as you join him for a lively discussion. This will then continue through the month of December. We have also invited the local ELCA churches to attend. If you have any questions, please check with Bob*. I am looking forward to seeing you there as we prepare for Christmas.*

December 16, 2023. In the spirit of shared ministry, this is the last event happening at Pilgrim in the month of December. Your congregation members, friends, and family members are invited to attend. *A Christmas singalong in the Pilgrim sanctuary on Saturday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m. It is followed by light refreshments.*

December 8-9, 2023. Wausau Pro Musica and Karen Zuidema are presenting “Love Came Down At Christmas.” First Presbyterian Church 406 Grant Street, Wausau. The show for Friday December 8th @7:00 p.m. has guest musicians: Wausau West Master Singers. The show for Saturday December 9th @ 3:00 p.m. has guest musicians: Marathon High School Chamber Singers. *In lieu of tickets, a free will donation would be appreciated.*

December 24, 2023. *Christmas Eve* C*andlelight Servic*e *and Holy* *Communion* will be held at Immanuel at 4:00 p.m. (There will be no 9:00 am service).

December 25, 2023. *Christmas Day* service will be held at Immanuel at 10:00 a.m.

January 7th, 2024. New Year, new time. Church Service at Immanuel will start at 10:30 a.m.! Mark your calendars.

The Mitten Tree is Back!! Each Holiday season Immanuel decorates our Mitten Tree with mittens and warm hats, these can be handmade or purchased. The items are then given to those in need in our community. You may place your gifts on or under the tree in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the Mitten Tree!

Food Donations for the holidays. Any food donations can go on the rolling cart outside of the office.

2024 Wall Calendars. Do you have any extra 2024 wall calendars? Please drop them off at the church office for delivery to area nursing homes. You can leave them on the pew by the office. Thank you from the Wausau Golden K Kiwanis.

**Bell Choir** is starting up again this fall. We would love to have you join us! No “musical talent” needed! Just come join us for friendship and fun. Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. For more information call Joanne at 715-573-7379. Just give me a ring!

***Homme Home*** *wishes Immanuel a happy and blessed holiday season. Their letter is on the bulletin board.*

The Men’s Discussion Group Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Koinonia Room. New participants are most welcome.

**Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group** meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.

**Missing hardware for your pegboard?**

For several weeks there has been a tote bag containing hardware for installing hooks on a pegboard in the church kitchen. If this is yours, please claim.  If not claimed, it will be donated to a thrift store.

**Our office shredder is missing.** If anyone knows its whereabouts, please let Michelle know.

**Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.**

**Attendance on 11/26/23: 29**

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)

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| December 2023 Worship Servers | | | | | |
| Worship Leader | | | | | |
| DATE | PIANIST / ORGANIST | READER | USHER / GREETERS | VIDEO TAPER | COMMUNION |
| 12/3/2023 | Judy Kort | Sue Schwede | Bruce Knox | V | pageant |
| Altar Guild: Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | | | | |

**\*Next week’s schedule.**

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| Worship Leader | | | | | |
| DATE | PIANIST / ORGANIST | READER | USHER / GREETERS | VIDEO TAPER | COMMUNION |
| 12/10/2023 | Karen Zuidema | Sue Schwede | Bob Doede | V | Jane Reilly Smith |
| Altar Guild: Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | | | | |

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