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**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, December 18, 2022 Fourth Advent, Year A

**Carols and Candles**

## Prelude

### Announcements

### Introduction

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew’s account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn” #242**

*Use Hymnal*

Hymn “Rejoice Rejoice Believers” #244

*Use Hymnal*

**Greeting**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn “Love Has Come” #292vs1,3**

*three purple candles and the pink candle are lit*

Hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" #240vs.4

*Use Hymnal*

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Hymn “Go Tell It On The Mountain” #290vs1,3

*Use Hymnal*

### Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

### Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. *(Ps. 80:7)*

1Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
  shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.  
 2In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,  
  stir up your strength and | come to help us.  
 3Restore | us, O God;  
  let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.  
 4O Lord| God of hosts,  
  how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R  
 5You have fed them with the | bread of tears;  
  you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.  
 6You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,  
  and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.  
 7Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
  let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.  
 17Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,  
  the one you have made so strong | for yourself.  
 18And so will we never turn a- | way from you;  
  give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.  
 19Restore us, O Lord| God of hosts;  
  let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

Gospel Acclamation pg.142

Alleluia. The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name **|** him Emmanuel. Alleluia. (Matt. 1:23)

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

*A moment of silence for reflection*

Sermon Rev. Bill Schruba

Hymn of the Day “Angels We Have Heard On High” #289vs1,2,3

*Use Hymnal*

**Nicene Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack*

Prayers of Intercession

**Sharing of Peace**

Offertory Hymn “Come Now, O Prince Of Peace” #247v.2 Sing Twice

*Use Hymnal*

**Offering Prayer**

**Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.‎ Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,‎ and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.‎ We ask this through Christ our Savior.‎ Amen.‎**

**The Great Thanksgiving pg.152**

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God C: It is right to give our

thanks and praise

Words of Distribution:

*In the night in which we was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying : Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. So this for the remembrance of me.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

*Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints*

**Communion Hymns “Lamb Of God” #154**

*Use Hymnal*

**“O little Town Of Bethlehem” #250**

*Use Hymnal*

**Blessing after Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray in Unison

**Faithful God,**

**in this meal you have remembered your mercy,**

**bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.**

**As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,**

**sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.**

**Guide us toward your promised future,**

**coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** “**Hark The Harald Angels Sing!” #270**

*Use Hymnal*

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Tell everyone you meet that Christ is near.

**C: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Postlude

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**Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Kathrine-Sylvia and Jezel (Pastor Sarras’ Family), April, Brieanna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis Hustedt, Laura, David, Sara, Sonya McCutcheon (Jackie’s Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, Linda Knott, Tom McDonell, Dan Westaby’s sister, Cookie, for health and recovery, Brent Harring (Ben & Claudette’s Son), David Blank-Espinoza (Linda Swenson’s Grandson), Grace Berg for health and recovery, Janet and Kari Gouein (friends of Becky Case), Don Smail (and family), Edie and Paul Smith’s great grandson Emerson, Dustin Hulstrom and Marge Warner (and family), The Nickolai Family** (Contact ILC office to update.)

**Monday, December 19, 2022,** Church Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

**Friday, December 23, 2022,** Christmas Tunes with Justin Zopel at Bull Falls Brewery 901 East Thomas Street, Wausau. 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Friday, December 23, 2022,** Latin Night at the Whitewater Music Hall & Brewpub 7 pm – 10 pm

**Saturday, December 24, 2022,** *Christmas Eve Service*4 pm.

**Sunday, December 25, 2022,** ***Christmas Day Service*** 9 am

**Merry Christmas**

**Monday, December 26, 2022,** Church office is closed

**Tuesday, December 27, 2022,** Deadline for January Monthly Newsletter

**Thursday, December 29, 2022,** Year-End Giving Deadline. Member’s contributions for the 2023 Tax Year **must be submitted by this date.**

**Saturday, December 31, 2022,** *New Years in Munich* at Bull Falls Brewery 901 East Thomas Street, Wausau. 1 pm – 5 pm

**Christmas Poinsettias** The Altar Guild will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias.  In the past we have had a sign-up sheet.  This year we have not pre-ordered poinsettias from a florist but will purchase the flowers locally. If you would like to make a contribution for the poinsettias you may place your donation in the offering plate or deliver it to the office. Checks should be made out to ILC Altar Guild. If you want to take a poinsettia home after Christmas add a note to your contribution.

The Men’s Discussion Group is Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Koinonia Room. New Participants are most welcome. Coffee and rolls and fellowship are always available.

We are still collecting **canned and non-perishable food** during December to donate it to families in need in our community. Please place the food under the **Christmas tree or Mitten Tree** in the gathering room.

**Greater Christian Services** is collecting donations for their **Kids Kount Program** **Christmas 2022** in collaboration with WCLQ (89Q). Donations can be sent by check to 319 4th Street, Suite #6, Wausau, WI 54403 or given through their website ([www.gwcservices.org](http://www.gwcservices.org)).

**ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund** are still looking for donations.

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

**Attendance on 12/11/2022: 31**

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| **Worship Assistants – December 18, 2022** | | |
| **Worship Leader: Rev. Bill Schruba** | | |
| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** |
| Karen Zuidema | Sue Schwede | Mike Schwede |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby | | |

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