

# First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -  
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

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### **Sunday Worship**

9:00 am

with

**LIVESTREAM –**

**FB & YOUTUBE**

**and RADIO – 103.7 FM**

### **Monday Worship**

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

# **Advent**

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### **WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE**

...In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 Repent of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 Trust the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 Confess the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

### **Psalms 51:10-12**

*...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

### **29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY – A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

...hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Rd in Saginaw on Friday, December 5 – 7:00-9:00 pm; Saturday, December 6 – 6:00-8:00 pm; and Sunday, December 7 – 6:00-8:00 pm. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. This is a free 30-minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

...It's time to order your Christmas poinsettias! They can be ordered by ordered from now until Monday, December 1 by calling Carol Truemner at 989-551-9942. Price is \$13.50. Please make checks payable to Carol. The plants can be picked up after the 9:00am service Thursday, December 25 until Sunday, December 28.

### **STAMP COLLECTING**

...Is there anyone that is a stamp collector among us? If so, let Pastos Kuhl know – 883-3471. I gladly have stamps for you.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

...There will be a word and song service on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, at 4:00pm led by Pastor Kuhl and Barabara Bleck. No communion will be offered. Come hear God's word in verse and song.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **+ SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, Emily Smith, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, and Rick Chambers.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

...Sunday, November 23, 2025; 9:00 – 165; Monday, 6:30 - 35

### **LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "An Unlikely King" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11)

### **OWLS**

...This Thursday is Thanksgiving with Christmas around the corner. Our traditional Christmas Caroling continues this year on Tuesday, December 9th, in the great room at 1:00 pm. If a family wishes to have in-home carolers, contact a committee member to arrange a date and time. Members: Nancy Brown, Doug Forsberg, Barbara Neuman, Sally Rievert, Pat Seabrook.

## **School News**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

... CTK was on Thanksgiving break this past week. We are truly grateful and blessed here at CTK! Thank you to the staff, parents, students, congregations, and community members for the continued prayers and support for our school! God is good!

...CTK "B" basketball will play in Lapeer on Monday, December 8 and at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth on Friday, December 12. Go Knights!

...Thank you to the Mary Martha Guild for their generous donation in memory of Sally Elston. This will go to the Library fund.

...The Preschool through first grade Christmas program will be at St. Paul on Sunday, December 14 at 2pm. On December 17 at 6:30pm at Immanuel, grades 2-8 will have their Christmas program. We would love to have you join!

### **THE FIRST HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS FAIR**

...is right around the corner, December 15-18. The Holly Jolly Christmas Fair is a fully donation funded event for students of Christ the King to shop for Christmas gifts for their family. During the Holly Jolly Christmas Fair students will shop with their classes to purchase gifts ranging in price from \$1 to \$5 for family members. Gifts will go home with the students wrapped and ready to be delivered at Christmas.

...To make this a successful event for Christ the King, we need your help! We are accepting **donations of large shopping bags** (for students to bring gifts home in), **gift bags, tissue paper, tape, along with new and gently used items** for moms, dads, grandparents, and siblings. Donations can be brought in to the school office, in Sebewaing. Every donation helps make the event special for our students.

...We are also looking for Holly Jolly volunteers to set up and work the event. Please contact Mrs. Yoder either at the school office, 883-3730, or email [yoderj@ctkl.org](mailto:yoderj@ctkl.org) if you have questions or if you are able to help with this event. Thank you in advance!

## Our Lord's Business this Week November 30 – December 7

SUNDAY:            8:30 AM    Music and Fellowship in the Great Room  
                         9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                         10:15 AM   Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY:           5:00 PM    Finance  
                         **6:30 PM    WORSHIP/Communion**

TUESDAY:           9:00 AM    Quilters  
                         10:30 AM   Devotions at Bay View Gardens  
                         6:00 PM    Public School Confirmation Class  
                         6:00 PM    Christ's Messengers  
                         7:00 PM    Adoration Choir



WEDNESDAY:       7:00 AM    Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter  
                         8:05 AM    Chapel  
                         9:30 AM    Adult Bible Class  
                         11:30 AM   CTK – Early Release  
                         4:30 PM    Evangelism  
                         **6:30 PM    Advent Worship – Group 8 ushers**

THURSDAY:        12:00 PM   Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY:      8:30 AM    Music and Fellowship in the Great Room  
                         9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                         10:00 AM   Collide's Roast Beef Dinner

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 7)**

Elders:            9:00-Warren Volz & Chuck McGathy

Acolytes:        9:00- Norah & Eleanor Matthews

Greeters:        9:00-Pat Holland & Lorene Zagata

Scrip:            9:00-Joanna Matthews

Ushers:           9:00-GROUP 9: Peter Boyer, Neil Gaeth, Bruce Bach, Nicolas Lutz, Chuck McGathy, Tim Matthews, Dalton Anderson, Bentley Bumhoffer, Dustin Kuhl

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

# The First Sunday in Advent

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9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

LSB 355

### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

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The First Sunday in Advent: The Hope Candle

### About Today's Candle

P: Today we light the first candle on our Advent wreath. In one tradition it is called the Hope Candle. The light of this candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is our hope. Because God's Son came as our Savior we are freed from sin and death and have the sure hope of eternal life with Him.

**C: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful!** (Hebrews 10.23)

Lighting the Candle – We sing **LSB 350**, verses 1 and 2

### Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*This collect may be said each day during the week as the family lights their Advent wreath.*

## The First Reading – ***Isaiah 2:1-5***

### The Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

### The Epistle – ***Romans 13:11-14***

Children's Sermon

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### The Gospel – ***Matthew 21:1-11***

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Hymn – ***Savior of the Nations, Come***

**LSB 332**

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The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

***O Lord, How Shall I Meet You***

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***I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table***

**LSB 618**

***Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding***

**LSB 345**

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending***

**LSB 336**

## Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
ELDERS: Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl  
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck  
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GREETERS: Kristi Eimers & Mary Engelhardt  
SCRIP: Traci Kuhl  
USHERS: GROUP 7: Larry Kuhl, Tim Irion, Andy Irion, Jim Hofmeister, David Mammel, Tim Beringer, Branden Gettel, William Harder

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**Our Congregation at Prayer**  
**Daily Scripture and Prayer**  
**To be Used in the Home**  
**Getting Ready for Advent 2 A**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: Prepare the way! The Christ comes to stand upon the cross as a signal for the people and baptize you with fire into His death!

*The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).*

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 105.4-8, ant. Isaiah 40.3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
Seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
Children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He is the LORD our God;  
His judgments are in all the earth.  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
The word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.



Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual *Zechariah 9.9, Psalm 118.26*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
Righteous and having salvation.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Psalm for Advent 2 A may be read (Psalm 72.1-7) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24	122	33	50	18.1-20	102	90
Evening	25; 110	40; 67	85; 91	14; 16	126; 62	130; 16	80; 72

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Isaiah 1.1-28	1 Peter 1.1-12
Monday	Isaiah 2.1-22 (3.1-4.6)	1 Peter 1.13-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 5.1-25 (Amos 1.1-9.15)	1 Peter 2.1-12
Wednesday	Isaiah 6.1-7.9	1 Peter 2.13-25
Thursday	Isaiah 7.10-8.8	1 Peter 3.1-22
Friday	Isaiah 8.9-9.7	1 Peter 4.1-19
Saturday	Isaiah 9.8-10.11	1 Peter 5.1-14

**Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10**

Who is this shoot from the stump of Jesse?

What will this one be like and what will He do?

How will this root of Jesse be a signal for the peoples?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Romans 15.4-13**

How did Christ become a servant to the circumcised?

How does Paul view our Old Testament reading from Isaiah 11?

**Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1-12**

Why is Matthew careful to remind his readers about Old Testament prophecy?

What was John's task?

How did John prepare the way for the Christ?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

**The Lord's Prayer Continued**

**The Fourth Petition**

Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.