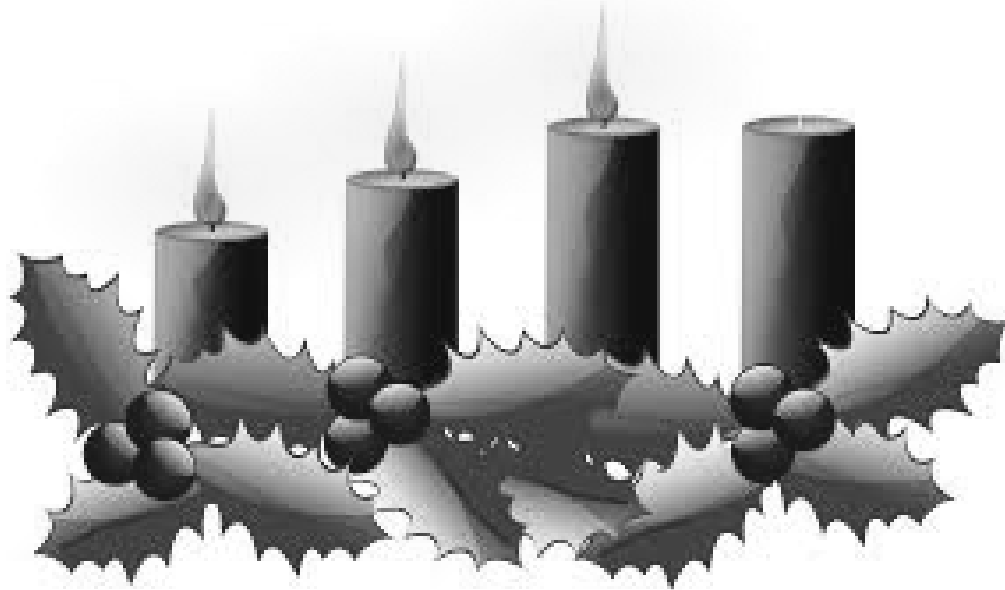


# Third Sunday in Advent



**December 15, 2024**

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**We welcome you to our worship today!**

*Please remember to sign the fellowship pad each week. Thank you.*

*There are large print hymnals available in the narthex.*

*The Mission Statement of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Clay Lake, is to provide for the Christian welfare of all God's people through the administering of the Sacraments, worship services, gatherings of Christ-centered groups, caring for the sick and needy, offering the forgiveness of sins through the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reaching out to the unchurched, showing love and concern.*

## Today's Worship Service

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Opening Hymn	#338	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>
Sermon Hymn	#349	<i>Hark the Glad Sound</i>
Communion	printed	<i>What Feast of Love</i>
Hymns	#546	<i>O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild</i>
Closing Hymn	#393	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>

## CHURCH CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, December 15</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Worship w/LS            9:10 AM Sunday School (SP)  <b>9:45 AM</b> Youth &amp; Adult Sunday School            10 AM Worship w/LS (SP)  <b>3 PM</b> Elders Meeting  <b>4 PM</b> Adult Education  <b>5:45 PM</b> Evening Prayer  <b>6 PM</b> Confirmation Class            Greeters - Stanek's            Acolyte - Cannon Kowalczyk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, December 22</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Worship            9:10 AM Sunday School (SP)  <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School            10 AM Worship (SP)  <b>1-5 PM</b> Shut-in Caroling            Greeters - Betsy S. &amp; Diane S.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, December 16</b></p> <p><b>6 PM</b> Chimes  <b>7 PM</b> Choir  <b>8 PM</b> Dartball @ Breed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance for Dec. 8 - 101  <b>Wed, Dec. 11 - 18</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, December 17</b></p> <p><b>8-Noon</b> Pastor at IM  <b>9 AM</b> Matins  <b>6 PM</b> Romans Study (SP)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Advent/Christmas Services</u>  <b>Tue, Dec. 24 - 4 PM</b> Children's Service (SP)                                              <b>6 PM</b> Children's Service (IM)                                              <b>9 PM</b> "Silent Night" Service (IM)  <b>Wed, Dec. 25 - 9 AM</b> Joint Worship (IM)  <b>Wed, Jan. 1 - 9 AM</b> Joint Worship (SP)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, December 18</b></p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Matins  <b>9:30 AM</b> Romans Study  <b>7 PM</b> Joint Advent Worship at SP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Greeter Schedule</u>            Dec. 24 - <b>6 PM</b> Treptow Family                              <b>9 PM</b> Kathy V. &amp; Wickesbergs            Dec. 25 - Arvey Family</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, December 19</b></p> <p><b>8-Noon</b> Pastor at SP  <b>9 AM</b> Matins</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Acolyte Schedule</u>            Dec. 25 - Deanna Smith            Dec. 29 - Mackenzie Stanke</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, December 21</b></p> <p><b>9-12:30</b> Sunday School Practice &amp; Jesus' Birthday Party</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elder for December</b>  <b>Steve Daskam</b></p>

## Church Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

**Immanuel Members:** Rebecca Bonnin, Roy & Mary Ellen Fischer, Judy Manthei, Steve Olson, Troy Westphal, Al & Tammy Manthei, Bill Voelz, Bob Hoppe, Brice Huntington & Glenn Schreiber

**High School & College Students:** Caleb Brede, Payton Huntington, Alyvia Boerst, Teagan Hampel, Dylan Keller, Chase Rosenlund, Myles Kornaus, Marshall Arvey, Dalton Schmidt, Cole Westphal, Elliott Arvey (CSP), Melissa Daskam (Bellin) & Ashlee Raddant (UW-O)

**St. Paul Members:** David Korth & Lois Weisnicht

**Expectant Mothers:** Jamie Cannon, Tonya Rosina & Katherine Krause

**Friends:** Ernie Pelky, Pam Beilfuss, Lucille Tess, Marvin & Judy Kostka, Parker Koeppin, Bo Halla, Carissa Baker, Ginger Heller, Marlin Wiskow, Luke Torbeck, Bryan Poirier, Lavern Styczynski & Jessalyn and baby Bo Kopitzke

## Church Announcements

Some of you may have noticed that the **mailboxes** have been rearranged. Council Members are all on the bottom row for easier access. Your **2025 envelopes** are in your mailbox. If you did not receive any please let Tasha know. PLEASE do not use them until next year, your number may not be the same as it was this year.

Our LWML has set our little **Christmas stockings** in the narthex for anyone interested to pick up, take home and fill up. Put your dimes, change, dollars in the sock and return to the large Santa boot which will be put out beginning next Sunday. These “mites” go to support district and national projects.

Here are our **Advent & Christmas events** at our parish, gathering to share the joy of our celebrations of Christ's birth, as well as seeking to serve others:

Dec. 22: Shut-in Caroling: from 1-5 PM

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services: 4 PM-Children's Service (SP), 6 PM - Children's Service (IM) & 9 PM - Silent Night Worship (IM)

Dec. 25: Christmas Day: - 9 AM Worship (IM)

Dec. 29: Christmas Light Trip to Chippewa Falls - The bus we will be taking is a converted greyhound (owned and driven by Nathan Orlando). It does not have conventional seats but couches and chairs. As of now the bus is full and we will be carpooling. Anyone previously signed up who would prefer not to ride the bus but carpool instead, please note behind your name if you prefer bus or carpool.

Jan. 1: New Years Day: - 9 AM Worship (SP)

New year means a new **greeter schedule**. If you would like to help out with greeting before services, please sign up in the narthex (ASAP) so you can be added to the 2025 schedule. Duties include handing out bulletins and inserts and helping with the elevator. If you have any questions you can contact Sheila Raddant.

New year also means that the **2024 Annual Meeting** is coming up (Council will meet on Jan. 19 & Voters on Jan. 26). Please consider becoming a voting member if you aren't already, see Ann Boerst if interested. Also, there are several council positions available: Chairman, Elder, Trustee, Recording Secretary, Board of Education and Finance Committee. If you are interested in being nominated for any of these, speak to Tim Treptow, an Elder, or Pastor.



Check out the **Weekly Devotions** mailbox for this week's devotions for you to use at home in the narthex, produced from Around the Word Journal. Also on the table in the narthex is a printed guide to **A Year in the Confessions** to read the formula of Concord in 2025.

*Please have bulletin information turned in by Noon on Thursday. You can email the information to [IMWCLsec@gmail.com](mailto:IMWCLsec@gmail.com) or [tashatreptow@gmail.com](mailto:tashatreptow@gmail.com). They can also be left on my desk or in my mailbox. Thank you!*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because these who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed (confirmed), in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. "Please refer to pg 329 in the hymnal to prepare for the Supper."

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**Camp Luther Winter Blast Youth Group Retreat** - Jan 10-12, Jan 17-19, Jan 24-26 Experience a weekend in the Northwoods that's full of adventure, laughter, and some amazing hot chocolate. Visit [campluther.com](http://campluther.com) for more information.

**The Lutheran Hour** for December 22 "Does It Matter If Jesus Is God?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Jesus sets a good example, but good examples can't help dead people. Only God's Son can make us alive again. (Luke 2:10-11) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on Sundays at 10 AM on 102.7 FM WRVM.

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## Wolf River Lutheran High School NEWS

- We had our 7th Grade Visit Day. It was a huge success with a total of 66 students from our four association church schools. We fed over 100 students and staff.
- Registration for Little Eagles Basketball Camp is now open, forms are available on the bulletin board.
- The WR Junior class is selling Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards to help raise money for the upcoming Prom, spring of 2025. Cards are available for sale in the office.

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