## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK 24686 OLD CHURCH ROAD, RED WING, MN 55066

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**Second Sunday in Advent** 

**December 7, 2014** 

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Hymn of Praise: Omitted in Advent

Salutationp. 205
Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 Response p. 205 Gradual, prayed responsively worship insert Epistle 2 Peter 3:8-14 Response p. 205 Alleluia and Common Verse p. 205 Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8 Responses p. 206
Nicene Creedp. 206
Hymn of the Day: #343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"
Sermon: "The Beginning of the Gospel"
Offering
Prayer of the Church P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.
Preface, Proper Preface, and Sanctus
Distribution Hymns: #344, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #624, "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" #349, "Hark the Glad Sound"
Post-Communion Prayer
Chimes/Silent Prayer Announcements Postlude