

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**The Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 4, 2016**

**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.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, pp. 290-291

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Invocation and Opening Verses .....p. 290

Troait of the Day, prayed responsively .....worship insert

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 11:1-10

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Epistle .....Romans 15:4-13

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #344, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Sermon: "An Attack on False Security"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Confessional Address ..... pp. 290-291

Confession and Absolution ..... p. 291

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## Distribution

- #616, "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"
- #345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"
- #625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

## Post-Communion Prayer

## Benediction

Closing Hymn: #924, "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

## Silent Prayer

## Announcements

## Postlude

## LIFE QUOTE

**December 4** "As to the seasons, it remains the season in which we are Christ's 'witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.' ... The next time you receive Holy Communion, you will be standing in a holy place with 'the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven... and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant' (Hebrews 12:23-24). He is the Eternal Lord, who is rightly glorified 'at every season and every hour, in Heaven and on earth.'" *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Advent midweek services are being held on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This year's series is entitled: "Advent with Isaiah." We are meditating on the wonderful promises of the Messiah and His Kingdom in Isaiah. The remaining dates, themes, and texts are as follows:

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| December 7:  | God's Person (Isaiah 11:1-10)   |
| December 14: | God's Paradise (Isaiah 35:1-10) |
| December 21: | God's Presence (Isaiah 7:10-17) |

## 2016 "KETCH-UP" CAMPAIGN

Good News! As of October 31, the church deficit has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$19,753. By God's grace, let's keep moving forward in reducing our debt. You will notice the ketchup bottle on the poster has now been partially filled in! By December 31<sup>st</sup>, it would be great to see that bottle full! Remember, as an additional part of this campaign, a blessing basket has been placed in the narthex under the poster. What special blessings are you thankful for at this time of national Thanksgiving? Take an envelope, record your blessing on the line, and put a special offering in the envelope and place it in the basket. With all of us working together, we can "ketch-up" and begin January 2017 with a positive balance.

## CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER

A Christmas Scrip Order will be placed on December 5<sup>th</sup> with delivery expected by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the Scrip table and pick up a current list of participating retailers. Large orders (over \$100) will need to be pre-paid. Remember, a large number of gift cards are on hand on a regular basis, so don't just think of Scrip as a gift-giving opportunity. Use it for your everyday shopping needs! Hotels, restaurants, and on-line vendors participate, so I'm sure you can find what you're looking for! See Bonnie Kassen if you have any questions or give her a call at 923-4884.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

**"Let the Adventure Begin"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

In Christ, all of life is an adventure, one that is full of His promise and hope. (Isaiah 35:1-10)