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First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 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.

Pre-Service Music
Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: #186, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Greeting
P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

Exhortation and Confession

P: Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, the Scriptures move us, in various places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not pretend nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; but confess them with humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient hearts; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by His infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we also so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

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(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

P: O most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are sinful from the time of our conception. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

Announcement of Grace

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Song: #227, "The King of Glory"

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Gradual, prayed responsively (see worship insert)

Children's Message: "We Are The Clay"

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-10

Apostles' Creedp. 29

Hymn of the Day: "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" LSB #355

Sermon: "When God Visits"

Offering

Song: #177, "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayerp. 40

Blessing

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: #218, "Soon and Very Soon"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Dismissal Music

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Immanuel will again feature Advent midweek services during the 2014 holiday season. This year's sermon series is entitled: "The Revelation of the Eternal Son of God," and is based on Revelation 1:8. The services will be held at **7:00 PM** on the Wednesday evenings of Advent. Note: Due to a lack of interest in previous years, we will not have midweek suppers this year. The dates and themes for the services are as follows:

December 3: Of Him Who Was (John 8:58)

December 10: Of Him Who Is (Revelation 1:18)

December 17: Of Him Who Is To Come (Revelation 1:7)

THRIVENT ELECTION

Thrivent Members are encouraged to stop in the Social Room after the service to vote for officer positions for North Goodhue County Chapter #31192. Voting must be done today because the ballots need to be returned by December 5. Thank you for taking the time to vote.

ANNUAL SCRIP CHRISTMAS ORDER

The annual Scrip Christmas order will be placed on Tuesday, December 9 with payment and orders being due on Sunday, December 7th. The estimated date of arrival will be the following Sunday, December 16th. You may pick up a current Scrip list from Bonnie Kassen. This is typically our largest order, so think ahead for what you might need this holiday season. Remember, Scrip is not simply for gift-giving. You may do all your shopping using Scrip cards. Grab a list and take a look at the large number of retailers available. Using Scrip is the perfect way to support projects at Immanuel Lutheran Church without spending more than you were before!! (Many cards are already on hand, so stop by and do some shopping today!)

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Our church is again blessed to participate in the Goodhue County Christmas Project. This effort helps provide meaningful Christmas memories to needy families in our area. Here's what you do: Locate the poster in the narthex with items to purchase, peel off the sticker of an item you wish to buy, and write your name next to that item. After purchasing the gift, please place the item under the tree in the fellowship hall by **December 14th**. If you would like to wrap items, please put a sticker on the package indicating what is inside. We need to know this because not all of the items are going to the same family. Many thanks to Bobbi Langhans for again coordinating the effort this year. If you have any questions, you may reach Bobbi at church or by phone at 385-8167. Thanks for your generosity.

LIFE QUOTES

November 9 "[A]s long as God gives life, then God is at work giving life meaning and purpose. As long as God gives life, life has value and it is 'more necessary' to keep on living." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life •

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