

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
24686 OLD CHURCH ROAD, RED WING, MN 55066
www.immanuel-lcms.org**

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Fourth Sunday in Advent December 23, 2007

**Sunday School Christmas Program
"The Greatest Christmas Gift"**

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.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #357, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Christmas Program: "The Greatest Christmas Gift"

I. The Angel of the Lord Comes to Mary and Joseph

II. Christ is Born in Bethlehem

Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World" (congregation sings v. 3 and 4)

III. The Angels Bring Good News to the Shepherds

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (children sing all verses)

IV. The Shepherds Hurry to the King

Children's Lullaby: "Hush, Not a Peep" Salzburg Christmas Carol
Tr. Daniel Burow

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-17

Epistle Romans 1:1-7

Holy Gospel Matthew 1:18-25
Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal
Hymn of the Day: #567, "Not What These Hands Have Done"
Sermon: "The Great Purpose in His Coming"
Offering
Prayer of the Church
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal
Benediction
Closing Hymn: #388, "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
Announcements
Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	4:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
	8:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday:	10:00AM	Christmas Day Worship
Wednesday:		St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr: 2 Chr. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-8:1; Matt. 23:34-39
Thursday:		St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Gen. 1:1-5, 26-31; 1 Jn. 1:1-2:2; Jn. 21:20-25
Friday:		The Holy Innocents: Jer. 31:15-17; 1 Pet. 4:12-19; Matt. 2:13-18
Saturday:	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sun:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday	- Carol Dicke
Wednesday	- Mary Jo Arndt, Brnadon Schmitz
Thursday	- Chad Meyer, M/M Neil Stemmann
Friday	- Robert Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Dorothy Bremer (for strength and peace as she faces terminal cancer); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); Jacob Diercks (recovering from rodeo injuries); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma).

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“Are You Ready Yet?”**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Stephane Kalonji

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