



3rd Sunday
of Advent

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Sunday & Monday, December 12th & 13th, 2021

Welcome to
worship!
Please
complete a
Connection
Card and place
the card in the
offering plate
near
the exit.
Thank you!

Christ's pres-
ence in our
midst in the
wonder of the
holy supper is
cause for sing-
ing. The near-
ness of the God
in prayer, in
every circum-
stance, is cause
for rejoicing.
The coming of
one "more
powerful" than
John, even with
a winnowing
fork in hand, is
good news—
and cause for
exultation—for
us who are
being saved.
Great joy is the
tone for the
third Sunday of
Advent.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing
that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our
sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget
that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy
Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the
eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow
he way of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (st.1-2) #242*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 3

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for
Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we
await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our
neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and
whose day draws near. Amen.

Light three candles.

GATHERING SONG *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (st.3-4) #242*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of
John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Is. 12:6)

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

WORD

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: ISAIAH 12: 2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Unexpected and Mysterious
(Tune: #561)

#258



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle word of
3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the com - ing



grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain - ing is the
Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas - sion for each

peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter in our
 frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us in our

cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is faith - ful
 long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we watch with

to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 7-18

The holy gospel according to...

Glorify to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

#249

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians. With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace, including Teddy Mwakilembe. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

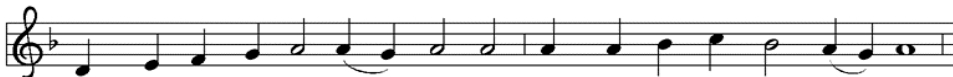
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Let All Mortal flesh Keep Silence (st. 1-2)

#490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.

*Renew our lives
that we may
welcome and
care for one
another and that
we may live and
serve within the
greater commu-
nity of Negaunee
and the world,
witnessing to
others your
abundant love,
grace, and wel-
come.*

*All baptized
Christians who
believe this true
presence are
welcome and
encouraged to
receive Holy
Communion
today.
Parents, please
assist your child
(ren) if you wish
them com-
muned.*

*We believe that
the true body
and blood of
Jesus Christ is
in/with/under
the bread
and wine.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus + for whom we wait. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKS OF December 12 - December 19, 2021

* **ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the Altar today are *In Loving Memory of Hilja Lahde* and *Raymond Jarvi* from June Jarvi, Dale, Jill, Bryce, & Jhon Jarvi, Chyrl & John Hemmila, and Christine & William Flis.

* **BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER:**

Happy 84th Birthday to *Elaine Nirva* on December 6th.

Happy 82nd Birthday to *Mary Ann Laukka* on December 11th.

Happy 94th Birthday to *Betty Lukkarinen* on December 31st.

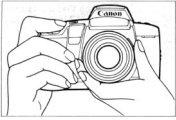
* **SUPPORT FOR ARIANNA PAANANEN** A GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/9db84b12>) has been started for assisting the Paananen family with expenses related to Arianna's cancer treatment. Ari is 10 years old, and on August 9, 2021, was diagnosed with a brain tumor and has been doing treatments at Mayo in Rochester, MN. Ari will soon complete radiation treatment. THE TUMOR IS GONE! PRAISE GOD! Thank you for your prayers and other support. Check-ups at Mayo will continue.

* **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Remember to order your Christmas Poinsettia as soon as you can. Forms are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. Fill yours out and turn it into the office or put it into the offering tray. A suggested donation is \$10.00, but any amount can be given. Thank you for your donation to our Poinsettias for this Christmas.



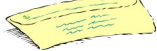
BIRTHDAYS



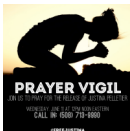


BRRR
STAY WARM
THIS WINTER

Offering
Envelopes



Fundraiser



* **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** The Christmas Eve Worship Services will be at: **4:00 pm**, a Children’s focused Christmas worship service; **6:00 pm and 11:00 pm**, regular Christmas worship service. ALL services will have Communion. **WE NEED USHERS AND GREETERS FOR THE 6PM & 11PM SERVICES. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.** ← ←---

* **PHOTO DIRECTORY PICTURES**—If you haven’t had your picture taken for the new church photo directory that is being developed and would like to be included in its printout, please call the office to see about scheduling the event. You can still email or send in a picture of yourself. This is for sharing name/face recognition, not a studio portrait. Thank you for participating.

* **GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website or through the GivePlus app. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% +\$0.45 per transaction.)

* **SUNDAY SCHOOL IS UNDERWAY!** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. Come to the church Sunday morning for 9:15 am where class meets in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School has a Facebook page to share up-to-date information. Go to ‘Immanuel Lutheran Church Negaunee’ on Facebook and click on the Sunday School group. For in-person classes, we follow Immanuel’s Church Council policies which recommend wearing masks. Masks must be worn by unvaccinated persons. Sunday School Schedule: 9:15-9:25am – DROP-OFF, OPENING; 9:30am – INSTRUCTION; 10:15am – JOIN FAMILIES FOR HOLY COMMUNION , 10:30am – DISMISSAL. (Although worship attendance is encouraged, if you are unable to attend, you can make arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at 10:15am.

* **WE’RE HIRING: We are in need of a part-time custodian.** If you are interested, you can pick up an application from the office or go to: <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>. Please pray that God sends the right person.

* **PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM** - Immanuel will participate along with Wesley United Methodist Church (WUMC) this fall in the annual clothing drive by providing **new** jackets, boots, hats, and mittens for infants and youth up to 18 years old who live in western Marquette County. A marked clothing box is on the benches by the Fellowship Hall to place your donations in. Wesley United Methodist Church works with teachers to identify students who need warm clothing; the committee distributes packages to the teachers, and the teachers then give the donations to the students. Everyone’s identity is kept confidential. A financial contribution may also be sent to Wesley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 342, Ishpeming MI 49849, noting Project KKW in the memo line. Please note, this year because of COVID 19, only **new** clothing items will be accepted.

* **2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES CAN BE PICKED UP. THEY ARE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** If you haven’t already done so, please pick up your envelopes.TY

* **PAINTING FUND RAISER** - The Painting-Project in the sanctuary has already started with prepping, wall repairs, etc., before the paint goes on. Consider making a donation to this **Sanctuary Painting Fund Raiser** that was voted on after worship, November 1st. We will be raising \$15,000 to help with some of the cost involved with this Project. Thank you for any donation you can make. It will all help with the cost.

* **PRAYER VIGIL for PEACE** Thank you to all of you who participated in our *Prayer for Peace Vigil* ending today. With increased violence nationally, it’s only the right thing to do to take time to pray for peace in our lives, our families, our nation, and the world. Thank you for your commitment. *Peace to you all!!!*

***CARE CLINIC** A flyer is included in this bulletin listing items needed at the Care Clinic. Pastor Tom & Luanne Skrenes are handling this Project. See the information on the flyer.



***HARD-COPY PHONE DIRECTORY** Did you indicate on your *Name, Address, Phone, Email Update Sheet* that was mailed to you that you would like a hard-copy phone directory? They are available on the table in the hallway, approximately across from the office. There's a limited number printed at this time.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Pray For: *Nancy Burton, Jonelle Collins, Gerry Davidson, Pat DeWitt, Billy Jo Kaufman, Betty Kinnunen, Rodney Laituri, Anna Laurila, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Linda Sjolund, Richard Toyra, Jacob Ulvila, all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Steve Solberg*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm
Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *John Kallioinen & Jim Kallioinen*
6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Mike Frustaglio*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Alice Zinsser*
6 pm LECTOR – *Sheila Meier*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Julie Mager*
6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Al Sundine*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore, Luanne Skrenes*
6 pm Tech Team – *Kerri Puckett, Rory Smith*



DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS is Room at the Inn, our area emergency night shelter for adults.



Room at the Inn opened Marquette's first ever permanent homeless shelter on December 24, 2020 above the Room at the Inn Warming Center. Local churches had operated a rotating shelter between churches for nearly 14 years. The improved shelter is a 30-bed emergency shelter with 24/7 shelter access. Over 1600 meals are served per month. The Warming Center continues to provide a warm and friendly location for shelter guests to gather, socialize, eat and - of course- to warm up during cold days.



Room at the Inn provides food, shelter and assistance for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. Room at the Inn serves primarily Marquette area residents.

Donations of money and food for meals is much appreciated. Food donations are under stricter regulation so best to check directly with Room at the Inn or check the Beacon for suggestions. Volunteers are always welcome!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use December's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$ 870.20 in November to Lutheran World Relief.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 12 - December 15, 2021

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

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| Sunday | <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9:30 am - Sunday School- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |
| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9:00 am - Property Committee Meeting- 6:00 pm - Worship Service- 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)- 1:30 pm - Abigail Circle Meets at the Church- 6:00 pm - Choir Practice |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9:00 am - Decorate the Church with the Tree & Other Decorations- 10:00 am - Quilting- 5:30 pm - Companion Congregation Committee Meeting |
| Friday | OFFICE CLOSED <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets |
| Sunday | <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9:30 am - Sunday School- 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |

(**The Zoom link is available at: www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)