



**2nd Sunday
of Advent**

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Sunday & Monday, December 5th & 6th, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM

Every Valley

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 the way of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Prepare the Royal Highway (st. 1-2)* **#264**

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 2

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Light two candles.

GATHERING SONG *Prepare the Royal Highway (st. 3-4)* **#264**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome to
worship!

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

Forerunners and
messengers
advance the
advent of our
God. While John
the baptizer's
voice in the wil-
derness may be
the principal
focus of the day,
Malachi's
prophecy could
as easily herald
the coming
Christ as fore-
runner of the
LORD of hosts.
Finally all the
baptized are
called to partici-
pate in the shar-
ing of the gos-
pel. In so doing
we prepare the
way for the
coming of Jesus
and assist all
people in cap-
turing a vision
of the "salvation
of God."

WORD

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM: LUKE 1: 68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

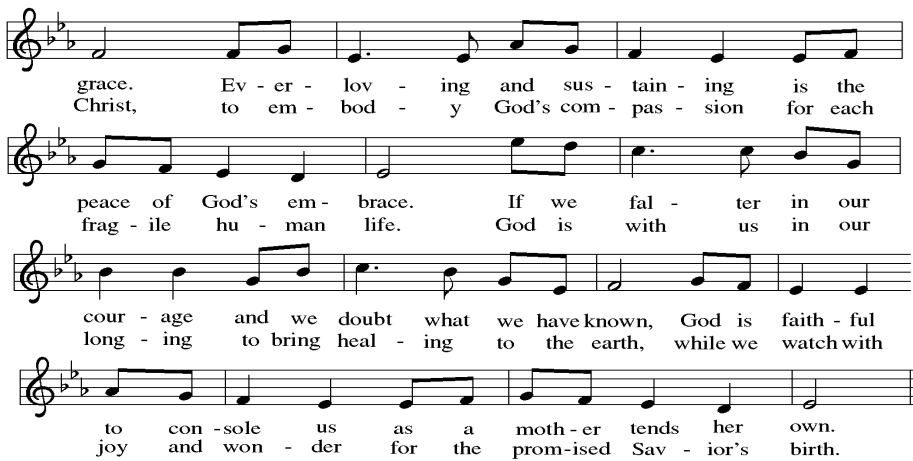
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6

The holy gospel according to...

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

Joy to the World

#267

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.

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.

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*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.*

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. 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**

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 5 - December 12, 2021

*DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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.

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Merry (Jay) Bengry, on the loss of her sister, *Margaret A. Cook*, on Thursday, November 18th, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital, in Duluth, MN. Also, condolences to Margaret's husband, George, and all of the Cook Family.

***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. So far the tumor has responded well to chemo. Radiation is next. Although Ari's dad, Dave, continues his job, Ari's mom, Pam, has not due to the time demands of Ari's care, including trips to Mayo. Ari and Pam will have to be gone from family for 6 weeks coming up soon for the next round of treatments. With the many costs of traveling, any financial help wouldn't go unnoticed. *Thank you for your prayerful support.*

***CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Remember to order your Christmas Poinsettia as soon as you can. There is a form included in this bulletin for you to fill 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.

***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 ALL OF THE SERVICES. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP. THANK YOU.

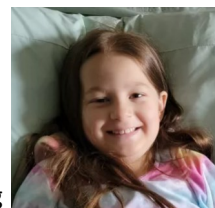
***PHOTO DIRECTORY PICTURES**—If you haven't had your picture taken for the new church photo directory that is being developed and would like to be included in its printout, please call the office to see about scheduling the event. You can still email or send in a picture of yourself. This is for sharing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

BIRTHDAYS



With Sympathy





***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>

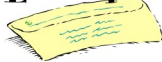


***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM** - Immanuel will participate along with Wesley United Methodist Church (WUMC) this fall in the annual clothing drive by providing **new** jackets, boots, hats, and mittens for infants and youth up to 18 years old who live in western Marquette County. A marked clothing box is 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.



***ROOM AT THE INN** Room at the Inn thanks all of you very much for your donations of coffee. We have greatly appreciated all of the donations. **Thank You !!**

Offering Envelopes



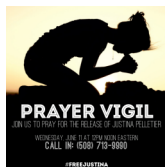
***2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES CAN BE PICKED UP. THEY ARE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** If you haven't already done so, please pick up your envelopes.TY



***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.



***ANGEL TREE PROJECT** As you may be aware, Immanuel offers an *Angel Tree Project* for children of incarcerated persons. We have been given names of children needing an extra bit of Christ's love given through Christmas gifts. Thank you to those already volunteering to purchase gifts for some of the children. We have 2 remaining children, ages 7 and 9. If you would like to be an 'angel' this year and provide gift(s), please call the office for details and suggestions. You can then purchase the gift(s) (a value of \$20-\$25 each), wrap them, and bring them to the office before December 6th. Thank you in advance for your participation.



***PRAYER VIGIL for PEACE** Don't forget, a Prayer Vigil for Peace will be December 11th—December 12th, Saturday to Sunday, 8:00 am to 8:00 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the office. With increased violence nationally, please take time to come to Immanuel to pray for peace in our lives, our families, our nation, and the world. Commit to a time. Or, stop by and pray when you are able.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: Nancy Burton, Jonelle Collins, Gerry Davidson, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, 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 & Kevin Crupi***

**9:30 am LECTOR – *Dan Lindblom*
6 pm LECTOR – *Kevin Crupi***

**9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Sue Cathcart*
6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Terry Basolo***

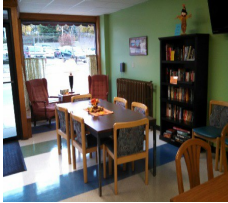
**9:30 am Tech Team – *Luanne Skrenes*
6 pm Tech Team – *Need Volunteer***



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 \$ 785.20 in November to *Lutheran World Relief*.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5 - December 12, 2021

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

www.lmmanuelnegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***2nd Sunday of Advent***
- 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**
- 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- (Deadline for Angel Tree gifts. Please bring them to the office.)*
- Wednesday**
- 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
 - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday**
- 10:00 am - Quilting
 - 5:30 pm - Companion Congregation Committee Meeting
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** ***3rd Sunday of Advent***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 9:30 am - Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship

