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Sunday, Nov. 27, & Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, 9:30 am & 6:00 pm

1st Sunday in Advent

COVID Protocol Update: Council has lifted COVID protocols, but encourages awareness of ongoing county numbers and personal health.

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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosianna

Choir

(Translation: *Hosanna, Son of David! Praise and glory be to You! Praise to the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord!*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#244

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. **You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (v.1)

#240

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (v. 1-2) #247



1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to.....

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But

understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Rell Spickerman

HYMN OF THE DAY

Unexpected and Mysterious

#258

(Tune from #561, Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory)

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

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

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

(Please be seated.)

MEAL



OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

He Came Down

#253

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

My Lord, What a Morning

#438

Come By Here

TFF #43

- 1.) Come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by here, my Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.
- 2.) Someone's crying, Lord, come by here; someone's crying, Lord, come by here; someone's crying, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.
- 3.) Someone's singing, Lord, come by here; someone's singing, Lord, come by here; someone's singing, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.
- 4.) Someone's praying, Lord, come by here; someone's praying, Lord, come by here; someone's praying, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.
- 5.) Someone needs you, Lord, come by here; someone needs you, Lord, come by here; someone needs you, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKS OF November 27—December 4, 2022

* **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Note, the order form for your poinsettia is included in this bulletin. Remember your loved ones with a poinsettia this Christmas season. Return your order form by December 21st to be included in the Poinsettia booklet acknowledging your donation. Thank you.



* **ANGEL TREE PROJECT** This Christmastime, we are again sponsoring the *Angel Tree Project* where gifts are purchased for children of incarcerated individuals. You can help to show God's love by being an *Angel* and selecting a child's name to buy a gift for. The cost of each should be about \$25.00 and we try to get some type of clothing for them and also some type of activity/toy they would like to receive. This year we have several children ranging in age from 3 months to a 10-year old. One guardian sent a picture of one of the children, as you can see. If you can, call the office or stop by to select an individual, purchase and wrap the gift, returning the gift to the office by the week of December 18th, so it can be delivered or mailed that for Christmas. Thank you for your consideration and help.



* **TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS** These forms can be filled out and brought to the church at anytime. PLEASE consider your call to serve our Lord and this congregation by completing the *Estimate of Giving* form for 2023 and the *Time & Talent* form for 2023. (If you don't fill out a new *Time & Talent* form, your choices from the past will remain.) Place the form(s) in the Offering Plate or send it to the church office as soon as possible. We are "Together Into God's Future."

* **ADULT PROGRESSIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY** A Progressive Christmas Dinner Party is being planned for Saturday night December 17. There will be a 6 pm gathering for appetizers and a salad, a 7 pm gathering with the main course, and an 8 pm gathering at the church for dessert and Christmas carols. There is a sign-up board at the entrance to the fellowship hall. If you would like to participate, you can sign up simply to attend or you can sign up to attend and host the appetizer/salad course, the main course, or serve dessert at the church. **Sign up by Sunday December 11**. If you have any questions call Terry Cathcart (906-485-1364). (There should be groups of 6-8 at the most.)



* **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for November is STAFF. Please contact with your date & item @ (906) 475-9161.



* **PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW)**. This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance.



*NOVEMBER 15, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Discussed and endorsed use of dishwasher anytime dishes are used to fight the spread of germs
- Discussed the need for volunteers for Sunday Snow Shoveling. Congregation members are encouraged to sign up for Sunday morning shoveling on the sign-up sheet located in the church entry way (NOTE-We are also still in need of Tech persons. Want a little cash for your volunteering at the church? Sign up to be a Tech person - get trained today!)
- Acknowledged the resignation of Laurie LeSage from the position of Parish Administration / Bookkeeper effective December 8, and reviewed the updated job description for that position
- Established a Nominating Committee to fill:
 - o Two positions on Church Council for 2023
 - o Three voting members of the NGLS Annual Meeting
 - o Endowment Committee members
 - o Three members of the FLLC Annual Meeting
- Approved needed repairs to the organ at a cost of \$3,864.00
- Established Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 10:45 am as the date for the 135th Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will be held in hybrid form with attendance in person or via Zoom

*** DATES TO REMEMBER AND MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

- December 1** - there will be an **Advent Tree** in support of the ELCA Good Gifts Program. What do you get for someone who has everything? A Goat, or a Tree perhaps? Through ELCA Good Gifts, we can help provide a family with independence and sustainability. Here is how it works. There will be a Good Gift Advent Tree with various ornaments - a goat, fruit tree, or school supplies, etc. Your donations can be placed in the offering plate for this Project OR you can go to the web and order your gift. If questions, call Linda Sjolund, (906) 242-5020.
- December 4** - **Sunday, 5:00 pm.** Social Ministry and Faith Formation Committees will host a **Christmas Wreath Making** workshop (no experience needed) and a Pizza Dinner. If you have supplies such as scissors, wire cutters, ribbon, decorations for a wreath, feel free to bring them but we will have all necessary supplies as well. This is a fun evening to share with your family.
- December 9** - **Friday, 1:00 pm.** Come to **set up for the Christmas Market.** If you have any donations for this event, please deliver them to the Fellowship Hall by December 9th.
- December 10** - **Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm.** There will be the **Christmas Market and Soup / Pie Luncheon** at Immanuel. Homemade bakery items, jams, Christmas cookies, and much more will be at the Fair. If you would like to donate items for the Market / Luncheon, please contact Virginia Paulson (906-475-9641) or Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020). Donated items should be placed in the kitchen by DEC. 9th.
- December 15** - **Thursday, 11:30 am.** **WELCA General Membership to approve 2023 budget and year-end charity donation(s).** Meet downstairs in the Quilting room. Coffee and goodies will be served.

*** CONFIRMATION UPDATE** During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes **will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month** for fellowship & service opportunities **from 6pm - 8pm**, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail.com, or call/text 906-367-4295. **NOTE: There are 2 more Confirmation Retreats. The 2nd Confirmation Retreat** will be hosted by Immanuel on Saturday, December 3rd, 10 am - 3 pm. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Connie Foster, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Tersaris, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.

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



SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Rell Spickerman*

Organist/Pianist/Musician: *Connie Scanlon*

Choir Director: *Connie Lindblom* / Choir Accompanist: *Vicki Lempinen*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	— <i>Mike Lempinen</i>	6 pm — <i>Mike Frustaglio</i>
	— <i>Vicki Lempinen</i>	— <i>Kevin Crupi</i>
9:30 am LECTOR	— <i>Renee Prusi</i>	6 pm — <i>Paulette Patron</i>
9:30 am COMMUNION	— <i>Linda Dillman</i>	6 pm — <i>Jill Sladek</i>
ASSISTANTS	— <i>Julie Mager</i>	
9:30 am TECH TEAM	— <i>Tyler Moore</i>	6 pm — <i>Kerri Puckett</i>



(COMMUNION SET-UP FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER — *Karen Saari*)

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN NOVEMBER . . . our mission emphasis is Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations and Maintenance .

Can you imagine what it's like to have 400 darling campers in your home just during the summer? Think of the cleaning, repairs and folks who are involved in the summer and all of the special programs during the year!



Running a camp is not cheap. FLLC works really hard to keep costs down but there are always constant repairs, maintenance and replacements. The utility bill alone is about \$35,000, repairs \$40,000, and the personnel costs to keep it running a huge part of the budget.

The November Monthly Mission is earmarked for operations and maintenance. We all love and enjoy the camp. Let's do our best to keep it looking beautiful and keep it operational!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use November'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 \$ 1,111.10 in October to the
Good Samaritan Fund.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 27, 2022 - December 4, 2022

**YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...
www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org**

- Sunday** ***1st Sunday in Advent***

 - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

- Monday** - 5:30 pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting

 - 6:00 pm - Worship Service

- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person)

 - 6:00 pm - Choir

- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting

- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**

 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets

- Saturday** - 8-10 am - Men's Bible Study / Breakfast

 - 10 am-3 pm - 2nd of 3 Confirmation Retreats (here @ Immanuel)
 - 7:00 pm - Negaunee Male Chorus at Peterson Auditorium
In Ishpeming

- Sunday** ***2nd Sunday in Advent***

 - 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 5-8 pm - Wreath Making/Pizza Dinner here at Immanuel
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

