



1st Sunday
of Advent

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

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

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 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (st. 1-2) # 436

Lighting the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Light the first candle.

GATHERING SONG *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (st. 3) # 436

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

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, **Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 25: 1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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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.

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25-36

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

SERMON

Pastor Rell Spickerman

SONG

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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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.

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption

*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.*

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.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKS OF November 28 - December 5, 2021

***WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD:** *Brody Allen Makela*, son of Samantha Jean (Carlson) Makela and Mark Allen Makela, born on June 23rd, 2021, in Fairbanks, Alaska. His sponsors are Morgan Carlson and Michelle Makela. The proud grandparents are Julie and Randy Carlson.

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Lisa (Kyle) Saari, on the loss of her grandmother, *Adele L. Harnett* on Tuesday, November 16th. Also, condolences to the great-grandsons, Easton and Landen Saari, and all of the Harnett Family

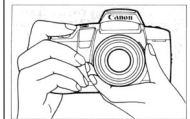
***SUPPORT FOR ARIANNA PAANANEN** A GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/9db84b12>) has been started for assisting the Paananen family with expenses related to Arianna's cancer treatment. Ari is 10 years old, and on August 9, 2021, was diagnosed with a brain tumor and has been doing treatments at Mayo in 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.*

***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.)



*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. You can call the office (906-475-9161) or come to the church Sunday morning for 9:15 am where it will be meeting 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 will be following Immanuel's Church Council policies which recommend wearing masks. Masks must be worn by unvaccinated persons. (Updates may occur during the year.) Schedule: 9:15am-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>



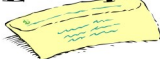
***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM** - Immanuel will participate along with Wesley United Methodist Church (WUMC) this fall in the annual clothing drive by providing **new** jackets, boots, hats, and mittens for infants and youth up to 18 years old who live in western Marquette County. A marked clothing box is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



***NOTICE: ROOM AT THE INN** . . . is in desperate need of coffee. Please, if you can donate a can of coffee to Room at the Inn, it would be greatly appreciated., Because they are serving so many persons (especially as the weather is getting colder), they go through coffee in a jiffy. So, thank you for whatever you can do. Thank you very much.



Offering Envelopes



***2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES CAN BE PICKED UP. THEY ARE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. Thank you.**



***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.



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 Rell Spickerman*

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 – *Mike & Vicki Lempinen*
6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Mike Frustaglio & Kevin Crupi***

**9:30 am LECTOR – *Mike Lempinen*
6 pm LECTOR – *Charlie Smith***

**9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Linda Derocher*
6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Cheryl Dix***

**9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*
6 pm Tech Team – *Rory Smith***



NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

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EMPHASIS is Lutheran Social Services, Welcome Home Ministry. Having a place to call home is something most people take for granted. For some, it's often a dream. The Welcome Home program can turn these dreams into reality. Welcome Home is a rental assistance and support program providing rent vouchers and additional support to anyone who is homeless or on the verge of living on the streets. In return, clients meet weekly with a case worker and begin the process of moving toward independence. It is not a hand-out, but a hand up, where clients must take responsibility to learn how to live on their own.



The Welcome Home program is open to anyone in Alger or Marquette County who is:

- (1) Currently homeless;
- (2) Due to be discharged from an institution within 7 days;
- (3) Living somewhere not meant for habitation;
- (4) Living in an emergency shelter;
- (5) Facing court-ordered eviction.

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 \$1,305.00 in October to The Good Samaritan Fund.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 21, - November 28, 2021

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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

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| Sunday | 1st 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 - Baptism
- 7:00 pm - NO Confirmation Class tonight |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- 6:00 pm - Choir Practice |
| Thursday | - 10:00 am - Quilting |
| Friday | OFFICE CLOSED
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets |
| 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) |

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

