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Sunday, Dec 18, & Monday, Dec 19, 2022, 9:30 am & 6:00 pm

4th 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!

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come Emmanuel

Senior Choir

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

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

WOV#634

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 these 4 candles 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.4)

#240

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, 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 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
(Ps. 80:7)

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. 3-4) #247

³ Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
⁴ Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

The holy gospel according to.....

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David,

do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

#257

(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 our shepherd, let your Spirit move with power throughout the church. Give discernment and wisdom to our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Take away our fear, so that we serve and love, confident that you are guiding us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our source, awaken us to the beauty of the earth and the marvelous variety of life. Unite humankind in repairing and caring for your creation. Protect creatures and habitats in peril due to rising seas and warming temperatures. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our vision, raise up leaders in every nation who dream of freedom and justice for all people. We pray for the work of international organizations that promote peace and human rights, especially Amnesty International. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our helper, come to the aid of all who cry out to you. Shelter migrants, refugees, and those fleeing war and famine. Bring relief to individuals and families experiencing hunger, homelessness, or impoverishment. Comfort any who are isolated or lonely. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Emmanuel, you are with us in our life together. We give you thanks for gathering us in worship and fellowship, and we remember those who cannot be present. Watch over those who travel. Heal the sick and speed their recovery. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our hope, you bring life out of death, and you promise to be our God forever. Shine upon the faithful who now rest in the fulfillment of your promise and bring us also into your blessed reign of peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

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.

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.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

Away in the Manager

#277

This is done by the Sunday School Children

(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

Emmanuel

TFF #45

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us revealed in us,

His name is called Emmanuel. *(repeat)*

Lost in the Night

#243

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#254

(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 WEEK OF December 18—December 25, 2022

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

* **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Remember your loved ones with a poinsettia this Christmas season. Order forms are in the hallway. Please return yours **by this Wednesday, December 21,** to be included in the Poinsettia booklet acknowledging your donation. Thank you.

* **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 December is FAITH FORMATION. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee hour.** Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Paulette Patron (475-4776) with your date & item. Thank you.

* **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. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance.

* **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."

* **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

* **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 and 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 is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat** will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.



Church Council



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Pray For: *Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan’s mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, 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 Bre Kinnunen*

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

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | — <i>Linda Derocher</i> |
| | — <i>Jim Derocher</i> |
| 6:00 pm | — <i>Can U Help?</i> |
| | — <i>Will U Help?</i> |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | — <i>Mike Frustaglio</i> |
| 6:00 pm | — <i>Jill Sladek</i> |
| 9:30 am COMMUNION | — <i>Heidi Hill</i> |
| ASSISTANTS | — <i>Linda Sjolund</i> |
| 6:00 pm | — <i>Jill Sladek</i> |
| 9:30 am TECH TEAM | — <i>Luanne Skrenes</i> |
| 6:00 pm | — <i>Tyler Moore</i> |

(COMMUNION SET-UP FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER — *Terry & Sue Cathcart*)

DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN DECEMBER . . . our 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 & 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 \$ 690.00 in November to the
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations & Maintenance.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ ~ December 18, 2022 - December 25, 2022

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

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***4th 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** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- 6-8:00 pm - Confirmation
- Tuesday** - 9:30 am - Miriam Circle
- 1:30 pm - Abigail Circle
- 2:15 pm - Eastwood Worship Service (CANCELLED, LOCK-DOWN)
- 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm - Church Council
- 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** ***Nativity of our Lord—Christmas Eve***
- 4:00 pm - Worship Service (Candlelight & Communion)
- 6:00 pm - Worship Service (Candlelight & Communion)
- Sunday** ***Christmas Day***
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - **NO** Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** **OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSRVANCE OF CHRISTMAS**
- 6:00 pm - **NO** Worship Service