

# Immanuel – St. Paul



Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod

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*The First Sunday in Advent*

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December 1, 2013  
*Today's Worship*

**The Order Of Worship**

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion TLH pg. 15ff  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship TLH pg. 5ff

**The Hymns**

8:00 a.m. 609, 616, 619, 467, 604  
10:00 a.m. 609, 616, 604

**The Sermon**

Theme: Pease by the Cross  
Text: *Colossians 1:13-20*

**Today's Readings**

First Reading [Isaiah 2:1-5](#)  
Epistle Reading [Romans 13:11-14](#)  
Gospel Reading [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

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*A Note To Our Visitors*

We welcome you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, and we pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you.

# *Church Notes*

## **Next Sunday's Scripture Readings Are:**

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

### *Prayer for the Day*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### *Baptisms*

This morning we welcome into the family of Christ by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Kaleb Dean at Immanuel and Amelia at St. Paul's.

Welcome, Kaleb and Amelia!

### *Advent Mid-Week Services*

Advent Mid-Week Services will begin on Wednesday, December 4 with the first service at 7:00 pm at Immanuel. This year's theme is the Three Advent Promises.

### *Christmas Caroling*

St. Paul's Ladies Aid will be Christmas Caroling on December 17, and everyone is invited to attend. Those interested should be meet at St. Paul's Parish Hall at 3:00 pm. The Ladies Aid will be caroling at Coulterville Care Center, Randolph County Manor, Three Springs and Craig Manor. The day will end with a meal at Reid's Harvest House.

### *St. Paul's Christmas Program*

Practices will be held on December 8, December 15, and December 21 (which will be the last practice before the program on December 22). A Practice on December 21 will be from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and will be followed by the Christmas Party.

*St. Paul's Christmas Program Party*

St. Paul's Christmas Program Party will be on December 21, following practice, from 11:30 to 12:00. Each child who wishes to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift in value of \$5.00-\$7.00. Girls should bring a gift for a girl and boys should bring a gift for a boy. Also, each family attending the Christmas Party is asked to bring a dozen cookies to share. Pizza and soda will be provided.

*Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School*

**Lady Soldiers Basketball:** Join us on Tuesday, December 3 to cheer on the Lady Soldiers at 6:30 pm as they play their first game of the season at home against Marissa.

**Annual Trivia Night:** The annual COS trivia night will be January 31 at 7 pm. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Reserve your table by calling the school.

*Baptized in  
the name of  
the Father,  
Son, and  
Holy Spirit*



*Let the little  
children come  
to me, and do  
not hinder  
them, for the  
kingdom of  
God belongs to  
such as these.*

## **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT: LOCAL CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES**

Throughout the year, the SID Board of Missions has been asking congregations to pray for various mission agencies supported by the District, including work in South Africa, Prison Ministry, at Unity Lutheran Church and School in East St. Louis, Campus Ministry at SIU-C, SIU-E, and SWIC, the Acts 1:8 Mission Society, and others. Mission, however, is more than sending money for other people to do. Mission should be the driving force of every congregation in every community. We receive God's blessings in Word and Sacrament, and we are sent out to share God's blessings with those around us. Mission should be local for every congregation. During the month of December, we will pray that each and every congregation in the SID-LCMS would seek ways to share God's love and blessings within their communities as local congregations actively engage in mission.

### **Mission Prayer for Sunday, December 1, 2013**

Let us pray for the eyes of each and every member of each and every congregation to be open to the mission needs around them.

Lord Jesus Christ, You said, "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." (John 4:35) Open our eyes to see the needs and hurts of all those around us and serve those in our own communities with the humility and love that You have shown for us. Make each of us faithful workers in Your harvest fields as they days grow shorter and the time of harvest comes to an end. Lord, in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.

*Let us cast off  
the works of  
darkness and  
put on the  
armor of light*



*Come, Let  
us walk in  
the light of  
the Lord*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
And Fill The Hearts Of Your Faithful  
This Week At Immanuel-St. Paul*

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Immanuel - Morning Worship
	8:45 am	St. Paul's Sunday School
	9:15 am	Immanuel's Sunday School
	10:00 am	St. Paul's - Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Christmas Program Practice @ SP
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study @ SP
<i>Monday</i>	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study @ SP
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study @ Janet's
<i>Wednesday</i>	3:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Advent Mid-Week Service @ IM
<i>Thursday</i>	1:00 pm	<b>Bulletin Items Deadline</b>
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