

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

8:00 am

Order of Worship

Morning Worship
TLH pg. 5ff

Hymns

75, 60, 63

10:00 am

Order of Worship

Holy Communion
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Hymns

354, 345, 346, 342, 355, 344

The Sermon

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Sermon Title

Preparation by the Church

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-10

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.

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My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27-28



Church Notes

December 16, 2018

Next Sunday's

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7

Readings Are:

John 1:19-28

The Meaning of "Gaudete"

The third Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete, which is the first Latin word of the Historic Introit assigned to this Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" (*Gaudete in Domino semper* = Rejoice in the Lord always).

Thank You

Many thanks to all who sang, played, and listened at the Christmas music program yesterday! It is a joy to share such times of fellowship and especially to hear and ponder again the message of the Savior's birth in the timeless Christmas hymns.

Door Collection for Treat Bags

Today at Immanuel and St. Paul's there will be a door collection for Children's Christmas Treat bags.

Advent Midweek Vespers

The last midweek service will be on December 19 at St. Paul's starting at 7:00 pm.

Luminaries

This is the last week to request a luminary for the Children's Christmas Eve Program. All forms should be completed and submitted by Thursday, December 20.

Christmas Week Services

This year there are several worship opportunities to celebrate Jesus' birth. On Sunday, December 23, at 6:00 pm a "Service of Lessons and Carols" will be held at Immanuel. On Monday, December 24, at 6:00 pm the children will present the Christmas program. Christmas Day services will take place at both Immanuel and St. Paul's on Tuesday, December 25. Immanuel's service will begin at 8:00 am and St. Paul's service will begin at 10:00 am.

St. Paul's Children's Christmas Program Practice

The Christmas Program Practice originally scheduled from 8:30-9:45 on December 23 has been cancelled. Instead, the children will practice directly after church on December 23. With this change, the Christmas Party will take place immediately after practice.

St. Paul's Children's Christmas Party

Following practice on December 23, St. Paul's will host a Christmas party for the children. Each child that wishes to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift valued from \$5-7. Girls should bring a gift for a girl and boys should bring a gift for a boy. Each family is asked to bring one dozen cookies to share. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

New Year's Eve Service

Please join us for the New Year's Eve Service on Tuesday, December 31, starting at 6:00 pm at St. Paul's.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Toy & Food Drive: The COS Student council is holding a toy and food drive as well as adopting a needy family. If you would like to help by donating non-perishable food items and/or a new toy please drop your donation off at COS by December 17. Toys may also be dropped off at Dollar General in Waterloo.

Annual Trivia Night: The annual COS trivia night will be January 25, 2018 at 7 pm. Trivia questions will cover a wide variety of topics to appeal to trivia players of all ages and abilities. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8th grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300.

Holiday Hours: December 21 and 28 the COS office will be open 9:00 a.m.-noon. On December 27, 31 and January 2 the COS office will be open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. School will resume on January 3.

Do you know a high school student looking for a change? COS is accepting transfer students for the spring semester as well as scheduling shadow days for incoming freshmen. Come see for yourself what makes COS a great high school experience.

Early Registration Discount: The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2019-2020 is January 31, 2019. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

***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
	8:30 am	St. Paul's Christmas Program Practice
	10:00 am	St. Paul's – Holy Communion
<i>Monday</i>	6:30 pm	Men's Pinochle @ St. Luke's Campbell Hill
<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Vespers – What Child is This? @ SP
<i>Thursday</i>	1:00 pm	Bulletin Items Deadline
<i>Next Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Immanuel – Holy Communion
	10:00 am	St. Paul's – Morning Worship
	11:00 am	St. Paul's Christmas Program Practice
		St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas Party
	6:00 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols @ IM
<i>12/24/2018</i>	6:00 pm	Children's Christmas Program @ SP
<i>12/25/2018</i>	8:00 am	Christmas Day Service @ IM
	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service @ SP