

Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018

8:00 am	Order of Worship Holy Communion TLH pg. 15ff	Hymns 62, 68, 69, 66, 71, 72
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10:00 am	Order of Worship Morning Worship LSB pg. 184	Hymns 357 (with children), 331, 515
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The Sermon

Sermon Text Romans 15:4-13	Sermon Title Preparation by the Word
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Today's Readings

<i>First Reading</i>	Malachi 4:1-6
<i>Epistle Reading</i>	Romans 15:4-13
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Isaiah 40:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 11:2-10

The Meaning of "Populus Zion"

The second Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Populus Zion, which are the first Latin words of the Historic Introit assigned to this Sunday. Populus Zion means "people of Zion" (Populus Zion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes = People of Zion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations).

Door Offering

This morning there will be a door offering to support the work of LCMS Missionary to Indonesia, Rev. Matthew Wood, who visited us this past Advent Midweek Service.

Immanuel's Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting is Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Advent Midweek Vespers

The next Advent Midweek Vespers service will be at Immanuel on Wednesday, December 12, starting at 7:00 pm. The last midweek service will be on December 19 at St. Paul's.

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join St. Paul's Ladies Aid in Christmas Caroling on Thursday, December 13. Those interested in participating should meet at St. Paul's Parish Hall at 2:15 pm. We are planning on visiting a few locals before going to Craig Farm and Three Springs.

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.

Christmas Music Program

Please plan to attend and invite your friends for an afternoon of Christmas music and fellowship **Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm** at St. Paul's. The hour-long concert will include organ/piano duets, choir, young church pianists, and congregational singing of favorite Christmas carols. A free-will offering will go toward the St. Paul's organ fund. Afterward, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for snacks and fellowship.

There is also special opportunity for **children to participate in the concert!** All children (little ones with parents' help) will be invited up to use special colored "Kristal Bells" to perform simple Christmas songs. We hope the whole afternoon will be a time for all generations to rejoice together in the good news of our Savior's birth.

St. Paul's Children's Christmas Program Practice

Christmas Program Practice will soon begin. If you would like your child to participate in the program, but have not yet contacted the Sunday School teachers, please do so as soon as possible. Practices will be held from 8:30-9:45 am on December 16, and December 23. There will also be a party on December 23 following St. Paul's church service.

St. Paul's Children's Christmas Party

Following the church service 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.



*With one voice glorify
the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ*

St. Paul's Organ Replacement Fund

As we have seen and heard over the last several months our Baldwin Electronic Organ is starting to experience problems. Though Baldwin organs is no longer in business, thankfully we have been able to get repairs and the organ is working and we are still able to use it. But sadly, as we live in this world where “moth and rust destroy” (Mt. 6:19) we recognize that all things eventually wear out, and this is especially true of electronics. So it is good that we had already begun planning for the inevitable day to come where we will have to replace the organ by starting an Organ Replacement Fund in the Voter's Assembly before the problems had even started. One of the questions that has come up in connection with planning for the organ replacement is “How much can we expect?” To answer this, we recently had a representative from Allen Organs come and evaluate our needs and share some options. So the figure we can expect in replacing the organ is in the \$55k to \$65k range.

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.

Calling Thrivent Members: If you are a member of Thrivent and are willing to help COS at no cost to you, please consider organizing or participating in a Thrivent Action Team. Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two project teams per year. Every project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational materials to help make their project successful. We have many projects that would help further the mission of COS. We can even help you fill out the application. Contact mchristman@coslhs.org for more information.



Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near

***Come, Holy Spirit,
And Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful***

This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul

<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Immanuel– Holy Communion
	8:30 am	St. Paul’s Christmas Program Practice
	10:00 am	St. Paul’s – Morning Worship <i>Kids Sing in Church</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	2:00-3:00	Pastor Sean on KFUCO Radio AM 850 or kfuo.org
	7:00 pm	Immanuel Voters’ Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:25 am	Pastor Leading Chapel @ St. Mark’s
	6:00 pm	Christmas Concert Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Vespers – What Child is This? @ IM
<i>Thursday</i>	1:00 pm	Bulletin Items Deadline
	2:15 pm	Christmas Caroling – Meet at St. Paul’s Parish Hall
	6:30 pm	COSLHS Board Meeting
<i>Saturday</i>	2:00 pm	Christmas Concert @ St. Paul’s
<i>Next Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Immanuel – Morning Worship
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