

1:52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;  
 1:53 **he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**  
 1:54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
 1:55 **according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

Second Lesson ..... **Romans 16:25-27**

16:25 Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 16:26 but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith --16:27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation ..... **#257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Verse 1 (Red)**

Holy Gospel ..... **Luke 1:26-38**

Congregation Responds (before reading) ..... **"Glory to You, O Lord"**

Congregation Responds (after reading) ..... **"Praise to You, O Christ"**

Children's Message

Hymn ..... **#249 "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" - Verses 1, 3, 5 (Red)**

Sermon

Silence for Reflection

**-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

Offering & Special Music ..... **Katie Peterson, Saxophone**

Offertory ..... **#185 "Create in me..." (Red)**

Offertory Prayer ..... **Pg. 107 (Red)**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-**

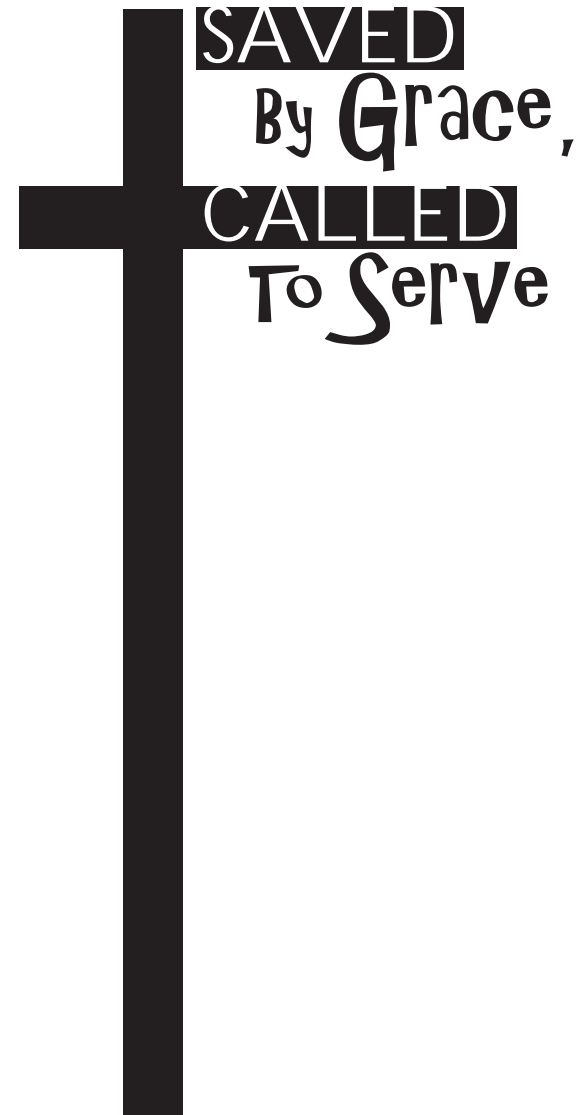
Announcements

Introduction of Lucia Queen, Star Boys, & Mint Girls

The Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... **"P is for Peace" (by Sally Rogers)**

Postlude



**All Members: Ministers**

**4th Sunday of Advent  
 December 21, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad  
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**ENABLING OUR MINISTRY**

<b>Ministers</b> .....	All Members	<b>Lector</b> .....	Shane Hagstrom
<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....	Daniel Belgum-Blad	<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jordan Nelson
<b>Council President</b> .....	Bob Starz	<b>Ushers</b> .....	Don Anderson, Ole Hovey Connie & Jessica Halvorson
<b>Organist</b> .....	Deb Mickle	<b>Greeters</b> .....	Jeff & Leslie Blom family
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Janelle Eisenbacher	<b>Coffee Hour Servers</b> .....	Jon & Danita Hansen Paul & Angela Rasmussen, Lynnae Shoultz
<b>Sextons</b> .....	Paul & Rolayne Beerman family		
<b>Offering Counter</b> .....	Dana Hedberg		

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.  
As we worship, let God speak to us.  
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

### -WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Gathering Music

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle .....**“A Candle Is Burning”**(tune: Away in a Manger)

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright.  
A candle of HOPE in December’s dark night.  
While angels sing blessing from heaven’s starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE.  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of JOY.  
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow,  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE.  
A candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth.*

Opening Hymn ..... **#439 “Soon & Very Soon”** (verses 1-2)

### -WE PRAISE GOD-

Invocation

Responsive Liturgy

Pastor: Come let us worship the Lord.

**People: Let us bow down before the God who calls us.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

**People: And my mouth shall declare your praise!**

Pastor: Surely God is my salvation!

**People: I will trust and not be afraid;**

Pastor: For the LORD God is our strength and our might,

**People: God is coming to save us.**

Hymn of Praise ..... **#253 “He Came Down”** (Red)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music ..... **The Starz Family**

### -GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First Lesson ..... **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

<sup>7:1</sup> Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>7:2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>7:3</sup> Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." <sup>7:4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>7:5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>7:6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7:7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>7:8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>7:9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>9:10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>7:11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>7:16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever..

Responsive Reading (Mary’s Magnificat) ..... **Luke 1:47-55**

<sup>1:47</sup> My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>1:48</sup> **for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

<sup>1:49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>1:50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>1:51</sup> **He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

### Today-Sunday-December 21- 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. .... Worship  
 10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship/St. Lucia Celebration  
 10:15 a.m. .... Sunday School "Birthday Party for Jesus"

**No ADULT STUDY**

**Wednesday** 4:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Worship/Holy Communion

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING**

11:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship/Holy Communion

### Next Sunday-December 28- 1st Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. .... Worship/Holy Communion  
 10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship

**No SUNDAY SCHOOL/No ADULT STUDY**

### Noisy Offering

Thanks to all who contributed to last week's Noisy Offering. We received just over \$200 to put toward our Sunday School offering goal. Our Sunday School students appreciate your generous help!

### Norwegian Language Service December 23

You are invited to the annual Norwegian language service at Calvary Lutheran in Willmar Tuesday, December 23, at 7 p.m. Fellowship time to follow with coffee and treats. All are encouraged to wear bunads (Norwegian festive garb) or Norwegian sweaters, if you have them.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Offering from Sun., December 14, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance .....	169
Regular Offering .....	\$1708.10
Sunday School .....	\$14.50
Building Fund .....	\$225.00
Pony Express .....	\$110.00
Bible Reimbursement .....	\$161.89
Worker's Comp. Refund .....	\$351.00
Hog Roast Funds (Thrivent) .....	\$500.00
Roast Beef Supper Funds (Thrivent) .....	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3670.49</b>

December Ministry Goal\* .....\$14,990.20  
 Needed (To Date) To Meet Dec. Ministry Goal ....\$6890.71

\*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

### Sweater Sale Continues -

Sweaters are now on sale 2 for the price of 1 through the end of the year. Sales support our Youth Mission Trip, 2009. Great last-minute gift idea!

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope that this time is one of refreshment and encouragement for you. If you would like more information about Immanuel please contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship.

### Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

**Special Music Thank You** - Thank you to both the Starz family and to Katie Peterson for sharing special music during worship today.

### St. Lucia Day Celebrated Today

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a brief St. Lucia Celebration. Our Lucia Queen this year is Haley Holm. Our 2nd grade girls - Taylor Bolton, Teri Evenson, and Jayden Anderson - are our Mint Girls. Our 2nd grade boys - Ryan Peterson & Gunnar Banks - are our Star Boys.

### We Need A Preschool Teacher for Sunday School!

We have a great class of fun preschoolers (and one kindergartener!) that are in need of an adult teacher and possibly some helpers for January thru May. Please consider ministering to our Sunday School preschoolers in this way. We have an opening music leader in place. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Everson or the church office. If we do not find a teacher, we will not be able to offer PreK Sunday School.

**Bible Study Schedule Change** - There will be no men's or women's Bible study this week or next week. Bible study will resume January 6. Both the Women's & Men's studies will be at Peaceful Thymes starting January 6 and 8. Women's study will meet at 8 a.m. as usual. Men's study will be at 7:30 a.m.

### Bible Campers Bulletin Board Information

All Bible campers should turn in their camp memories and photos before January 11 so our camper bulletin board can be completed before Camp Sunday. Please drop off your information in the church office, or email it to [imman@frontiernet.net](mailto:imman@frontiernet.net).

**OUTREACH information is DUE TODAY.**