

Sermon .....“What Time Is It?”

**-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

Hymn of the Day .... #257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”- Verses 1,2,3,7 (Red)

Offering  
Offertory ..... #185 “Create in me...” (Red)

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”*

The Prayers of the Church  
The Lord’s Prayer

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

Announcements  
Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... #452 “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” (Red)  
Postlude

**ENABLING OUR MINISTRY**

<b>Ministers</b> .....All Members	<b>Lector</b> .....Samantha Ehrenberg
<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....Daniel Belgum-Blad	<b>Acolyte</b> .....Hayden Rouser
<b>Council President</b> .....Bob Starz	<b>Ushers</b> .....Nick, Dylan, Jaylen Rossell
<b>Organist</b> .....Deb Mickle	Jennifer & Gerald Schwartz
<b>Secretary</b> .....Janelle Eisenbacher	<b>Greeters</b> .....Gerald & Jennifer Schwartz
<b>Sextons</b> .....Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	<b>Coffee Servers</b> .....John & Sharon Holm
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....Jolene Garberich	Greg & Kim Holm
<b>Offering Counter</b> .....Roger Johnson	

**SAVED**  
**By Grace,**  
**CALLED**  
**To Serve**



**All Members: Ministers**

**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad**  
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## 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 ..... **#659, 253 (Red)**  
**#783 (Blue)**

Opening Hymn ... **#633 "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" - V. 1-2 (Blue)**

Holy Baptism ..... **Pg. 227 (Red)**

Opening Hymn ... **#633 "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" - V. 3-4 (Blue)**

Greeting ..... **Pg. 184 (Red)**

### **-WE PRAISE GOD-**

Hymn of Praise ..... **Pg. 185-186 (Red)**

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

***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.***

### **-GOD SPEAKS TO US-**

First Lesson ..... **Isaiah 64:1-9**

<sup>64:1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--<sup>64:2</sup> as when fire kindles brush wood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>64:3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>64:4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>64:5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>64:6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>64:7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>64:8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>64:9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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.***

Second Lesson ..... **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>1:3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>1:4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>1:5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--<sup>1:6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--<sup>1:7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>1:8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>1:9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation ..... **Pg. 188 "Alleluia..." (Red)**

Holy Gospel ..... **Mark 13:24-37**

Congregational Response ..... **"Glory to You, O Lord"**

<sup>13:24</sup> "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>13:25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>13:26</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>13:27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>13:28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>13:29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>13:30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>13:31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>13:32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>13:33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>13:34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>13:35</sup> Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at mid night, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>13:36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>13:37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Congregational Response ..... **"Praise to You, O Christ"**

Hymn ..... **#593 "Drawn to the Light" (Red)**

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

### Today-Sunday-November 30- 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. ....Worship  
*BAPTISM OF BRODY STRAUMANN*  
 10:00 a.m. ....Fellowship  
 10:15 a.m. ....Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. ....Adult Study  
 11:00 a.m. ....Fellowship Hall Reserved for Straumann Family

**Tuesday** 8:00 a.m. ....Women's Morning Bible Study @ Immanuel

**Wednesday** After School .....Good News Bearers (until 5 p.m.)  
 5:45 p.m. ....Confirmation

**Thursday** 7:00 a.m. ....Men's Morning Bible Study @ Jimmy's Pizza

### Next Sunday-December 7- 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. ....Worship/Holy Communion  
 10:00 a.m. ....Fellowship  
 10:15 a.m. ....Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. ....Adult Study  
 5:00 p.m. ....Christian Education Ministry Team Meets

### Confirmation Servant Project

Confirmation Students are Welcome to Ring for Salvation Army during this season. Students who ring for two hours, may use those hours to replace (in place of) two sermon notes for the year.

More importantly, you will be helping people in need in our community through the community outreach of the Salvation Army. Just call the church office, or contact Pastor Dan with your date and time.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Offering from Sun., November 23, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance .....	97
Regular Offering .....	\$1581.72
Sunday School .....	\$31.00
Building Fund .....	\$85.00
Pony Express .....	\$10.00
Roast Beef Supper .....	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1727.72</b>

November Ministry Goal\* .....\$14,990.20  
 Needed (To Date) To Meet Nov. Ministry Goal . . . \$5591.46

\*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.

## 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).

### **Holy Baptism Celebrated This Morning**

Today we welcome to the Lord's family, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Brody Straumann. Brody is the son of Jeremiah and Kristin Straumann, and his sponsors are Christine Malvin and Courtney Malvin.

### **Sweaters for Sale**

Our youth are having a sweater sale fundraiser. Sweaters are hanging in entry and are priced as marked. Sales support our Youth Mission Trip, 2009.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettias are available to order to help decorate our church for the Christmas season. Cost is \$13. Colors available are red, pink, burgundy, and marble. Order forms are inserted in the bulletin, or are available in the church office. Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 14.

### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Would you like to help people in need? Ringing can be a rewarding experience as well as a way to "give back" to our communities in the area. You can do so by ringing the bell for Salvation Army at a number of locations this season! This runs from Friday, November 21, to December 24. Ringers are needed at Wal-Mart, Kandi Mall (by theatre and by Big K (K-mart), at Cash Wise east and west stores, at Skylark Mall, Green Lake Mall, at Cub Foods (entrance and exit), and The Big Store (in New London). Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; you select when, how long, and where. Call the church office with a time in mind and we will contact the Salvation Army; or you may call at 235-2033.