

2nd Sunday of Advent



Immanuel Lutheran Church | George, IA
Sunday, December 8th | 10:30 a.m.

Hymns

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (LBW 30)

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful (LBW 45)

We Three Kings (WOV 646)

Go tell it on the mountain (LBW 70)

Scripture Readings

WE CAN'T GO ALONE:

Ruth 1 | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

One of life's most essential lessons is that we are never meant to go alone. And yet, modern culture pushes us more and more into lonely silos. If Ruth had followed her culture's norms, she would have gone home to her family of origin after her husband died, but instead, she commits herself to her mother-in-law, Naomi. Together they form a new family and covenant. Ruth and Naomi travel together to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest, foreshadowing the journey Mary and Joseph will one day take to be counted in the census. Both Ruth and Naomi, as well as Mary and Joseph, are unconventional pairs, but if God can bring unlikely people together, God can form us into a covenant community too.

Prayer of the Day

The words of this world whip around us like a mighty mind. We are caught up in news reports, in text messages, in emails and notifications. We are drowning in updates from the media, caught off guard by the constant hum of it all. But here on this bright morning we remember: you too are speaking. Still the voices around us. Calm our minds and center our hearts so that we can hear your words above the wind. We are leaning closer. We are at the edge of our chairs. We are beginning again. Speak to us, as only you can. Amen

Prayer Requests: Bev Kaster, Brad Sandbeck, Clay Hansmann, Doug Hilbrands, Isaiah Sandbeck, Rich Ahrenholtz, Rita Hilbrands, Ruben Stueven, Wanda Parker, Wendy Smith, and Military Families.

Announcements

- Sunday, Dec 8th at 7pm Bethel Reformed Church will have their cantana "Peace on Earth".
- We will be filling Christmas candy sacks on December 13th at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in helping is greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- We are looking for individuals/families/groups to sign up for the lighting of the wreaths. If you are interested in doing this there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- If you would like to bring a soup or sandwiches for the midweek service on December 11th, please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you!

Worship Assistants

Today

Usher: Mark Dickmann

Sound/PPT: Fred Landis & Leo Ver Steeg

Greeters: Mark & Mary Behrens

Reader: Glenda Heidloff

Acolyte: Leo Ver Steeg

Next Week

Usher: Mark Dickmann

Sound/PPT: Greg Ver Steeg & Sosie Ver Steeg

Greeters: Steve & Darla Kruse

Reader: Julie Ver Steeg

Acolyte: Isaiah Sandbeck

This Week At Immanuel

Today, Sunday, December 8th

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, December 9th

9 – 4: Pastor Matt's Office hours George

Wednesday, December 11th

5:30 p.m. – Midweek Advent Service in George

7:00 p.m. – Youth group in George

Sunday, December 15th

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship W/Communion