

RORATE COELI - "RAIN DOWN, YE HEAVENS"  
The Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 20, 2015

Prayer upon entering and leaving God's house: In the front of the hymnal and pages 308-309. Welcome one and all. We pray and trust that you will be enriched as you hear the Word of the Lord, our risen Savior, Jesus, and worship Him. Guests, sign our guest book (providing your complete mailing address), and come again soon. Have a great day and week in the Lord, enjoy the peace He has won, and tell someone about Him this week.

"The body and the blood of Jesus, given and shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins, will be distributed and received during our worship service this morning. Since those who commune at the altar are joined together in Christ as well as together in the teachings of the congregation (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:17-30; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Cor. 10:16-18), Immanuel Lutheran Church observes the historical and biblical practice of Closed Communion so that no one would receive the holy sacrament to their damnation and so that they may give a proper witness to their faith. Visitors from congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are invited to commune. Others are invited to visit with the pastor concerning our Communion practices."

IN HIS SERVICE TODAY ARE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

December Altar Guild: Cheryl Larson & Pat Miller  
8:15 A.M. Ushers – Mike Reed, Hunter Reed, and Isaiah Tews.  
Greeters: Mike & Lori Reed and family. 10:30 A.M. Ushers – Blake Luehmann, Sheldon Luehmann, and Steve Ketchum. Greeters: Steve & Linda Ketchum. Elder on Duty: Roger Ressie

Liturgy: Divine Service 4 page 203  
Hymns: 331 - "The Advent of Our King"  
346 – When All the World Was Cursed"  
Distribution: 334, 354, 383  
357 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THIS WEEK AT SILO

Today 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. – Communion  
9:30 A.M. - Bible Study & Sunday School  
6:30 P.M. – Youth Group Christmas Party  
Monday **December 21 – Scroll items due**

BB @ St. John's, Lewiston  
Wednesday 8:10 A.M. - Chapel  
NO PSC  
Thursday NO School  
7:30 P.M. -- Christmas Eve worship  
Friday 10:00 A.M. - Christmas Day worship  
Sunday One service only  
10:00 A.M. - Worship  
NO Bible Study & Sunday School

Looking ahead:

December 27 - One service at 10:00 A.M. - No SS or Bible Study  
Dec. 31-New Year's Eve – 7:30 P.M. – Worship / Communion  
January 1 – 10:00 A.M. – New Year's Day worship  
January 3 - One service at 10:00 A.M. - No SS or Bible Study  
Installation of LWML Officers  
January 9 – LWML Quilting day  
January 10, 2016 – Installation of church officers at both services  
Change of dates – Operetta – March 11 @ 1:00 & 7:00 P.M.  
and March 12@1:00 P.M.

Please pick up your 2016 offering envelopes in the new entry. Do not begin using them until 2016.

**Advent devotional booklets are available beneath the windows in the narthex. The January-March Portals of Prayer are available in the same area.**

If you have any report ready that needs to be included in the Annual Report, you may turn it into me at any time. Carol

The state of the church's finances continues to be in desperate need of funds. As of December 1, we are about \$15,000 behind in our bills. Please with prayers and thoughtfulness whatever you can give from the heart will be appreciated. Mark Swenson

Scrip cards are available in the cafeteria on school mornings from 7:45 – 8:15. Thanks Joanne for taking your time to make Scrip cards available at this time. Thank you Jana Prigge and Paula Michalowski for managing the Scrip program.

Preschool registration for 2015-2016 remains open. Preschool is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Morning session is from 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Afternoon session is from 12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Call the school (523-3143) or e-mail Miss Steinberg to register. Please include the student's name and whether you prefer AM or PM session. There is a \$30 registration fee due at the time of registration.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Children's Christmas program, December 16: 247+306=553  
Church Attendance for Sunday, December 13: 41  
Bible study attendance for Sunday, December 13: 134+63=197  
Offering for Wednesday, Dec. 9: \$871.40 (Hope LHS)  
Offering for Sunday, Dec. 13: \$11,546.00 (Home),  
\$100.00 (Missions), \$75.51 (Loose), \$190.00 (Building)  
Total Offering for Sunday, December 13: \$11,911.51  
2014 Budget required contributions / week: \$11,686  
PRAISE THE LORD FOR THESE GIFTS!

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Special Services, times and offering designations 2015-2016

Thursday, Christmas Eve – Dec, 24 7:30 P.M.

Offering: POBLO & LINC

Friday, Christmas Day – Dec. 25 10:00 A.M. Home

December 27 - One service at 10:00 A.M.

No Sunday School or Bible Study

Thurs., New Year's Eve (Communion) 7:30 P.M. Home

Friday, New Year's Day 10:00 A.M. Local Lutheran Hour

January 3 - One service at 10:00 A.M.

No Sunday School or Bible Study