SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2025

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, "a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots" (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is "a signal for the peoples" (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. "With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips" (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the "root of Jesse" comes to us, "even he who arises to rule the Gentiles" (Rom. 15:12), that "we might have hope" and be filled "with all joy and peace in believing" (Rom. 15:4, 13).

*Please stand as you are able for parts of the service marked with a "**+**"*

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+ Invocation and Confession and Absolution **p. 184**
+ Introit Psalm 105

P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
P: Seek the Lord and his strength;
C: seek his presence continually!
P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
C: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
P: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
C: children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
P: He is the Lord our God;
C: his judgments are in all the earth.
P: He remembers his covenant forever,
C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

+ Gloria Patri -- *Glory to the Father…* **p. 186**
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Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1–10

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge
by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with
equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with
the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the
belt of his loins.
6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down
with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf
together; and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down
together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the
earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover
the sea.
10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the
peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place
shall be glorious.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Choir " Prepare the Way"

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:4–13

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, that through endurance and through the
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **5** May the
God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such
harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, **6** that
together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God.
8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to
show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to
the patriarchs, **9** and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God
for his mercy. As it is written,
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your
name."
10 And again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the
peoples extol him."
12 And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he
who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

+ Alleluia **p. 190**

+ Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1–12

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness
of Judea, **2** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **3** For
this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:'Prepare the way of
the Lord; make his paths straight.'"
4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt
around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5** Then
Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were
going out to him, **6** and they were baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins.
7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming
to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned
you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bear fruit in keeping with
repentance. **9** And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have
Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones
to raise up children for Abraham. **10** Even now the axe is laid to
the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good
fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming
after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to
carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His
winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor
and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire."
P:This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise be to Thee O Christ**

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Sunday Services: 8:15 and 10:30 AM
Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Announcements for Sunday December 7

Communion Statement

"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. This is done 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 OUR PRAYERS

Our shut-ins: Jo Tews
Marcia Vickmark
All who are ill or suffering in these trying times

THIS WEEK AT SILO:

Mon Dec 8 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting
Tue Dec 9 6pm Elders Mtg
Wed Dec 10 1:30pm Advent - 3rd/4th grade sing & 7pm Advent Service
Thu Dec 11 9am Circuit Pastors
Thu Dec 11 3:30pm BB vs St John's

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun Dec 14 LWML Christmas party following 2nd service
Mon Dec 15 4:15pm BB at Rochester Home School
Thu Dec 18 4:30pm BB Resurrection at Silo
Fri Dec 19 Silo School Christmas Program 9am, 1pm, 6:30pm

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Ushers: 8:15:
10:30:
Altar Guild: Brenda Haag & Amber Opsahl

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete the 2026 usher survey by Dec 21. Extra copies are available in the entryway. Thanks!

The family of Bernice Matzke would like to thank all family and friends who visited, brought food or sent messages of caring and comfort. We appreciate it all. God Bless You!

Choir will practice Sunday, December 14, at 6:30pm**.**

Tonight from 5-7pm our youth group will be putting on a live nativity scene and hosting a meal. If you have not witnessed this wondrous presentation before, please take this opportunity to come out and enjoy it. Youth group members and choir members will be singing familiar Christmas hymns throughout the live nativity event. Please feel free to join the singing for one or all songs. We'll have extra copies of music available.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML will host their Christmas party Sunday Dec 14 after church services.

Live Nativity Scene



Immanuel Silo

December 7th
5 - 7pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Live animals, choir, and scripture reading

Soup and Sandwich Meal

All proceeds go to Silo's Youth Group

Meal and Nativity are free will donation

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