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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in this Advent season it is time once again to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that as we hear Your Word the Spirit may work in our hearts that we may come before You in true repentance, confessing our sin, and trusting in Jesus for full and free forgiveness. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, ready our hearts for His return that we may live before you for all eternity, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (377:10)

HYMNS: 64; 604; 60; 399:3

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

The Apostle Paul encourages us, in these last days, to flee the many foolish and hurtful obsessions of the world and, rather, to lay hold of eternal life. To this end we ought to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. We ought to live in anticipation of the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is all powerful and all glorious.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:20-30

Many today still slip into the false idea that Jesus is coming to establish a temporal, physical kingdom here on earth, perhaps in the area of present day Israel. The Kingdom of God which Jesus brought into the world is the gracious rule of Christ in your hearts. So don't be deceived by books or movies or TV evangelists that would direct you to earthly signs indicating where or when Christ shall appear. When He comes again it will be sudden, and all the world will know it together. Until then, life in this world—with all its routine activities—will go on as normal.

THE SERMON: Malachi 4:1-6

Theme: The Coming of a Day of Extremes

- I. A Day of Horror
- II. A Day of Blissful Joy
- III. A Prophet's Call for Preparation

CALENDAR

TODAY: Christmas Program Practice and congregation Christmas fellowship with church decorating and pot luck dinner follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Advent meditation at 7:00 p.m. Text: Numbers 24:17. Soup and Sandwich Supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday in Advent -Worship at 9:30 with Christmas Program Practice and Bible Class following the service. Sermon text: Romans 2:12-16.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

December 17: Our final Midweek Advent meditation! Soup and sandwich supper will begin serving at 6:00 p.m. with Advent meditation at 7:00.

For our Advent meditations we will be revisiting our advent series from 2007 with the theme *Advent Stars*.

December 24: Christmas Eve Children's service begins at **6:00** p.m.

December 25: Christmas Festival worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 31: New Year's Eve worship at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Teresa Glocke

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Ken Nickson

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Worship 30, Nov. 30 Worship 24
Sunday school 3; Bible Class – 8 Midweek Advent Dec. 3 - 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	1084.00	
Needed for Year:	51,140.00	
Received for Year:	43,533.00	

CLC NEWS: The Rev. John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran Fridley, MN has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI. <> The Rev. Doug Priestap, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Calgary, AB Canada has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Live Oak, FL.

Immanuel Positions: Immanuel is hiring a new dormitory supervisor for our female students and a new food services manager/head cook. Job descriptions are available from your pastor. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu / 715.836.6620) prior to the deadline on January 11, 2015.

AT THE HOSPITAL: Samantha Barthels was re-admitted to Methodist Hospital Friday afternoon. Her parents are continuing to take turns serving as Samantha's care givers during this critical stage in her treatment. Pastor will be in Rochester from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon each week. Pastor can always be reached on his cell phone. Updates on Samantha's condition can be found on caringbridge.org/visit/samanthabarthels

CALENDARS: Our 2015 congregation calendars have arrived (courtesy of Worlein Funeral Home). Please feel free to take what you can use or even one for a friend. We have a good supply and it would be good to see them in people's homes.

CHRISTMAS BAG DONATIONS: Donations towards the cost of our traditional Christmas Eve bags containing candy and peanuts and fruit is now being received in the basket by the mailbox table in the narthex. Your support is appreciated.

PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL: Please note that Charter has changed the public access channel from an easily found 6 to a hidden 181. Our services should now be available on at 7:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays, on cable channel 181.