



THIRD SUNDAY OF
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Christian Reformed Church of Pease
December 14, 2025 - 9:30 A.M
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We Enter God's Presence

Prelude: Ada Bekius, Molly Tetzke, Aeli Luckhurst

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Here I Am to Worship (Christmas)"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hoffman Family

Intercessory Prayer: Ella Tetzke

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Community Christian School

We Hear God's Word

Preschool Christmas Skit: **"The 12 Symbols of Christmas"**

Bell Choir: Joy to the World

Youth Christmas Program: **"Emmanuel, God With Us"**

Children's Message: Bailey Ash

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-8

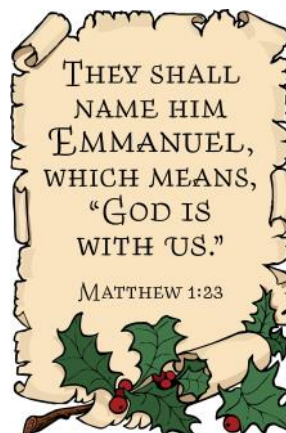
Message: **"The King is Coming"**

Prayer of Application

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *"Benediction (May the Peace of God)"*



The 12 Symbols of Christmas (Preschool)

Cast: Gentry & Kolt Bemis, Aubrey Burklund, Ann & Ginny Fradette, Levi Fradette, Mark Hemmerich, Ivy Hoffman, Walker & Wrenley Hoffman, Addy Junker, Axel Luckhurst, Cooper Moorlag, Hoyt Ringgaard, Lennox & Weston Van Zee

Narrated by: Mallery Vander Plaats

Led by: Beth Sumner, Char Burklund, Heather Van Zee, Shawny Thompson

Emmanuel, God With Us

Praise Team: Piper Ringgaard, Avery & Maddie Schreur, Kennedy Van Zee, Dort Brink (organ), Emily Fradette (piano)

Bell Choir: Ada Bekius, Riley & Thomas Byykkonen, Cooper Fradette, Brinley Hemmerich, Teddy Hoffman, Owen Luckhurst, Henry Moorlag, Mason Ringgaard, Reagan Schreur, Brody Sikkink, Levi & William Swanson, Willa & Wrenley Thompson, Emily Fradette (director)

Scripture: Elava Hoffman, Aeli Luckhurst

Joseph & Mary: Isaiah Moorlag, Ada Bemis

Shepherds: Owen Luckhurst, Henry Moorlag, Teddy Hoffman

Wise Men: Thomas Byykkonen, Mason Ringgaard, Brody Sikkink

Star: Brinley Hemmerich

Herod: Darin Moorlag

Innkeeper: Willa Thompson

Villager: Ada Bekius

Words of Jesus: Wilfred Bekius

Narrator: Carrie Luckhurst

Costumes & Props: Donna Hastings, Twila Hastings, Hope Vermeer

Production Managers: Bailey Ash, Jackee Bekius, Emily Fradette, Haley Hemmerich, Carrie Luckhurst

Tech Team: Linda Droogsma, Ryan Swanson, Carrie Rosenberg

A special thanks to the countless people who lent a helping hand gathering supplies, supervising children, practicing parts and songs, moving furniture, and helping direct kids. It is a community effort, and we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you!

"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests".
Luke 2:14



As we continue to reflect on Advent, may this time of worship be a time of preparing a way for the Lord in your own heart and life.
Welcome to our worship of Emmanuel-God with us!

This morning we have the opportunity to hear the Christmas story as told by our youth! Children will be called forward when it is time for their program, and will be excused to sit their families for the remainder of the service. Following the children's programs, we will also hear a short message from Dylan Moorlag entitled "The King is Coming" from Revelation 21:1-8.



Next Sunday, Pastor Brad will resume his Hidden Characters of Christmas sermon series with the message "Herod" as found in Matthew 2:1-18. We will also install our new elders and deacons during this service.



SNL is tonight! GEMS, Cadets, and Kid's Club all meet at 3:00 (NO adult class). The **GEMS/Prayer Partner Tea** will begin at 3:15.

Thank you to everyone who took mittens from the **Mitten Tree**! All (unwrapped) gifts are due back TODAY!



Christmas cards are due today to the box located right outside the office. Have names clearly marked on the front of each envelope.

Join us in the sanctuary at 3:00 next Sunday, December 21, for a traditional Christmas Hymn Sing!



Salvation Army bell ringers are still needed! See the bulletin board for more information, or visit: registertoring.com

Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to:

- >**Betty De Boer**, celebrating 83 years today, December 14.
- >**Sadie Tellinghuisen**, celebrating 99 years today, December 14.
- >**Delores Bekius**, celebrating 83 years on Saturday, December 20.

Congratulations to **Travis & Megan Krotzer** on the birth of baby boy **Emmett Thomas** on December 5!

Please pray for **Susie Vedders**, as she was hospitalized in Princeton this week with a blood infection.

Your prayers are requested for Pastor Brad's parents, **Merle & Marge Bierma**, in Montrose, Colorado. Marge is in the hospital with complications from a virus and cancer.

"Thank you to everyone for your cards, visits, texts, food, and notes of encouragement after my recent surgery. It is such a blessing to be a part of a loving and caring church family!"
~**Steve Hubers**

"We want to thank the congregation for the beautiful cards, letters, phone calls, and prayer sent to us as we celebrated our 65 years of marriage. We have been so blessed by our amazing God. Praise God from whom all our blessings come from. We want to thank those who brought food and goodies to our place. Thanks also to Shirley Geurkink who came with cards and a bouquet of flowers. We had a great fun time visiting with her, so special thanks to her. We are so blessed to be a part of a loving, caring body of believers."
~**Ed & Dorothy Hanenburg**

A purple and yellow Columbia winter jacket was taken by accident from church on November 30. If you have it, please let the office know.

The **GAP Team** is in search of drivers to both drop them off at the airport on January 17, and pick them up again on January 24. If you are available either of those day, or would like more info, please contact Keith or Keri Cook!

Prayer request for Guatemala: Some of you may remember meeting Chris and Liz from Emanuel Church in Xela (Moises' church that we visited during the earlier trips). We met Liz during our second trip to Guatemala when she represented their youth group. Liz and Warren Kamstra made a connection and had a very special friendship. Chris is from FL and after meeting Liz during his one year mission trip, they are now married, with two boys, and do mission work in Guatemala through Nova. They recently moved their mission to a small, extremely poor community near Antigua. They send the following prayer request: Please pray for Victor and his family. Victor's wife left without a word last week, and he is struggling not to return to his old ways of drinking. Instead, he reached out to Liz and Chris. What a blessing that he felt he could go to them for prayers, since they haven't lived their that long. What a blessing that here in MN, so far from Guatemala, we can pray for this family too! If any of you would like to hear more about the mission work that Liz and Chris are doing, please reach out to Julee Moorlag or Jennifer Elton. Thank you for praying!



Around the world a lot of people are thinking about giving and receiving gifts for Christmas. Did you know that Christmas is, in some way, God's gift to God? It marks that important moment when God entered our earthly life in order to restore God's broken world through the cross of Christ and the empty tomb. A restored world has been a desire of God's heart for a long time, so now is a good time to write God a Christmas card, praising the Lord that salvation is possible through the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts:

Community Christian School- \$802.00
World Renew- \$2,254.00
Perrin Werner Japanese Ministry- \$1,540.00
Partners in Education (CCS)- \$1,058.00
125 Campaign- \$1,408.00
November General Fund: \$46,827.89

The second offerings through December will be taken as follows:

December 21- Milaca Area Food Pantry
December 25- Guatemala Action Project
December 28- 125 Campaign



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 14

9:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship
3:00 p.m.	SNL (NO Adult Class)
3:15 p.m.	GEMS/Prayer Partner Christmas Tea

Tuesday, December 16

4:30 p.m.	New Officebearer Orientation
6:00 p.m.	Elders & Deacons Meet
7:00 p.m.	Full Council Meets

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 a.m.	Coffee in the Fireside Room
6:00 p.m.	Coffee Break Christmas Party
6:45 p.m.	REC & REC Jr. Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18

7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
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Advance Notice

Christmas Hymn Sing- December 21

Christmas Morning Worship- December 25



Community Announcements

Zion Lutheran Church has a couple events that they welcome you to attend, including a **Todd Lines concert** and singalong, as well as their **Blue Christmas** service. More information can be found on the bulletin boards.

Alone? New to the community? Can't be with family this year? You're invited to a free **Community Christmas Dinner** on December 25th. Limited delivery available. Request your meal ASAP- more info is on the bulletin boards.

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, December 14: Ryan Swanson

Next Sunday, December 21: Jeff Hanenburg

Media Today, December 14: Linda Droogsma

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Livestream Today, December 14: Carrie Rosenberg

Next Sunday, December 21: Sam Fradette



Greeters Today, December 14:

East Door: Dianne Christensen

Next Sunday, December 21:

East Door: Twila & Donna Hastings

West Door: Harly & Pauline Pap

West Door: Pete & Betty De Boer

Ushers Today, December 14:

East: Morris Droogsma

West: Den Kiel

Next Sunday, December 21:

East: Mitch & Edie Kuperus

West: George Droogsma

Center: Greg Brink

Center: John & Carol Teeler

Nursery Today, December 14: *No Nursery~ Christmas Program*

Next Sunday, December 21:

Leaders: Carrie Luckhurst, Nicole Hoffman

Helpers: Darin Moorlag, Maddie Pipkin

Children's Church Today, December 14:

Little Lambs: *No Class- Christmas Program*

Worship Center: *No Class- Christmas Program*

Sunday School: *No Class~ Christmas Program*

Children's Church Next Sunday, December 21:

Little Lambs: *"Jesus is Born!"*

Leader: Debbie Vedders

Worship Center: *"Meeting the Christ Child"*

Leader: Michelle Schluender

Sunday School: *Christmas Lesson 1*

2nd & 3rd Grade: Bailey Ash

Greeter: Ty P., Wilfred B.

Greeter: Amelia Schluender

4th & 5th Grade: Karlee B., Cheryl V.