

The Gathering

The First Sunday in Advent

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Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

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† The First Sunday in Advent †

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

AS WE GATHER ~ Though a full month remains before we turn our calendars to 2025, today we can wish a "happy new year" in the life of the church. The Advent season begins a new church year and is a time of preparation, as the Latin "Adventus" means an arrival or coming of someone. More than preparing for the coming of just anyone, here we prepare for our Savior. As we get hearts and minds ready for the Christmas crescendo to come celebrating Christ's humble birth, we also remain prepared in this season and always as He promises to come again.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE

Awesome God

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love.
Our God is an awesome God.**

Step By Step

**Oh, God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
Oh, God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your way.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

Hosanna

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away.**

Chorus: **Hosanna, hosanna. You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises. Hosanna, hosanna.
Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.**

**Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your kingdom, broken lives are made new, You make us new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away. *Chorus***

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**'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away. Repeat, then Chorus
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.** (John 20:19-23)

PSALM 25:1-10

Pastor: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Pastor: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

People: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

People: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *Chorus*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you.

(Luke 1:28)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*
You're the Light unto my path.

SONG OF THE DAY*How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of a King clothed in majesty.

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,

And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands.

Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead, Three in one, Father, Spirit, Son.

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of our praise.

My heart will sing, how great is our God. *Chorus*

MESSAGE*Dwell Securely***STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and

apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

COMMUNION

As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: So we come to You to commune with You in this sacrament, and join the angels and all those in heaven singing...

HOSANNA

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Repeat*

Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest. *Repeat*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

**O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.
O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O, wash me in Your precious blood, 'til I am just a lamb of God.**

COMMUNION SONGS

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus: **Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son.**

And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,

And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Chorus*

This Holy Place

**Joy surrounds this holy place, for our sins are washed away
By the blood of God's own Son, Jesus Christ, the chosen one.
If Christ has set us free, then we are free indeed
To worship Him with joy in this holy place.**

**Love unites this holy place as we seek the Savior's face.
Hearts are gathered here as one, sinners saved by God's own Son.
The Lord is present here, His love is what we share.
And everyone is welcome in this holy place.**

**As we leave this holy place, filled with God's abundant grace,
May the gentle spirit of Jesus sacrificial love
Be manifest anew in all we say and do until we meet again in this holy place.**

His love be manifest anew in all we say and do until we meet again in this holy place.

BLESSING

Pastor: And now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Hosanna

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Worthy of all our praises. Hosanna, hosanna.

Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus.



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel
in the offering plate as you leave.*