



TO WHOM DOES JESUS COME?

Join your Emanuel family at either 10:30am or 7pm on Wednesdays in December to learn each week about who it is that Jesus comes for:

December 3: To the one who doubts - Zechariah

December 10: To the one who needs clarity - Mary

December 17: To the one who doesn't understand - Joseph

The *Lutheran Lunch Ladies* will be serving Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, & Sweets each week after the 10:30am service, and working with the youth to serve supper at 6pm before the 7pm service.

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The Gathering

The Second Sunday in Advent

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

† The Second 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.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ The problem with good works is not that we should do them but why. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God's mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE

Take My Life

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.**

**Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,
Always, only for my King.**

**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
Not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (1, 3, 4)

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**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain***

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain***

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6)

Pastor: May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

People: May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I
know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but
some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by
His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of
Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

PSALM 72:1-7

Pastor: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Pastor: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

**People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the
children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

Pastor: May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout
all generations!

**People: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water
the earth!**

Pastor: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
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

Leader:

This is the day
 That the Lord has made
 We will rejoice
 And be glad in it

This Is the Day

Congregation:

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader:

This is the day

Congregation:

This is the day

That the Lord has made. Repeat

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way to 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 (ESV)

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And 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.

³And 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,

⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The 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.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
 their young shall lie down together;
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
 and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰In 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.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 15:4-13 (ESV)

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For 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, ⁹and 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."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May 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.

THY WORD

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12 (*ESV*)

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For 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.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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 with fire. ¹²His 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.”

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

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

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**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**Lay on the sick Thy healing hand and make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face till beauty springs in ev'ry place.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to Thee whose advent sets Thy people free.
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

MESSAGE

The Prophet’s Proclamation

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***Light of The World***

O Jesus, Son of God, so full of grace and truth,

The Father's saving Word, so wonderful are You.

The angels longed to see, and prophets searched to find the glory we have seen revealed.

You shone upon the earth, but who will understand?

You came unto Your own, but who will recognize?

Your birth was prophesied, for You were the Messiah

Who came and walked upon the earth.

Your glory we have seen, the one and only King, and now You're living in our hearts.

Chorus: Light of the world, light of the world, light of the world, You shine upon us.

In You all things were made, and nothing without You

In heaven and on earth. All things are held in You,

And yet You became flesh, living as one of us under the shadow of the cross

Where, through the blood You shed, You have made peace again.

Peace for a world that God so loves. Repeat, then Chorus

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins releases us; let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king!
 Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

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*Days of Elijah*

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
 And these are the days of his servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.
 And these are the days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword.
 So we are the voice in the desert crying: prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

Chorus: **Behold He comes, riding on a cloud,
 Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
 Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
 And these are the days of his servant, David, re-building the temple of praise.
 And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are all white in your world.
 And we are the laborers in your vineyard; declaring the word of the Lord.**

Chorus twice

There's no God like Jehovah (12 times) Repeat chorus twice

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 offering plate as you leave.*