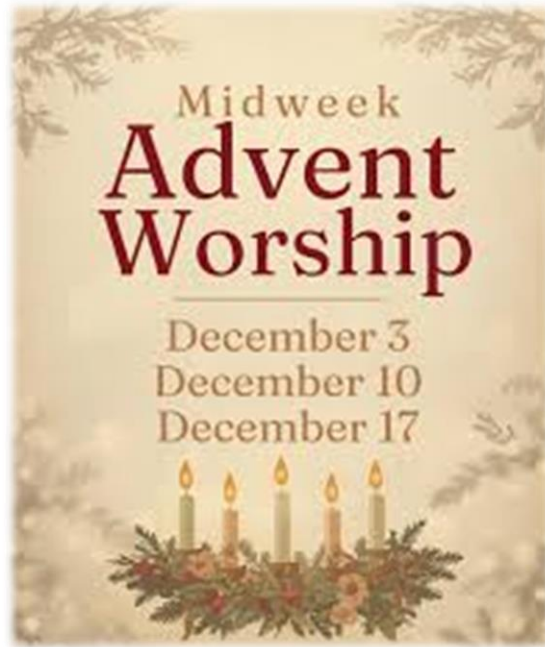




TO WHOM DOES JESUS COME?

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer

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The Gathering

The First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025



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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.

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 ~ Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. The cry of Advent is “prepare the way of the Lord.” We will echo the words of John the Baptist, heralding Christ’s coming. We will join in the chant of the crowd: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Matthew 21:9). We will hear Him speak to us through the voice of His Word. We will feast upon His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. In all our preparations, we acclaim Him as Lord and receive Him and all His benefits.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans,
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone,
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.

Chorus: And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore,
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far,
And if I were a shepherd, I would do my part,
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. *Chorus*

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies.
This baby born for sacrifice, Christ, the Messiah.
Into our hopes, into our fears the Savior of the world appears,
The promise of eternal years, Christ, the Messiah. *Chorus*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (1, 2)

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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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6)

Pastor: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

People: So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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 122

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

People: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

People: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Pastor: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!”

Pastor: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”

People: For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”

Pastor: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**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

Sing to The King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign, glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.

Life and salvation His empire shall bring, and joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Chorus: Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus,

He is all we need.

Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus,

Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray, we will be ready the dawn of that day.

We’ll join in singing with all the redeemed, ’cause Satan is vanquished, and Jesus is King.

Chorus twice

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days

that the mountain of the house of the Lord

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:8-14 (ESV)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THY WORD

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he

will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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 *Hark the Glad Sound*

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne and ev’ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris’ners to release, in Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches right with Thy beloved name.**

MESSAGE *O Come, O Come, See the Word*

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was**

buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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 *All Hail, King Jesus*

**All hail, King Jesus, all hail, Emmanuel;
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I’m going to praise Him,
And forevermore I will reign with Him. *Repeat all***



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