

Advent Midweek Two

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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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Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer
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Acolytes: Madeline Reddinger (7:00)
Elder: Dennis Herman (10:30)
Wade Benjamin (7:00)
Ushers: Group 1 (Sam Bender, Jeff Turner) (7:00)

† Blue Ribbon: Jesus as Priest †

Service of Prayer and Preaching ~ Page 260

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 ~ The church uses various colors to mark the different seasons of the church year. As we begin a new church year, we want to examine shades of the color blue, often used during Advent, to symbolize purity and royalty. Each sermon will examine one of the *roles* of Christ: Christ as prophet, as priest, as king, and as Messiah.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Once He Came in Blessing* *LSB 333*

**Once He came in blessing, all our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.**

**Now He gently leads us; with Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish souls that they may flourish.**

**Soon will come that hour when with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor and will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing joy beyond comparing.**

**Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, that we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You till in heav'n we bless You.**

OPENING VERSICLES ~ Page 260 ↑

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

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Pastor: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
People: Our God shall come; He does not keep silence. (Psalm 50:2-3a)

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord.
People: Make His paths straight. (Isaiah 40:3)

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
People: Le the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth. (Isaiah 45:8)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE ~ Page 261-262 ↑ (Isaiah 12:2b-6)

Please turn to Page 261-262 in the front part of your hymnal for music.

Refrain: **The Lord God is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.**

**With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
Make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."**

Refrain

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
Let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Refrain

**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.**

Refrain

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓ Genesis 14:17-20 (ESV)

Abram Blessed by Melchizedek

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

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¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said,
 “Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
 Possessor of heaven and earth;
²⁰and blessed be God Most High,
 who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”
 And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING ↓

Hebrews 5:5-10 (ESV)

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,
 “You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you”;
⁶as he says also in another place,
 “You are a priest forever,
 after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY ~ Page 263 ↑

Pastor: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

People: **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Pastor: He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

People: **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

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Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

(Jeremiah 23:5, 6b)

CATECHISM ~ Page 264 ↑

Ten Commandments

(Exodus 20:2-17)

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

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.

(Matthew 6:9-13)

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *LSB 357*

**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!**

**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.** *Refrain*

**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*

**O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.** *Refrain*

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.** *Refrain*

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace.** *Refrain*

SERMON ↓ *Blue Ribbon: Jesus as Priest* *Hebrews 5:5-10*

PRAYER ~ Page 265 ↑

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD ~ Page 265 ↑

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER ~ Page 266 ↑ (10:30) (Small Catechism)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER ~ Page 266 ↑ (7:00) (Small Catechism)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins

where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING ~ Page 267 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

♪ **CLOSING HYMN ↑** *Away in a Manger (verse 3)* **LSB 364**

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,

And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

POSTLUDE



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