



LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship
 WOV - With One Voice
 CH - Celebration Hymnal

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2nd Sunday of Advent

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Lay Reader: Doris Ralph

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Acolyte: Gabe Walk

Prelude: *"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"* Michael Praetorius

"Aleluiah! Song of Sweetness" Paul Manz

"The Advent of Our King" Healey Willan

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: ***Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*** WOV # 633

Greeting LBW p. 78

Advent Kyrie

P: O Lord, have mercy and come to us.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation:

C: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

P: O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

C: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

P: O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

C: Come quickly to deliver us.

P: O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior:

C: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Hymn of Praise: ***Prepare the Royal Highway*** LBW # 26

Prayer of the Day: **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son.**

By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Choir Anthems: *"Seeking the King"* & *"When Will Messiah Come"*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

P: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of Hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of Peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

(The candles are lit – we join in singing verse one of LBW # 34)

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord...make paths straight. Valleys and mountains shall stand side by side. God's glory is about to be revealed to all.

C: We light the second Advent Candle as a sign of peace in a world broken by violence and injustice. God's Messiah is on his way. Repent...be forgiven of your sins...be washed in the waters of Baptism...share in God's transforming grace. Come, Lord Jesus. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Women: those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Men: The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together.

P: The candle of Hope already burns bright.

Men: The coming Christ desires us all to thrive, patiently wanting us to turn from the ways of sin and death. As we wait for the coming of the day of God, we want to be ready.

Women: Seeking a straight path, we light this candle of Peace to guide our steps. Together, we prepare the way and strive to lead lives of holiness, goodness, and peace.

C: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Verse: **Alleluia...** and Gospel Acclamation LBW p. 83

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: **All Earth is Hopeful** WOV # 629

The Apostles' Creed LBW p. 84

The Collection of the Offering: "Air de Noel" Jean Romary Grosjean

Offering Response:LBW # 23 v. 3

***I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; You came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me, A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.***

Prayer and Lord's Prayer LBW p. 97

Benediction and Amen LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers** LBW # 25

Chimes and Postlude: "Once He Came in Blessing" Johann S. Bach



Welcome to worship at Emmanuel! We praise God for this day and the opportunity to hear His Word. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments- and then let us walk into the world, living as disciples of the Lord.

Join us today at 3 pm for our Live Nativity! The event will be followed by refreshments. Invite your friends!

You're invited to order one or more poinsettias in memory of, or in honor of loved ones. There are order forms on the bench in the Narthex; you can mail or drop them off with your payment at the church office.

Dear members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran: We would like for you to be aware that our Advent and Christmas offering for 2017 will remain at Emmanuel. After serious contemplation we decided not to split the upcoming offerings as we have in the past but rather add them to our Current Fund in light of a relatively low working balance. It is our hope and intent to resume Emmanuel's tradition of splitting the Advent and Christmas offerings in future years. Thank you to everyone who has been faithful and charitable in supporting our ministry this past year. We especially thank you for boosting our Building Fund and for the generosity you showed toward our Mission Fest recipient. May God bless giver and gifts.

-The Stewardship Board

We will have one more ADVENT SERVICE for this Advent season: this Wednesday, December 13th. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm and spend some time with one another singing and discussing Advent hymns. What is the message? Why do we sing them?

Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be Next Sunday December 17th at 6:30pm. Each family is asked to bring one dozen cookies for the gathering afterwards.

We are expressing our condolences to the family of Luke Wilde, the son of Elmer and Jodi Wilde. There will be a Memorial gathering for Luke, today, December 10th at 3 pm at the Grafton Community Center. Luke died on November 13th in Las Vegas. Please keep his family in prayer and share the news with those who might not yet have heard.



This Week at Emmanuel December 11 - 17		
Tuesday, December 12	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 13	4:15 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	Advent Service
Thursday, December 14	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, December 17	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Christmas Program

Advent and Christmas Worship Services

Wednesday, December 13	7:00 pm	Advent Worship Service
Sunday, December 17	9:30 am	3 rd Sunday of Advent
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 24	9:30 am	Christmas Eve Morning
Sunday, December 24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Night
Monday, December 25	9:30 am	Christmas Day
Sunday, December 31	9:30 am	New Year's Eve Morning

Sunday Offering for December 3,		Attendance: 84
Current- \$ 2011	Benevolence- \$ 150	Building- \$ 75
Sunday School- \$ 13		Food Bank- \$ -