



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

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**4th Sunday of Advent
 December 24, 2017**

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Prelude:

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*..... LBW # 34

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: *The Magnificat* Insert

Prayer of the Day: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

P: We have lit three candles—for Hope, for Peace, and for Joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of Love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us first.

(The candles are lit. We join in singing verse of LBW # 34)

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.

P: The lights that we have kindled each week light the way to the coming Christ.

Men: The candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy glow brilliantly. Today, we light the candle of Love.

P: The coming Lord is forever faithful. The never-ending affection and tenderness that Christ has for us is a gift unequalled.

Women: Praising the God who cares so deeply for all creation, we light this candle. Together, we will demonstrate and share the love of Christ.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Second Lesson: Romans 16:25-27
 Verse: **Alleluia...** and Gospel Acclamation LBW p. 83
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
 Hymn: **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**..... LBW # 30
 Sermon: **The Blinking Shoes of Mary**
 Sermon Hymn: **The King Shall Come** LBW # 33
 The Apostles' Creed LBW p. 84
 The Collection of the Offering
 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: **O Little Town of Bethlehem** LBW # 41
 Chimes and Postlude:

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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.

We would like for you to be aware that our Christmas offering for 2017 will remain at Emmanuel in light of a relatively low working balance. Thank you to everyone who has been faithful and charitable in supporting our ministry this past year.

-The Stewardship Board



Please note that we will not have a Fellowship Coffee Hour after the Christmas Day service.

Weekly Calendar and Christmas Worship Services		
Sunday, December 24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Monday, December 25	9:30 am	Christmas Day Service
Tuesday, December 26		Office & Building Closed
Wednesday, December	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, December 31	9:30 am	New Year's Eve Morning
Monday, January 1		Office & Building Closed

Sunday Offering for December 17		Attendance: 91
Current- \$1,898.07	Benevolence- \$70	Building- \$390
Sunday School- \$ 277.25		Food Bank- \$0