

 <small>North American Lutheran Church</small>	<b>EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> PO Box 282 308 4th Avenue Grafton, Iowa 50440 Office: 641-748-2736 Parsonage: 641-748-2050 emanluthch@wctatel.net PastorZ@wctatel.net www.emmanuelgrafton.org	WOV - With One Voice CH - Celebration Hymnal LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

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**3rd Sunday of Advent  
 December 15, 2019**

Prelude: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" Rudolf Moser/"The Advent of Our Kine" Healey Willan  
 Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 77  
 Entrance Hymn: *Prepare the Royal Highway*.....LBW # 26  
 Greeting.....LBW p. 78

Advent Kyrie (spoken)

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* .....See Insert

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Third Candle is the Shepherd's Candle—Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Choir Anthems: *"The Coming of the Lord"* & *"He is the King of Glory"*

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Lesson: James 5:7-10

Verse: Gospel Versicle "Ancient Words"

**Holy words long preserved  
 for our walk in this world,  
 They resound with God's own heart  
 Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Words of Life, words of Hope  
 Give us strength, help us cope  
 In this world, where e'er we roam  
 Ancient words will guide us Home.**

**Refrain: Ancient words ever true  
 Changing me, and changing you.  
 We have come with open hearts  
 Oh let the ancient words impart.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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 Oh let the ancient words impart.**

*Ancient Words: Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman, Tony W. Wood- Public Domain*

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

Sermon

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

Apostles' Creed.....LBW p. 85

The Collection of the Offering/Noisy Offering: *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* Johann H. Buttstedt

Offering Response: *Create in Me*.....LBW p. 96

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.....LBW p. 97

Benediction and Amen .....LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *Hark, the Glad Sound!*.....LBW # 35

Chimes and Postlude: *"Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come"* Ludwig Lenel

**Welcome to worship at Emmanuel!** In the name of Jesus and during this Advent season of preparation for His coming, we are glad you can share this time with us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

**Thank you...**to all who baked and purchased cookies at our Cookie-Walk this year.

**Poinsettia forms...**are available on the small table in the Narthex for anyone interested in purchasing one or more this season.

**Blessed is He Who Comes...**is the title of this year's Advent devotions from the NALC. There are copies of this devotional booklet available on the table inside the front church doors. Please feel free to take one.

**Congratulations....**to Kyle Hulshizer for his completion of the Physical Therapy program at the University of Iowa. He will receive his Doctorate on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. And to Carrissa Trenhaile, who will be graduating on Saturday from St. Ambrose University in Davenport and will be a PA (Physician Assistant).

The Magic of  
*Christmas*  
is not in the presents  
but in *His*   
presence

## Upcoming Emmanuel Events to Remember...



*Tonight: Children's Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m.;*

### **"Christmas in Genesis? How could This Be?"**

We will join for a little celebration in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Families are encouraged to bring along some cookies or a treat of their choice to share. Come and hear how the story of Jesus in the manger goes all the way back to the beginning of Scripture and God's story with humanity.

*Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - the final Advent Service at 6:30 p.m.  
(Our service is based on the movie, "A Christmas Carol".*

*We will watch portions of the movie during our time together.)*

### *Christmas Eve (Candlelight service)*

at 6:30 p.m.

*Christmas Day Worship* with Holy Communion

at 9:30 a.m.

This Week at Emmanuel December 16-22		
Monday, December 16	5:30 pm	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, December 17	9:00 am	TWC (The Women's Council)
Wednesday, December 18	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Advent Service
	7:15 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, December 19	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, December 22	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

Advent Offering-December 11- \$40		Attendance: 9	
Offering -December 8		Attendance: 65	
General-\$1,695	Sunday School- \$17	Food Bank: \$30	Campership: \$50
Building- \$20	Benevolence: \$110 Thanksgiving: \$20		

