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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 77

Apostolic Greeting

Admonition: Almighty God...Amen.

P: Most merciful God

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Entrance Hymn: *Fling Wide the Door*.....LBW # 32

*1. Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; The King of glory comes in state;  
The Lord of lords and King of kings, The Savior of the world who brings  
His great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth  
And praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.*

*2. He is the rock of our belief, The heart of mercy's gentle self.  
His kingly crown is holiness; His scepter is his loveliness;  
He brings our sorrows to an end. Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
And worship him with song For saving us from wrong.*

*3. Oh, happy towns and blessed lands That live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed be the hearts he rules, The humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss Who fills our lives and makes us his,  
Creator of the world, Our only strength for good.*

*4. Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; Our hearts are open wide in trust.  
Oh, show us now your lovely grace, Upon our sorrows shine your face,  
And let your Holy Spirit guide Our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name, From age to age the same!*

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: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle:*

P: God of Salvation, break into our world with your great power and glory. Break the chains that bind us to sin. Shatter the systems of our world that promote injustice and oppression. We light the 1st Advent Candle as a sign of our hope that God's Messiah is coming. May we stay alert for his coming that we might hear with all of creation, the redemption song of our God. Come, Lord Jesus.

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen**

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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: Mark 13:24-37

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Hymn: *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*.....LBW # 38

1. *O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;  
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.*
2. *O Morning Star, O radiant Sun, When will our hearts behold your dawn?  
Oh Sun, arise; without your light We grope in gloom and dark of night.*
3. *Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
Oh, come, lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.*
4. *There shall we all our praises bring Ever to you, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud you and adore Forever and forevermore.*

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *The Day is Surely Drawing Near* .....LBW# 321

1. *The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all his power shall appear, As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And hungry flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.*
2. *The final trumpet then shall sound, And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at his commanding.*
3. *May Christ our intercessor be And, through his blood and merit,  
Read from his book that we are free With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see him face to face, With all his saints in that blest place  
Which he has purchased for us.*
4. *O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

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

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

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *My Lord What a Morning*.....WOV # 627

*Refrain: My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.*

1. *You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

2. *You'll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

3. *You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)*

Chimes and Postlude

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**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.

**Thank you...**for all the cards and get well wishes I received after my recent hospitalization. It means a lot to live in such a caring community. -Lisa Bartz

**Advent Services...**will be virtual this year, and will be posted on our Facebook page or found on the church website [emmanuelgrafton.org](http://emmanuelgrafton.org) at 6:30 p.m. on all four Wednesdays in Advent.

**Sign-up sheets...** for the Christmas Eve services are located on the round table in the entry. You may also call in your reservation or email Pastor. Please do so by December 20<sup>th</sup> and see your November newsletter for all the needed details. Thank you for your support in this effort to make sure all members and friends have the opportunity to worship on Christmas Eve.

**ENALCW...** are collecting a combined Love/Thankoffering during the month of November. Thank you to all who have given.

This Week at Emmanuel November 30-December 6		
Wednesday, December 2	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Advent Service (Virtual)
Thursday, December 3	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, December 6	9:30 am	Worship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

## Upcoming Emmanuel Events to remember:

(All events subject to change due to COVID19 restrictions)

*Advent Services:* Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
(Virtual only)

*Children's Christmas Program:* **Just a Little Christmas**  
Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, during worship service.

*Christmas Eve (Candlelight) Services:* Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., or 10:00 p.m.  
(you must sign up ahead of time for which service you will be attending.)

*Christmas Day Service (with Holy Communion):* at 9:30 a.m.

The North American Lutheran Church presents, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, an Advent devotional booklet for 2020. This year's booklet is based on the two-year daily lectionary provided in the Lutheran Book of Worship, Year I. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo, bishop of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), has prepared a bit longer devotion for each of the Sundays in Advent, along with a devotion for Christmas Day. The Rev. Dr. David Wendel, NALC assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism, has prepared the brief weekday and Christmas Eve devotions. We have copies of this devotional available if you are interested, they are located on the small table in the upper narthex.



Offering –November 22	Attendance: 58	
General-\$3,288	Sunday School-\$6.75	Mission: \$50
Building- \$10	Benevolence- \$250	