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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent December 13, 2020**

**Contemporary Service**

*Band Members: Will Bartz, Merlin Bartz, Travis Charlson, Jenna Ellingson, Marena Henkle, and A.J. Wilder*

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.**

Song: *Raise a Hallelujah* (by Bethel Music-led by the band)

*I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me*

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

*I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!*

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

*Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)*

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Sing a little louder!*

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Up from the ashes, hope will arise Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

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*I raise a Hallelujah*

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:**

P: Listen. Hear the good news: God's promised Messiah is coming. He brings good news for the poor and oppressed. He will bind up broken hearts. He will proclaim release to those who are held captive. We light the third Advent Candle as a sign of joy — a testimony to the Light of God coming into our world that will shatter the darkness and bring healing to all who suffer and mourn. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Hymn: **People Look East**.....WOV # 626

1. *People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

2. *Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

3. *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Star, is on the way.*

4. *Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today-Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

Song: **There Was Jesus** (by Zach Williams & Dolly Parton)  
*Every time I try to make it on my own Every time I try to stand, I start to fall  
And all those lonely roads that I have traveled on There was Jesus*

*When the life I built came crashing to the ground When the friends I had were nowhere to be found  
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now There was Jesus*

*In the waiting, in the searching In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been or where I'm going Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus*

*For this man who needs amazing kind of grace For forgiveness and a price I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day There was Jesus*

*In the waiting, in the searching In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been or where I'm going Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus*

*On the mountains, in the valleys There was Jesus, In the shadows of the alleys  
There was Jesus, In the fire, in the flood There was Jesus, Always is and always was, oh  
No, I never walk alone, You're always there*

*In the waiting, in the searching In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been or where I'm going Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus, There was Jesus*

Sermon

Song: **You Say** (by Lauren Daigle)

*I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?  
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know, ooh oh*

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And You say I am held when I am falling short And when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe What You say of me I believe*

*The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity,*

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And You say I am held when I am falling short When I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours  
And I believe, oh, I believe What You say of me Oh, I believe*

*Taking all I have and now I'm layin' it at Your feet  
You'll have every failure God, You'll have every victory, ooh oh*

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short When I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours  
And I believe, oh, I believe What You say of me I believe  
Oh, I believe, yes, I believe What You say of me I believe*

Apostle's Creed.....LBW p. 85

**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  
 Benediction and Amen.....LBW p. 97  
 Announcements

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Closing Song: *Peace be Still* (by Hope Darst)

*I don't wanna be afraid Every time I face the waves  
 I don't wanna be afraid I don't wanna be afraid  
 And I don't wanna fear the storm Just because I hear it roar  
 I don't wanna fear the storm I don't wanna fear the storm*

*Peace be still, Say the word and I will Set my feet upon the sea  
 'Til I'm dancing in the deep Peace be still, You are here so it is well  
 Even when my eyes can't see I will trust the voice that speaks*

*I'm not gonna be afraid 'Cause these waves are only waves  
 I'm not gonna be afraid No, I'm not gonna be afraid  
 And I'm not gonna fear the storm You are greater than it's roar  
 Oh, I'm not gonna fear the storm No, I'm not gonna fear at all*

*Peace be still Say the word and I will  
 Set my feet upon the sea 'Til I'm dancing in the deep*

*Peace be still You are here so it is well  
 Even when my eyes can't see I will trust the voice that speaks  
 Peace, peace over me You speak peace*

*Let faith rise up Oh, heart believe Let faith rise up in me  
 And let faith rise up Oh, heart believe Let faith rise up in me  
 Let faith rise up Oh, heart believe Let faith rise up in me  
 Let faith rise up Oh, heart believe Let faith rise up in me*

*Peace be still Say the word and I will  
 Set my feet upon the sea 'Til I'm dancing in the deep  
 Oh, peace be still You are here so it is well  
 Even when my eyes can't see I will trust the voice that speaks  
 Peace, peace over me I hear You speaking  
 Peace, peace over me Oh, peace  
 Over me You speak peace*

**Members, friends and visitors: welcome to our worship today!** We are glad you are here and your presence is important to all of us. A blessed Advent season to you as we prepare for the Christ Child.

**Thank you...**to those who organized and shared their talents for our service today, creating this contemporary worship time at Emmanuel!

**A huge Thank you...** to Orland Bartz, Ramie Kuntz, Michael Cole and Emi Kuntz for cleaning up bushes and plants around our church building. It is indeed very much appreciated and truly was a job that needed to get done. Thanks for your efforts!

**Poinsettia forms...**can be located on the small table in the narthex for those wishing to purchase one or more to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.

| This Week at Emmanuel December 14-20 |         |  |
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| Monday, December 14                  | 6:30 pm | Stewardship Committee meets  |
| Tuesday, December 15                 | 9:00 am | TWC (The Women's Council)  |
| Wednesday, December 16               | 4:30 pm | Confirmation   |
|                                      | 6:00 pm | SS Christmas Program practice                                      |
|                                      | 6:30 pm | <b><i>This Night Aight!</i></b> Advent Service (virtual)           |
| Thursday, December 17                | 9:30 am | Bible Study  |
| Sunday, December 20                  | 9:30 am | Worship  |
|                                      |         | <b>Just a Little Christmas</b> <i>Children's Christmas Program</i> |
|                                      |         | No Sunday School   |

| December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 |                    | Attendance: 55       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| General: \$2,160                | Benevolence: \$425 | SS Offering: \$11.00 |



## Upcoming Emmanuel Events:

(All events subject to change due to COVID19 restrictions)

*Advent Services:* Wednesday, 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.