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

Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg

Lay Reader: Phil Hackbart

Organist: Donna Schilling

Acolyte: Landon Hillman

**3rd Sunday in Advent
December 11th, 2022**

Prelude: *Magnificat* and *Duo Pastorale* by Axel Guilmant

Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: *Prepare the Royal Highway*.....**LBW # 26**

GreetingLBW p. 78

Advent Kyrie

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

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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 (please leave in pew after worship)*

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.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

Landon Hillman: We have lit the first two candles, one for Hope and one for Peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of Joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

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

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

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

Landon: Week by week, the light grows stronger and brighter, as we anticipate the coming Christ.

Women: The candles of Hope and Preparation are already ablaze. Today, we light the candle of Joy.

Men: We excitedly anticipate the coming of the Mighty One. The promise of healing, comfort, liberty, and freedom is good news that is meant to be shared!

Women: Rejoicing in the mercy and justice of our Lord, we kindle this flame. Together, we lift our hearts and voices in songs of joy.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. 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. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you so that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthems: *“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!”* & *“Run to Bethlehem”*

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-9 (read responsively)LBW p. 287

Second Lesson: James 5:7-10

Verse: *Alleluia...* and Gospel AcclamationLBW p. 83

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Hymn of the Day: *Lost in the Night*.....**LBW #394**

Children’s Sermon

Presentation of Bibles: **P:** In the Sacrament of Baptism service, these words are spoken to parents and sponsors, *“In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God’s house, and teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?”*

Sermon

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

Apostles’ Creed.....LBW p. 85

The Collection of the Offering: *Andante* by Axel Guilmant

Offertory: Create in Me.....LBW p. 96

Prayer and Lord’s PrayerLBW p. 97

The Benediction and AmenLBW p. 97

Announcements

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

Chimes and Postlude: *Fugato* by Axel Guilmant

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Members, friends, and visitors: welcome to our worship today as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. We are glad you are here! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall afterwards for refreshments and conversation.

This morning...we will be distributing Bibles to 2nd graders and older (who have not yet received Bibles from Emmanuel). They will be given a *Kids Spark NRSV Bible*. We pray God will be their guide and comfort. Blessings to these young people and their families.

Sharon will be out of the office... all day Monday. Contact Linda Koschmeder at 641-420-9094, if you have any needs.

Poinsettia order forms... are located on the table outside the office.

Advent devotionals...from the NALC are free and available on the small table inside the wooden doors. Each day’s devotion are posted on the church’s Facebook page, where you can watch a video of the author reading the devotion.

Please keep in your prayers...Caren Bartz, who has been hospitalized in Rochester for several weeks and others who are recuperating from various surgeries. Also, those serving on active duty in the armed forces: Taner McClure and Shal Zillgitt. In the office are mailing labels for Shal that anyone wishing to send a letter or care package may use.

Ryan Hulshizer... will be performing an Advent/Christmas organ recital at the First United Methodist Church in Austin on Wednesday, December 14th at 12 noon. It will last 40 minutes and is free to the public.

For Pastoral Care... please contact Pastor Weeg at 641-381-0675 or call the church office.

Next Sunday...will be our Children’s Christmas Program, during our Worship service. Please join us for the sharing of their, “Miracle in the Manger.”

A Cookie Walk...will be hosted by our youth (Logos Legos) next Sunday after Worship. Money raised will go to the Campership Fund.

Music and Treats...at the Grafton Depot will be Friday, December 16th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Santa will make a visit from 6-7 p.m.

Dates to remember in December: *Sunday, December 18th:* Worship w/ Noisy Offering/ SS Children’s Christmas Program during service/ Logos Legos Cookie Walk after service.

Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

| This Week at Emmanuel December 12 th -18 th | | |
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| Tuesday, December 13 th | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council |
| Wednesday, December 14 th | 2:00 p.m. | Bible Study with Pastor Weeg |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir practice |
| Sunday, December 18 th <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | 9:30 a.m. | Worship with Pastor Weeg <i>Children’s Program</i> |
| | 10:40 a.m. | Fellowship, SS Logos Legos Cookie Walk |

| Offering for Sunday, December 4 th | | Attendance: 65 | |
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| General: \$4,153 | | Building Fund: \$90 | |
| Benevolence Fund: \$250 | Mission:\$100 | Food Bank: \$50 | SS fund: \$116.43 |