



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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**4th Sunday of Advent
December 18th, 2022**

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77

GreetingLBW 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**

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.)

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.

Children's Program: Miracle in the Manger

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. Luke 2:7



Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful.....LBW # 45 vv.1, 3, & 4

Opening Bible reading and prayer

Christmas Message Presented by the Children:

Mary: Maddie Landherr; *Joseph:* Aiden Cook;
Lead Angel: Teagen Cook; *Wise Men:* Brody Trenhaile, and Aiden Zillgitt;
Shepherds: K-1; *Heavenly Host:* K-1; *Sheep:* Preschool
Narrators: Jaxon Edwards, Madison Edwards, and Kenzie Sorenson

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Congregation)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, our Lord and Savior, come and stay,
 Reside within our hearts this Christmas Day.
 Come as the greatest miracle to be
 Our Savior-King! We worship thee! *(Refrain)*

Song: Away in a Manger

Song: Little Wooly Lamb

Song: Go, Tell it On the Mountain

Closing Prayer

Joy to the World.....LBW # 39 vv 1, 2, & 4

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

Collection of the Offering: *Noisy Offering*

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

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

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

Announcements

Chimes and Postlude

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Members, friends, and visitors: welcome to our worship today! God's blessings to you and yours as we prepare for and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. There will not be Sunday School class today, so please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time of conversation. Check out the goodies being sold by our Logos Legos Youth at the cookie walk after worship- all proceeds will go to the Campership Fund!

Thank You... to Will & Brittany Bartz and Marena Henkle for the work with our Christmas program, to Charlotte for accompanying, to Kenzie, Jaxon, and Madison for narrating, to all our Sunday School teachers for their dedication, and to the children for their part to make the program special for us all.

Christmas Services... will be on *Saturday, December 24th* at 6:30 p.m. (Candlelight) and *Sunday, December 25th*, both led by Pastor Weeg.

Christmas offering...the first \$1500 will go to Benevolence, the rest will remain at Emmanuel.

New offering envelopes for 2023...will be available to pick up after the Christmas Eve Service.

The last day to make a financial contribution... to Emmanuel and have it recorded on your 2022 financial statement will be Friday, December 30th at noon. Any funds received after that will be recorded on your 2023 statement. Thank you!

The Annual Meeting... for Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, January 22nd, with a snow date of January 29th. All chair and financial reports will be due to the office by Jan, 9th.

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

The building will be closed... December 26th and January 2nd.

This Week at Emmanuel December 19 th – 25 th		
Wednesday, December 21 st	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Weeg
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Saturday, December 24 th	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve (Candle light) Service w/Pastor Weeg
Sunday, December 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Christmas worship with Pastor Weeg (Holy Communion will be Jan 1 st)

Offering for Sunday, Dec 11 th	Attendance: 64
General: \$2,154	Building Fund: \$130
Benevolence Fund: \$220	Sunday School: \$59