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

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Prelude

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

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

Greeting .....LBW 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.**

Hymn of Praise: *The Magnificat*.....*Insert (Please leave insert in pew after service)*

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, 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

P: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of Hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of **Peace**. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

*(The candles are lit – we join in singing verses two and three of LBW # 34)*

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord...make paths straight. Valleys and mountains shall stand side by side. God’s glory is about to be revealed to all.

C: **We light the second Advent Candle as a sign of peace in a world broken by violence and injustice. God’s Messiah is on his way. Repent...be forgiven of your sins...be washed in the waters of Baptism...share in God’s transforming grace. Come, Lord Jesus. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

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.*

**Men: The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together.**

P: The candle of Hope already burns bright.

**Men: The coming Christ desires us all to thrive, patiently wanting us to turn from the ways of sin and death. As we wait for the coming of the day of God, we want to be ready.**

*Women: Seeking a straight path, we light this candle of Peace to guide our steps. Together, we prepare the way and strive to lead lives of holiness, goodness, and peace.*

C: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *(read responsively-printed in bulletin)*

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Verse: *Alleluia...* and Gospel Acclamation .....LBW p. 83

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.....(See insert)*

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: *On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry.....LBW # 36*

The Collection of the Offering

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

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

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

Announcements

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

Chimes and Postlude

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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.

**Today we welcome into the family of God’s children and our faith community, *Kiera Jean Cook, daughter of Tyler & Kelsey Cook.*** Kiera was born Sept 24, 2015. Her sponsors are Allison Bates and Nicole Kleckner. We pray for blessings and peace upon the family of Kiera and rejoice in God calling her by name and making her His own.

**This morning...**we will be presenting Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class: *Eponine (Penny) Bartz, Harper Bass, Kiera Cook, Griffin Steinberg, and Nova Steinberg.* They will receive a Kids Spark NRSV Bible. We pray that they will use their Bibles and that God will be their guide and comfort. *Blessings on these young people and their families.*

**Next Sunday...**will be our Children’s Christmas Program, during our Worship service. Please join us as we share in “*Manger Tales,*” to see and hear them explore the Nativity story through interviews with the animals who saw it!

**A Cookie Walk...**will be hosted by our Logos Legos Youth after the program. Money raised will be split between Camperships and sponsorship of our Compassion International child.

**Poinsettia order forms...** are in your bulletin. You may fill them out and leave them in the office or call in your order. *If you do not need the form, please leave it in your pew.*

This Week at Emmanuel December 11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	TWC (The Women’s Council)
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	<b><i>Journey to Bethlehem</i></b> movie: <i>(1:55 p.m. in Northwood)</i>
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30 -7 p.m.	AWANA Club
Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30 a.m.	Worship w Noisy Offering <b><i>Children’s SS Christmas Program</i></b>
	10:40 a.m.	Fellowship, <b><i>No SS, Logos Legos Cookie Walk</i></b>

**Advent devotions from the NALC...**are located on the small table inside the wooden entrance doors.

Offering for Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>		Attendance: 72
General: \$2,509	Building Fund: \$160	Benevolence:\$100/Mission:\$100
Food Bank Fund: \$50	SS: \$10/AWANA club: \$100	Thanksgiving: \$350

**Our Condolences...**to Marcy Hyde and family on the death of her father, Gordon Lynn Wiemann on November 30<sup>th</sup>. His funeral will be on Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> in Meservey. *May God comfort all who mourn!*

**A reminder...**we will collect Mission offering through today-using your special envelope or marking your check with the memo for Mission. All donations received will be split between the USO and the American Red Cross for their assistance to Military families.

**Ladies...**we plan to go to the 1:55 p.m. matinee showing of “*Journey to Bethlehem,*” a new musical version of the Nativity story, in Northwood on ***Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>***. If you are interested in going, please let one of TWC members know (*Charlotte, Belinda, Emi, or Sharon* ), so we can coordinate carpooling. We will plan to meet at the church around 1 p.m. or if you live closer to Northwood, you may meet us there. This will be our “Christmas” outing for the season! All are welcome! There is also a new “Chosen” Christmas production for this season, combining two shorter films and musical interludes, that is being shown at Cinema West in Mason City from Dec 12 -17 at 7 p.m. It is called “***Christmas with the Chosen: O Holy Night.***” (*This will most likely be live streamed through the Angel Studios or the Chosen apps as well at some time.*)

**For Pastoral Care...** please contact Pastor Weeg at 641-381-0675 or call Sharon at the church office or 641-425-7775.

**Dates to remember in December:**

*Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>:* Worship w/ Noisy Offering/ *SS Children’s Christmas Program during service/ Logos Legos Cookie Walk after*

*Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:* Christmas Eve Day worship at 9:30 a.m.  
(No Fellowship after church)  
**Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m.**  
(Please note earlier time)

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:* **No Worship-** celebrate with family and friends!

*Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:* Worship at 9:30  
Fellowship, No SS

**Christmas offering...**the first \$1500 will go to Benevolence, the rest will remain at Emmanuel. Please make sure offering is given by the 24<sup>th</sup> so Sharon can mail out end of year checks by the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**New offering envelopes for 2024...**will be available to pick up the week before and on Christmas Eve Service.

**The last day to make a financial contribution...** to Emmanuel and have it recorded on your 2023 financial statement will be Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at worship. Any funds received after that will be recorded on your 2024 statement. If you use VANCO to give electronically, do so by the 27<sup>th</sup>, as we are discontinuing it on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**If you are on the Counting Committee...**or a substitute for the upcoming year, a new 2024 schedule has been created and there is a copy in your bulletin box. On behalf of the Stewardship board, we thank all who have served and those who continue in this capacity!

**Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp is open for 2024 Registration...**

You can now register for any of our 2024 events, including retreats, ranch events and summer camp! Simply visit our website to register, or call our office.

**A few reminders...**

- 1) Take advantage of early bird summer camp pricing through February 15, 2024.
- 2) Families who are members of a Riverside Member Church (*Emmanuel is!*) will receive a \$15 discount on one week of summer camp. Simply select your church in the dropdown menu during registration.
- 3) Ask your church if they have a summer camp discount code (*we do!*)

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

L(1): You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**C(2): You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

L(8): I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**C(9): Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L(10): Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C(11): Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L(12): The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**C(13): Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

