



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg
 Organist: Donna Schilling
 Lay Reader: Sheila Lundon

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 24th, 2023

Prelude: *Organ/Piano duet with Charlotte Cole*
"Cradle Song" (Away in a Manger), William J. Kirkpatrick, Arr. by Lani Smith
 and *"Away in a Manger"* by Gilbert Martin, Arr. by James M. Murray
 Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77
 Entrance Hymn: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*.....*WOV # 630*
 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**

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

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- we join in singing verse five of LBW # 34)

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.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm 89:1-4,19-26 (read responsively)LBW p. 256
Second Lesson: Romans 16:25-27
Verse: *Alleluia...* and Gospel AcclamationLBW p. 83
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Children’s Sermon
Sermon
Sermon Hymn: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*.....**WOV # 632**
Apostles’ Creed..... ...LBW p. 85
The Collection of the Offering: *"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"* Arr. by Sigvart A. Hofland
Offertory: Create in Me.....LBW p. 96
Prayer and Lord’s PrayerLBW p. 97
The Benediction and AmenLBW p. 97
Announcements
Closing Hymn: *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*.....**WOV # 633**
Chimes and Postlude: *"Joy to the World"* Arr. by Hugu Gehrke

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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! There will be *no fellowship* afterwards this morning.

Tonight...will be our Christmas Eve *Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m.*
There will be no Christmas Day service... tomorrow. The church building will be closed. Enjoy your time with family and friends! *Merry Christmas!*

2024 Offering Envelopes...are in the entrance. You may pick them up after service today.

Condolences...to *Belinda Borchardt* and family at the death of her aunt, Violet Steffen, on December 13th. *May God comfort all who mourn!*

Our deepest sympathy...to *Keven Bruesewitz* and family on the death of his sister, Koral Rosendahl, on December 20th. *May God surround you with his comfort and peace!*

Keep in your prayers...*Jon Navratil*, who is still in the hospital with heart issues. His address is *U of MN Medical Center Unit 4 A CVICU Rm #226 500 Harvard St. S.E, Minneapolis, MN 55455*. He may be alert enough to enjoy some cards.

This week at Emmanuel...no mid-week activities. Next Sunday, December 31st, the *First Sunday of Christmas*, there will be worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by Fellowship. No Sunday School. **For Pastoral Care...** contact Pastor Weeg at 641-381-0675 or Sharon Hulshizer at 641-425-7775.

Offering for Sunday, December 17 th		Attendance: 174	
General: \$2,989	Building Fund:\$ 70	LL Cookie Walk: \$248 Split between Campership/sponsor child	
Benevolence: \$155	Noisy Offering: \$157.03	Food Bank: \$80	Campership: \$100

Poinsettia Gifts Given by . . .

- Clarice Bartz - In Memory of Loved Ones
- Ardis Hanson - In Memory of Allan Hanson
- Rod & Emi Kuntz - In Memory of Loved Ones
- Merlin & Lisa Bartz - In Memory of Jane Buechele
- Phil & Gloria Hackbart - In Memory of Loved Ones
- Charlotte Cole & Family - In Memory of Loved Ones
- Dean & Mardine Meyer - In Memory of Dale & Shirley Meyer
- Mark Fredrickson – In Memory of Ken & LaVerne Fredrickson
- Greg & Shal Zillgitt - In Memory of Zillgitt and Wytaske Family



- In Memory of Fehr family
- Laurie Nack-Bublitz Family - In Memory of Loved Ones
and Kuper Dean Malmin- Love you !
- Keven Bruesewitz Family – In Memory of Koral Rosendahl
In Memory of Gene & Connie Bruesewitz
and Tom & Jean Fretty
- Connie Rosenberg Family - In Memory of Harper Putz, Don Anderson,
and Elmer & Pearl Rosenberg
- Chris and Teresa Braun Family - In Memory of Allan Hanson
In Memory of Everett & Chrystal Braun
- Pastor W. Paul and Peggy Weeg - In Memory of James R. & Beverly C. Erickson
and Rev. Warren C. & Rebecca N. Weeg
W. Peder Weeg - In Memory of William Peder Johnson
- Chris Paulson Family - In Memory of Scott Paulson, Ray Smidt, and Bob & Marlis Ames

*Thank you to all who shared plants to beautify our sanctuary.
You may pick up your poinsettias after worship today or this evening.*