



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg

Lay reader: Lisa Bartz

Organist: Marena Henkle

Acolyte: Madison Edwards

**First Sunday of Christmas
December 31st, 2023**

Prelude
 Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77
 Entrance Hymn: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory***LBW # 50**
 Greeting & KyrieLBW p. 78
 Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*.....LBW p. 79
 Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
 The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3
 Psalm 148.....LBW p. 288
 The Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7
 The Gospel Acclamation.....LBW p. 83
 The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
 The Children’s Sermon
 The Sermon
 Sermon Hymn: *In a Lowly Manger Born*.....**LBW # 417**
 Apostles’ Creed.....LBW p. 85
 Collection of the Offering
 The Offering Response: *Create in Me*.....LBW p. 96
 The Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....LBW p. 97
 Benediction and Amen.....LBW p. 97
 Announcements
 The Closing Hymn: *The Bells of Christmas* **LBW # 62**
 Chimes and Postlude

Happy New Year and welcome to worship! We welcome you in Christ’s name and are glad you can share this time with us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

Keep in your prayers...Earl Trenhaile, who is at the Good Samaritan in St Ansgar and Jon Navratil, who is currently on a heart transplant list and remains in Minneapolis.

For Pastoral care... please contact Pastor Weeg at 641-381-0675, the church office, or Sharon Hulshizer at 641-425-7775.

Sunday School...will resume next Sunday, January 7th.

2024 offering envelopes...are located on the table in the entrance.

Poinsettias can be taken home today...if there are some not taken and you would like to have one or to share with someone, please feel free to take one.

The Annual Meeting... will be on Sunday, January 21st, with a snow date of January 28th. All reports are due to the office by Monday, January 9th. They can be e-mailed or sent in a word document form, please do not send in a PDF form, as Sharon needs to be able to manipulate and fit them into the report.

This Week at Emmanuel January 1 st - January 7 th		
Wednesday, January 3		No Connection Group
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	AWANA Club
Sunday, January 7	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion
<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:40 a.m.	Sunday School

Thank you, Emmanuel...for the generous Christmas gift. I enjoy my position here at Emmanuel and all those who help in any way while we are awaiting a new pastor. I am thankful to Pastor Weeg for his assistance in our time of need as well. Thank you to Linda Koschmeyer for her help this week during my illness, to get the bulletin ready, and I will be working on the newsletter next week.

God Bless you all in the New Year- Sharon

Offering: December 24th	Attendance: 57
General Fund: \$8,526 - Benevolence: \$30 - Food Bank \$100	

Offering: Christmas Eve	Attendance: 106
General Fund: \$3,070 - Benevolence: \$1,500 – Building \$500	

