

# Third Sunday of Advent

*Emanuel St. John Lutheran Church*

December 11, 2022

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## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

### **Light One Candle – Verse 1, 2 & 3**

Light one candle for Hope, One bright candle for Hope  
He brings Hope to every heart, He comes, He comes!

Light one candle for Peace, One bright candle for Peace  
He brings Peace to every heart, He comes, He comes!

Light one candle for Joy, One bright candle for Joy  
He brings Joy to every heart, He comes, He comes!

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*The assembly stands.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord of heaven and earth, we bow our hearts before you, asking for forgiveness:

**C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

**He forgives all your guilt, he heals all your diseases....**

**As far as the East is from the West, so far does he remove our sins from us.**

**As tenderly as a father treats his children,**

**So the Lord treats those who stand in awe before him.** (Psalm 103: 2-3, 12-13)

P: Father of All:

**C: We confess that we are caught in sin and death.**

**We rebel against you in whatever we think, say, and do,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**Even our righteous deeds are filthy rags.**(Isaiah 64:6) **We refuse to let you be God.**

**In Jesus Christ, your Son, judge us, forgive us, and free us.**

P: For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:21) Because Jesus Christ conquered sin and death on the cross, your sin is forgiven.

Through baptism he has made us his own. In him we begin anew every day, living in the glorious freedom of the children of God. (Romans 8:21)

**C: Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – LBW 30**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts along;  
By thine all sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

### **The Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

### **Hymn of Praise**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call.  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **Prayer of the Day**

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Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that,  
transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Scripture Readings and Psalm**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10 Advent 3 Dec 11, 2022  
(verses 4-9 in green hymnal)

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

**whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

**who keeps his promise forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

**and food to those who hunger.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;

**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The LORD shall reign forever,

**your God O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

James 5:7-10

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11

*Spoken response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Spoken response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel – LBW 34**

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you , O Israel.

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you , O Israel.

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save And give them vic'ty o'er the grave.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you , O Israel.

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you , O Israel.

Oh, come, O Key of David come And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you , O Israel.

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one  
being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made  
man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Each petition ends:*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,

trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**                      *Give each other a sign of peace.*

### **Offering**

*Sing while offering is collected*

What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise-man I would do my part; yet what I can give him -give my heart.

### **Offering Prayer**

God of abundance,  
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

### **Benediction**

May God direct your ways in peace,  
make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
and strengthen your hearts  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

### **Closing Hymn – Hark, the Glad Sound! – LBW 35**

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne And every voice a at the top of song. Of the

He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heavens eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

### **Sending**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Bulletin Announcements**

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### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Worship Attendant: Gloria Johnson

Greeters: Randy and Linn Scharn  
Acolyte: Benjamin Worley  
Organist: Rhonda Johnson  
Lay Reader: Kari Lantz  
Children's Sermon: Sara Pibal  
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley



**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN**

**SUNDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 a.m. SS Nursery thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5 p.m. & 7 p.m. "The Story" Live Nativity at J. Haberstroh barn  
6:00 p.m. Soup at church

**MONDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

**WEDNESDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Confirmation**

5:30 p.m. Supper  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Class (note early dismissal time)  
6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings  
7:15 p.m. Church Council

**THURSDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

**SUNDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 a.m. SS Nursery thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Service/Worship



**Prayer concerns:** Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Abe Clark, Doug Dailey, Rev. Jim Davis, Marlin and Karla Dettman, Jane Loux and Gracia Willis... We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Joleen Harmon, Lorene Hinrichs and Mildred Purdie... We pray for all affected by COVID-19 locally and throughout the world... We pray for the peace of Jerusalem... We pray for the people of Ukraine... We pray for America: that God would guide us through troubled times, renewing our faith in Him and respect for one another... We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders... And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Joseph Schrage.

**Members celebrating their birthday this week:**

Dec. 11 Arlyn Hillmer, Dawn Newman  
Dec. 12 Glenn Helberg  
Dec. 13 Teresa Scharn  
Dec. 16 Cassie Fjerstad, Laura Greene, Taylor Greene, Jacob Grodahl, Jim Hartling, Tim Kral  
Dec. 17 Darold Matter, Roger McKinney, Sarah Van Hulzen

**Members celebrating their anniversary this week:**

Dec. 11, 1999 B.J. & Kari Musselman

We have received Poinsettias from: **Dyle and Edna Rockafellow** in memory of Ed and Nelma Rix, Jr., Valerie Rockafellow, and David Purdie; **Jeff and Jo Ellerbrock** in memory of Jaylin Ellerbrock and LaVern, Beulah Segebarth and Duane Segebarth; **Dar and Denise Lake** in memory of Laverne and Marge Dettmann, Marc and Laurie Dettmann, Miriah Murphy and Corey; **Cindy Souder** in memory of Carol Peterson and one from **LaVerne and Colleen Arndt** and one from **Karen Cerra. Thank you.**

The barn is ready! The soup is ready! Join us tonight (Dec. 11) as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior as The Story is presented at the Haberstroh farm at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. A soup supper will be served in the church basement between programs with a free will donation for the church tuckpointing project. Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him!

The children of ESJ have been working hard learning their ABC's and will present their nativity program The ABC's of Christmas next Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, during the 10 a.m. worship service. Please join them!

We have sign-up sheets in the entry for volunteers to select week(s) they would be willing to remove snow from church sidewalks this winter.

Seeking willing persons to serve on church committees next year--please tell any current committee member that you would like to volunteer and let them know where you would like to serve. Thank you.

***ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>:*** People of faith are not immune to questions or doubts. Give thanks for God's patience with us and for the Spirit's work of strengthening our faith, revealing the mysteries and wonder of God's boundless love for humanity, and helping us understand Scripture and faith in the context of life today.

