

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.



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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. •

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Assisting Minister: Barbara Crawford

Reader: Kathleen Reuter

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm

Friday - 8 am to 2 pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

PRELUDE	<i>Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying</i>	J. S. Bach
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Candle of Hope)		
	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway, v. 1</i>	Page 13
OPENING HYMN	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice Believers</i>	Page 14

CONFESS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.

Amen

P: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on  Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen

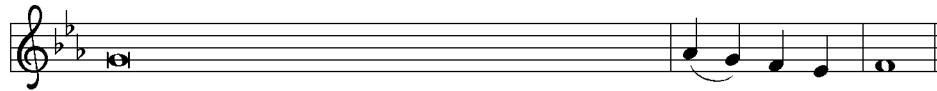
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



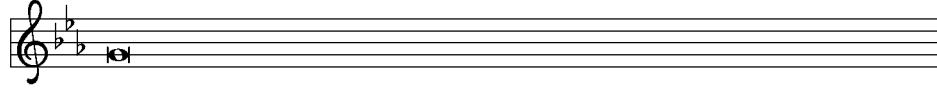
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



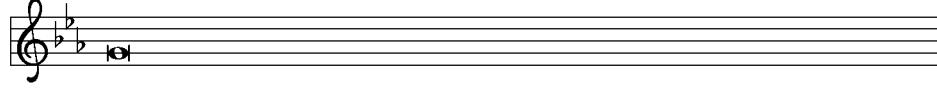
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

PSALM: Psalm 122 (Read responsively)

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14 (NLT)

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 24. (*Stand as able.*)

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED) *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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APOSTLE'S CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.....congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”

(Please be seated.)

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Once He Came in Blessing

J. S. Bach

The offering is our response to God’s grace and mercy.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Eternal God,

you make the desert bloom

and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,

and make us messengers of your mercy and love

for all in need of your healing and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A: In recognition of God’s forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you

We practice continuous communion. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

B: God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come

Michael Burkhardt

Bible Readings for December 4th—Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



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Announcements: Week of November 27, 2022

Our Christmas Cookie exchange is coming up on Saturday December 3rd, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bring three dozen of your favorite cookies and enjoy singing Christmas Carols and sampling the cookies. All are invited!



Food for Faith, an Outreach ministry project that benefits The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus (FIGS), is the first Sunday of every month. The next collection will be next Sunday, November 6th. Non-perishable items can be placed directly into the open car trunk of the month's "Trunk Master!" If you won't be present on a first Sunday and bringing a non-perishable donation on another day would be easier, please let the office know. Donations can be placed in or near the basket marked "Food for Faith" in the Narthex. If you are interested in becoming a Trunk Master - it's really easy, fun and enjoyable!

Narthex and Sanctuary cleaning work day: On Saturday December 10th from 9 am to 12 pm, everyone is welcome to come and help dust, vacuum pew cushions, wash entrance door windows, pew woodwork cleaning, cobwebs and whatever else needs cleaning. So bring your own supplies, vacuum cleaner, webster and whatever else you think you might need to make this a very productive cleaning day as we prepare for Christmas. Thanks in advance from the Property Team.

A Note from Dave Henke: *The new, improved Christmas light show is now ready for viewing! Added lights, singing characters, and one new song, "Oh What a Glorious Night" by the Sidewalk Prophets. 2521 Piazza Ct. in Modesto.*

Ongoing Announcements

Adult Sunday School — 10:45 am. Nahum will be the topic of discussion. On-going, join anytime!

Food for Faith Sunday — 1st Sunday of each month. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

Choir Rehearsals — Sundays after the service at 11:00, Augustana Hall.

Text Study: Every Tuesday, year-round, in the Youth Room at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study New Advent study begins 11/30 — The Angels of Christmas; Prepare the Way. 1:00 pm in Luther Hall.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm.

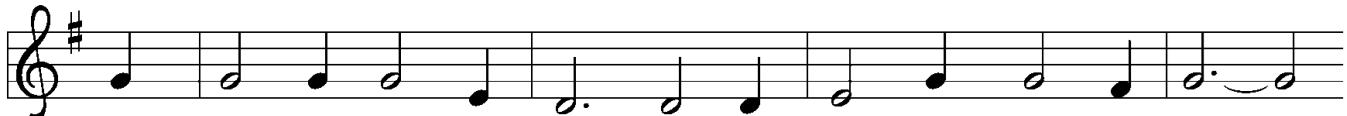
Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

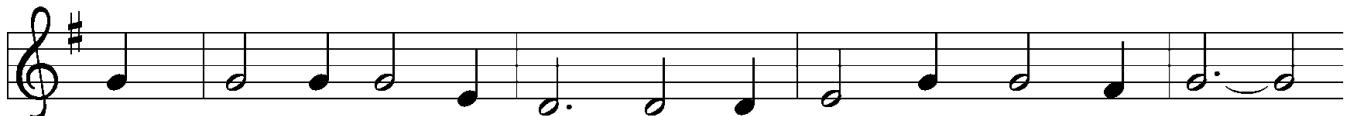
Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

Advent Candle Lighting

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound-ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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Entrance Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Hymn of the Day

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - dring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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Communion Hymn

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Sending Hymn

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Prayer Requests: November 27, 2022

✚ Prayers for recovery, health & healing for Mercy Maya

On-going Prayers:

1. Gary Petersen—healing & well-being (Petersen)
2. Lori Knoll—healing (Knoll)
3. Kailyn Knoll—healing (Knoll)
4. Marilyn Rowland—healing & well-being
5. Janice Watkins—healing & well-being
6. Shelda Fritts—healing & comfort
7. Marian McKenzie—healing & well-being (Schmidt)
8. Dawn Brown—healing & well-being following recent surgery (Ixcot)
9. Kaete Loeffler—recovery, health & well-being following recent surgery
10. Tom Norquist—healing & well-being
11. Mike Clarke—comfort & peace, now in hospice care
12. Deborah Bauer—healing (Tchmola)
13. Karen Loftin—healing & well-being (Nelson)
14. Jennifer Turner—healing & well-being (Dieterich)
15. Alice Hoaglund—comfort & healing
16. Father Ignatius—healing & comfort (Crawford)
17. Edwin Genasci—comfort & healing (Reuter)
18. Kyle Ollenborger—strength & healing (Strand)

19. Lois Silva—health & well-being
20. Pat Smith—heath & well-being
21. Christina Way—clarity, comfort & healing (Reuter)
22. Sue Allen—well-being
23. Peter Valdez—continued strength & healing as he recovers from cancer
24. Lois Owen—healing & well-being
25. Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being
26. Yvonne Troedson—healing & well-being
27. Toni—peace & comfort (Waggoner)
28. Norma Jaramilla—recovery & healing (Dieterich)
29. Darcy Moreno—continuing care and skill for the doctors (Ashlock)
30. Adrienne & Jessica (mother & daughter)—continued healing, recovery & well-being (Schmidt)
31. Prayers for the people of Ukraine, for an end to violence and war
32. Pray for the people of Florida and other coastal states devastated by Hurricane Ian

7-DAY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 4

Monday, November 28

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 29

9:15-9:45 am Day Care Christmas Practice: Luther Hall

12-1:30 pm Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30-8:00 pm RadCov Activity: Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 30

1:00 pm Bible Study — The Angels of Christmas: Luther Hall

6-8 pm Advent Service — 6pm Soup Supper / 7 pm Worship

Thursday, December 1

9:15-9:45 am Day Care Christmas Practice: Luther Hall

6:30-8:00 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

Friday, December 2

3 pm (until 3 pm on 12/3/22) RadCov Prayer Vigil: Sanctuary (overnight)

Saturday, December 3

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

10 am WELCA Cookie Exchange Party: Luther Hall

From overnight until 3 pm RadCov Prayer Vigil: Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4

FOOD FOR FAITH SUNDAY

9:30 am ELC Worship Service

10:45 am ELC Sunday School

11 am WELCA Bake Sale: Luther Hall

3-5 pm RadCov Leadership Team

5:00 pm RadCov Worship Service