



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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 filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>A la venue de Noel</i>	Michel Corrette
GATHERING SONGS	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	Red Book #275
	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	Red Book #288
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>People, Look East</i>	Red Book #248

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Congregation sings as the candle is lit)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O 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.

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C Amen

P Let us come before God in confession. (*silence for reflection*)
To you, O God, ...

C we lift up our souls.
You know us through and through;

**we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, come with joy
and draw water from the well of salvation.
Remember the gift of baptism:
your sin is washed away in the name of ✝ Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.
Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.

C Amen

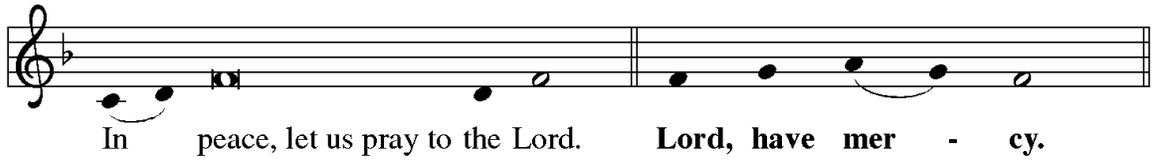
GREETING

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

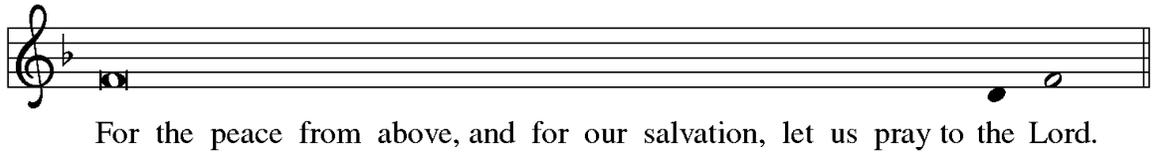
C And also with you.



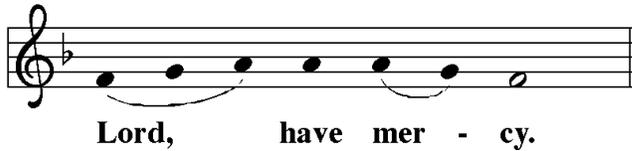
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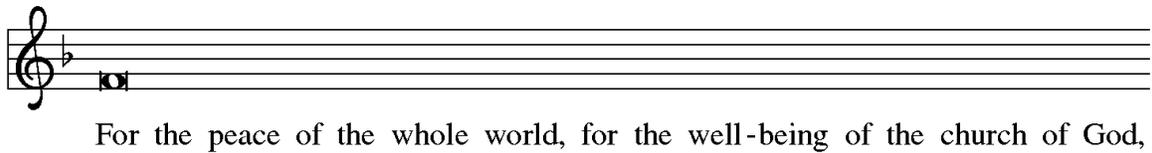
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



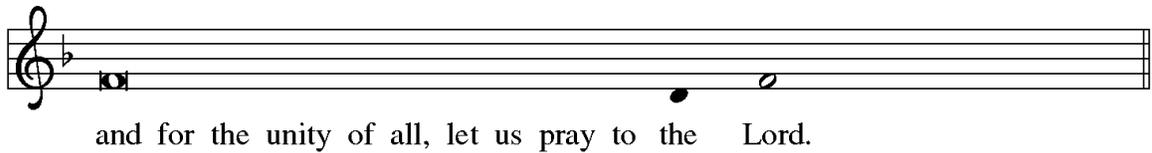
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



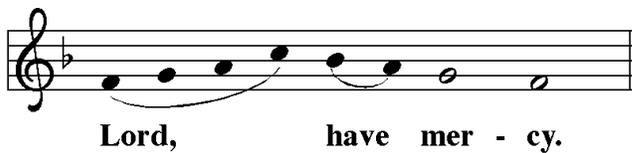
Lord, have mer - cy.



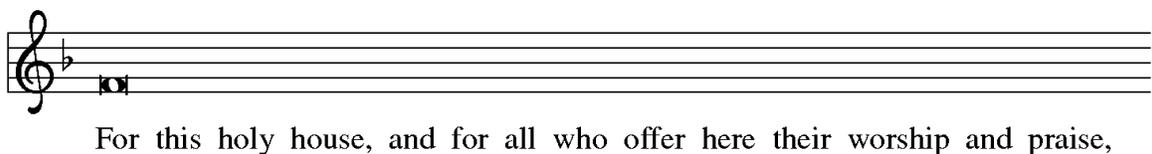
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



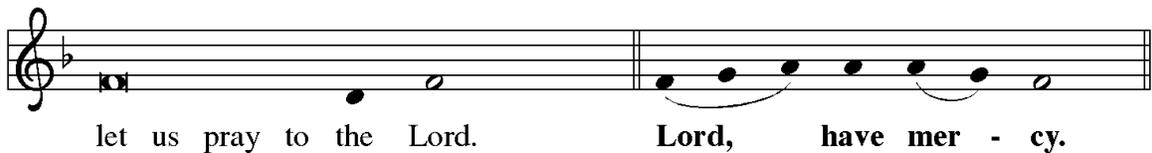
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: ISAIAH 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is
exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

ALL: ⁶**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 3

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one “who is coming.” John teaches that preparation for God’s reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Red Book #239

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' 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

A Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

Response: ... let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Will We Know Him?

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OFFERING PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

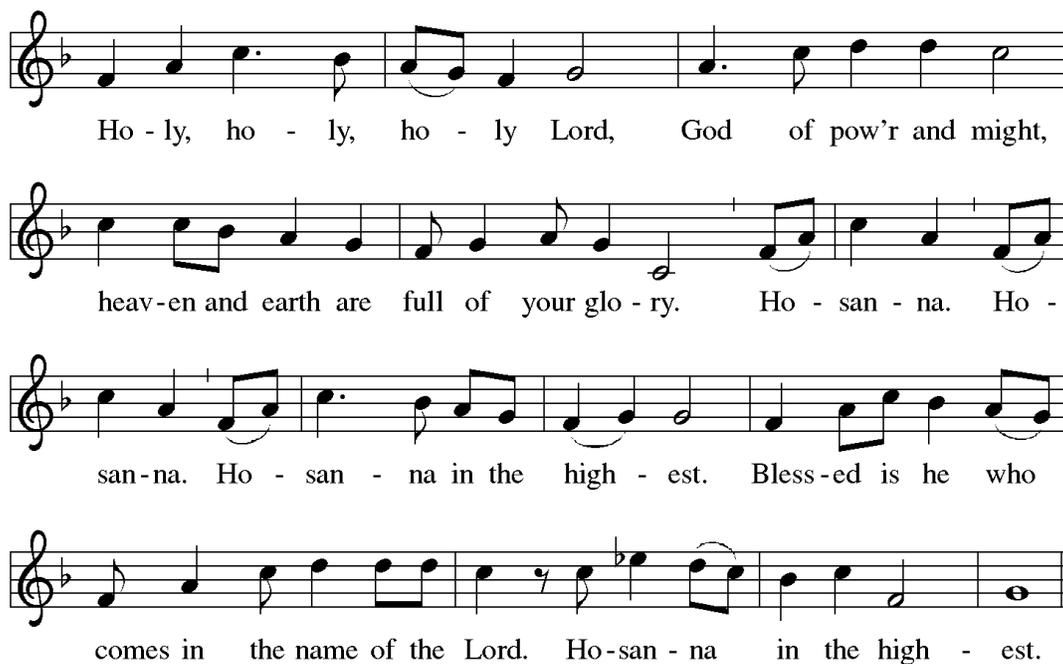
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

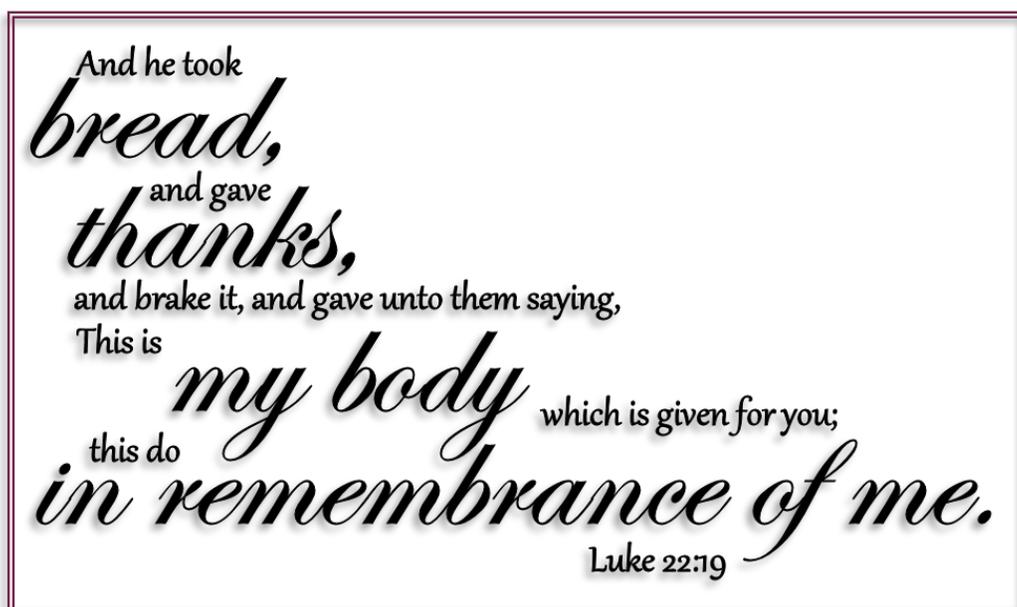
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C 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.

C 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

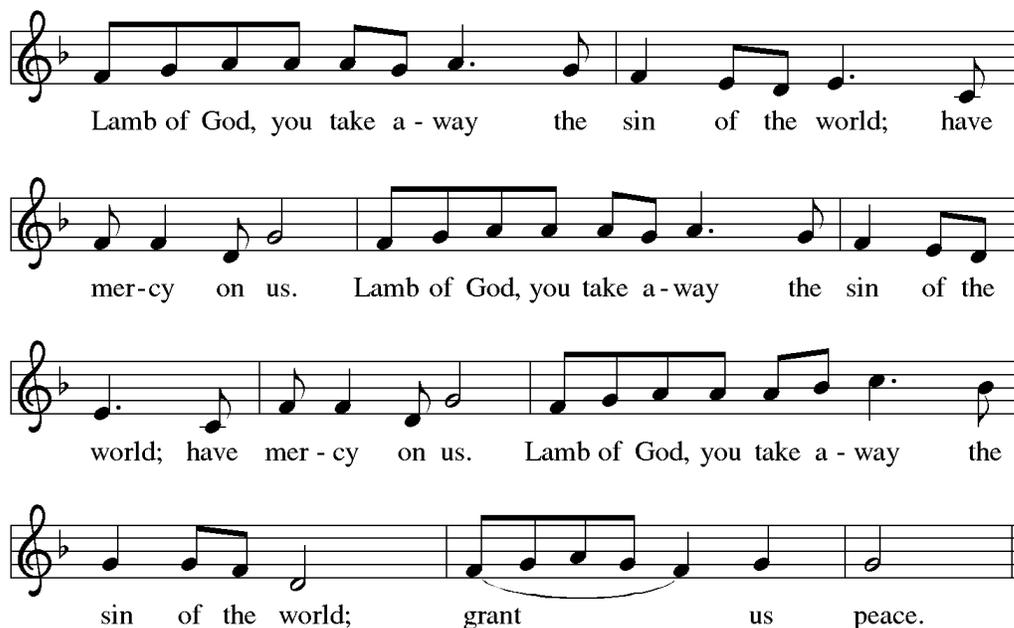
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God fills the hungry with good things.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lost in the Night

Red Book #243

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Red Book #242

He Came Down

Red Book #253

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Home Communion Minister comes forward.

P Let us pray,

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P 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.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

Red Book #264

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Charles W. Ore

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Paula Barton
Acolyte..... Emma Hoover
Song Leader Marilyn Rowland
Readers..... Bill Reinheimer, Paula Kroeze
Communion Assistant..... Bill Reinheimer
Usher/Greeter Owen Family
Altar Care..... Debbie Van Diepen, Susan Hall



Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.



The flowers on the altar today are given to by the Castleberry family in memory of their loved ones.



The Candle Advent banner was donated by the Johnson children, celebrating the life of their mother, Esther Johnson. The large and small Advent banners were donated by the ELC congregation in honor of Pastor Roger Lee.

- **Choir Rehearsal** after the service.
- **Confirmation Class** meets after the service with Pastor Lyn in Katie’s Room.
- **WELCA Bake Sale TODAY, December 13** after church. Donations will go towards Emanuel’s Building Fund.
- **Text Study** a weekly study of the upcoming Lectionary texts on Tuesdays from 12-1 pm; bring a sack lunch.
- **Youth Group Coat Drive through Tuesday, December 15.** Please bring jackets to the Narthex for collection. Donations will be brought to Interfaith Ministries.
- **“Parent’s Day Out”** - December 19 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for Emanuel members, Day Care teachers/staff, and friends. If you are interested **please RSVP to the office or to Pastor Lyn by 12/6.** This event is sponsored by Young Adult/Young Family Ministry. There is no charge to participate.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Join us on Sunday, December 20th for Emanuel's annual **Neighborhood Christmas Caroling Party.** We'll meet in the Narthex and set out to serenade our neighbors at 6:30 pm, returning to the church afterward for some hot chocolate and cookies. Don't forget your flashlight and some cookies to share.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship Service

December 24

5:00 pm & 11:00 pm





Advent Service Schedule

Wednesday

12/16

5:30-6:30 pm—Supper

6:30-7 pm—Crafts & Fellowship, Book Discussion

7-7:30 pm—Holden Evening Prayer

Bring your own soup bowl and place setting

Next Sunday, December 20—9:30 Worship Service

“Sing aloud ... rejoice and exult ... the Lord is in your midst.”

Did anyone hear singing during a cold, dark night?

For answers to this and other questions, make sure to attend the worship service next week (12/20) for the World Premier of *You Were There, a Play for Advent in the Style of Early Radio*. You won't want to miss this special event!

Christmas Giving Tree and Sock Tree

During Advent two trees will stand in the narthex which present you with opportunities for Christmas giving. A **Sock Tree** will be a bare tree to be adorned with new socks for our brothers and sisters at the Modesto Gospel Mission. The **Giving Tree** will have tags for specific children by age, sex and size. These are children in our community who would not have as much under their tree without the generous support of Emanuel members. Emanuel's Outreach Ministry encourages you to share the joy of Christmas by supporting



Sock Tree

these great projects.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THUR 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's		OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service Birthday Blessings
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	5:30 pm Advent Service (Dinner & worship)	1:30 pm Rebecca Circle	6:30 pm Emanuel Day Care Christmas Program	11:00 am Young Family Day Out	5:00 pm Emanuel Youth Group
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study		7:00 pm Council Mtg. (Pending)				6:00 pm CAROLING

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Dec 20 Advent 4	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	S McCready P Barton	Susan McCready	Emma Hoover	Petersen/ Troedson	Van Diepen/Hall
Dec 24 Christmas Eve—5p	Pastor Lyn Crase	David Holtz	D Santana L Owen	Lois Owen	Kayla Knoll	Owen Family	
Dec 24 Christmas Eve—11p	Pastor Lyn Crase	Paula Barton	M Epting D Cline	David Cline	Hailey Rios	B Reuter	

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

December 20 Advent 4	December 27 Christmas 1	January 3 Christmas 2
Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Nathan Yarbrough (infant in NICU) - healing (Marquez); a family member who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—healing (Robin ELC bookkeeper); Erin Clarke (daughter) and Jerry Larson (friend)—successful surgery and healing (Clarke)

Sympathy is expressed to Lena Shirley
for the passing of her mother, Lara. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Bill Fox; Tom Watkins; Elaine Urch; Jill Klenz

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Esther Johnson, Shelda Fritts, Alma Johnson

Our Family: Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Sean Sizemore (Sizemore); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Rich Crawford (Crawford); Joy & Michael Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Sabrina Hill (ELDC); Vince and family (Ixcot); Elizabeth Parchem (Nelson); Carla Thurston (Thurston); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Susan Young (Dieterich); Gregory & Alley Taylor (Scott)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany Metcalf & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Frank and Linda Gutierrez & family (Marquez); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Dennis Medford (Silva); Jerry & Barbara Larson (Clarke); Steven Perry (Crawford)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces. **T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016, **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give. *(Pause for silence.)*

For the church throughout the world, for bishops, pastors, and seminaries, for the courage to live out the challenges of our baptism, and for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the earth, for glaciers, for the protection of dormant vegetation and hibernating animals, and for wisdom in the use and care of the creatures and landscapes we live among, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world, for soldiers and police, for all who suffer political oppression, for our enemies, and especially for *(here places or situations in need of peace may be named)*, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all those in need, for those who are sick or cold, injured or outcast, for victims of fraud or extortion, for all who will die today *(brief pause)*, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence. *(Pause for silence.)* Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For this congregation, for joy in Christ, and for our community, for an increase in practices that truly enact justice and compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We praise you, O God, for the lives of all the faithful departed. That we complete our baptismal journey in you, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #248

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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Sermon Hymn #239

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Sending Hymn #264

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 VÅG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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