

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Worship *Sunday, November 27, 2022*



**“Therefore
you also must
BE READY,
for the
SON OF MAN
is coming
at an hour
you do not
expect.”**

Matthew 24:44, NRSV

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

Teri Turner..... Director & Keyboard
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Pat Thomas..... Bass/Guitar
Rick Lyon..... Guitar

Praise Chorus

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2022 - Who is God calling us to be?

"See, I am making all things new" Revelation 21:5a

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

L: One of the best known customs for the Advent Season is the use of an Advent Wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting light. The use of the four candles - three blue and one rose - mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and growth of light. The rose candle of the third week is a sign of joy and rejoicing during this period of waiting. The candles represent part of the story: prophecy, Bethlehem, shepherds, and angels. The white candle in

the center symbolizes what we are waiting for - the Christ - to enter our world. When lit on Christmas Eve - the Light of the World will wear the Advent Crown of victory for us.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the Universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

C: **Blessed be God forever! Amen!**

(First candle is lit) "He Came Down" #253 vs. 1

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

L: Isaiah 9:2 says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lives in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shown.

C: **With this Prophecy candle, a glimmer of light, shining through untold ages, illuminates our path toward Bethlehem. Trembling as it flickers, it is the light of hope - sparked by the words of the prophets, tended and fanned into flame by all of God's faithful. We dare to hope and follow its light!**

Opening Reading

Gathering Song "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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Thou wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel! Shall come to thee, O Is---rael!

Call to Worship

Psalm 122

- L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- C: **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- L: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- C: **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
- L: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- C: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**
- L: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- C: **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

L: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Song "Let The Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,
Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.
And whatever you do, in word or deed,
Do it all in the name of the Lord;
Giving thanks, giving thanks, to God,
Through Christ, the Lord. Giving thanks,
Giving thanks to God, through Christ, the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Offering

*Please place yellow slips in the offering plate

Special Music "Joy to the World, Unspeakable Joy"

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world! the Savior reigns. Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding,
Joy, Unspeakable joy! An overflowing well, no tongue can tell!
Joy, Unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.
Joy, Unspeakable joy! An overflowing well, no tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 484

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible pg. 804

Song of the Day

"Even So, Come"

All of creation, All of the earth
Make straight a highway, A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon, Call back the sinner
Wake up the saint, Let every nation
Shout of Your fame, Jesus is coming soon
Like a bride, Waiting for her groom
We'll be a church, Ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, We sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
There will be justice, All will be new
Your name forever, Faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon
Like a bride, Waiting for her groom
We'll be a church, Ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing, Even so come
Lord Jesus come, Even so come
Lord Jesus come, So we wait, We wait for You
God we wait, You're coming soon

So we wait, We wait for You,
God we wait, You're coming soon
Like a bride, Waiting for her groom
We'll be a church, Ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, We sing,
Like a bride, Waiting for her groom
We'll be a church, Ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing, Even so come
Lord Jesus come, Even so come
Lord Jesus come, Even so come
Lord Jesus come

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible pg. 701

Sermon

"No One Knows?"
Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor Mike

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.

Consecration of the Elements

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Song *"What Feast of Love"*

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?

What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Post Communion Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayers of the Church

Blessing

L: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Soon & Very Soon"

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King!
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King!
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**
