

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Praise Team Worship *Third Sunday of Advent* *Sunday, December 15, 2024*



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Mission Statement:
Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

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2024 Congregational Watchword -

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you
have because God has said never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

2024 Theme - Where is God calling us to go?

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Welcome

Opening Reading

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"He Came Down" vs. 3

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

Gathering

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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 every nation, Joy of every 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 alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.
Come thou Great Redeemer. Come Emmanuel.
Bless the nations with Your presence here.
Born our souls to rescue, born to save Your very own.
Long expected Jesus, make our hearts Your home.
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Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2-6

L: Surely 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.

- C: **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**
- L: And 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.
- C: **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**
- L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Song

"Shout to the North and the South"

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak in your brokenness complete.
Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love.
Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
We've been through fire, We've been through rain,
We've been refined by the Pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.
We will Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
Rise up, church, with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the north and the south, Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
We will shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord of heaven and earth. He is Lord of heaven and earth.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Triune God (+), whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God's children.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Loving and forgiving God,

C: **We confess that we are held captive to sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

L: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and we are free - free from all that holds us back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God's love, (+) comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Watchword

Hebrews 13:5

L: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;

C: **For God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."**

Song

"Grace Alone"

Every promise we can make, Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make, Is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind, Is only by His grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, We will go forth in grace alone.
Every soul we long to reach, Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share His peace, Is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, Is only by His grace.
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Passing of the Peace & Offering

Offertory & Special Music

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible pg. 667

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible pg. 832

Children's Sermon

Song of the Day

"Light the Fire Again"

Don't let my love grow cold. I'm calling out, "Light the fire again."

Don't let my vision die. I'm calling out, "Light the fire again."

Prayers of the Church

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.

Blessing

L: The Creator of the stars bless our Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill us with love, the unexpected Holy Spirit guide our journey, now and forever (+).

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"Refiner's Fire"

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire is to be holy,

Set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master,

Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy,

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin deep within.

Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire is to be holy,

Set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master,

Ready to do Your will. ready to do Your will.

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**
