

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Contemporary Worship *Sunday, December 4, 2022*



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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

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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 Second Advent Candle

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the Universe. John the Baptizer calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the Kingdom of God is near. Bless us as we light the second candle on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Holy Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation.

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

(Second candle is lit)

"He Came Down" #253 vs. 2

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

- L: Micah 5:2 says, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days."
- C: **With this Bethlehem candle, the machinery whirls in motion - the fullness of time approaches. Caesar's census is proclaimed. The Roman world moves. A young couple, descendants of kings, approaches the tiny town. A stableboy fills a manger with fresh straw. God, you are prepared, but are we?**

Litany for the Second Sunday of Advent

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And with you, God's servant.**
- L: O, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.
- C: **With hearts uplifted, thanks to God we render. With joy we come before God, in gratefulness we implore God, with thankful hearts we adore God forevermore!**

Opening Reading

Gathering "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"

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 72:1-7, 18-19

- L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
C: **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

- C: **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
- L: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- C: **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
- L: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- C: **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**
- L: And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Song *"Glory in the Highest"*

The heav'nly host proclaim Your birth,

"Glory to God, and praise be on the earth!"

Your name is near, Emmanuel,

"God with us here, God pleased with us to dwell."

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest!

Apart from You there is no God.

Light of the world,

The Bright and Morning Star,

Your name will shine for all to see.

You are the One,

You are my glory.

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest!

And no one else could ever compare

To You, Lord.

All the earth together declares:

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest!

To You Lord

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Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest!

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Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest,

Glory in the highest.

Hallelujah!

Prayer of the Day

L: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Song

"Purify My Heart"

Purify my heart,

Touch me with Your cleansing fire.

Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.
Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

Offering

*Please place yellow slips in the offering plate

Offertory & Special Music

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 491

New Testament Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Pew Bible pg. 805

Song of the Day

"Come As You Are"

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let the rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow

That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
Lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are

And fall in His arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
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Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 682

Sermon

"Identity Change"
Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor Mike

Nicene Creed

We believe in one 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 in glory 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 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 Lord bless and keep you, look with love upon you, be gracious, and God cause God's face to shine with peace.

C: **Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us, and the Holy Spirit's power to guide us evermore. Amen.**

Sending Song

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored
And though these are the days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun
at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes
And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord.
Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes
There's no God like Jehovah,

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God!**
