

## **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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***ELW Service – First Sunday of Advent***  
***November 30, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.***



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**Parish Deacon Ann Thomas**

**Paul Burnside - Organist**

### **Mission Statement:**

*Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others*

## Our Ministers This Morning Include:

Parish Deacon Ann Thomas

Organist: Paul Burnside

### 2025 Congregational Watchword –

“Jesus said, ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’” – Matthew 5:10

**2025 Theme – Year of Listening**

Prelude

Paul Burnside

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

*“He Came Down”* 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.

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

\*Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

C: **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us**

**from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

**P:** God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✚ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

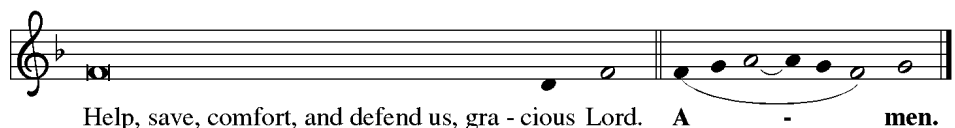
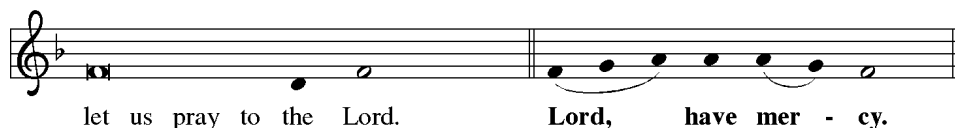
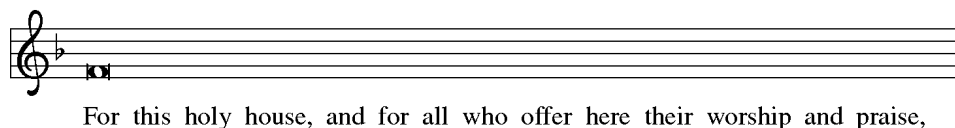
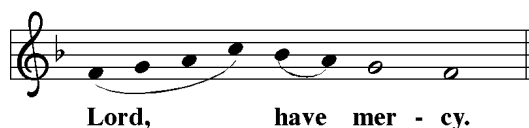
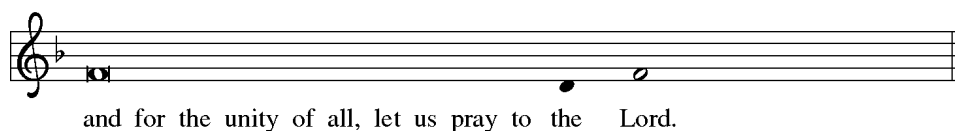
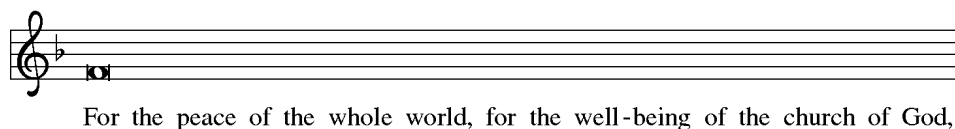
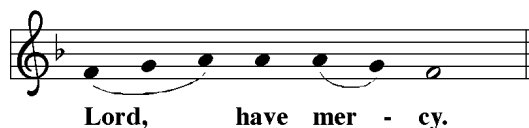
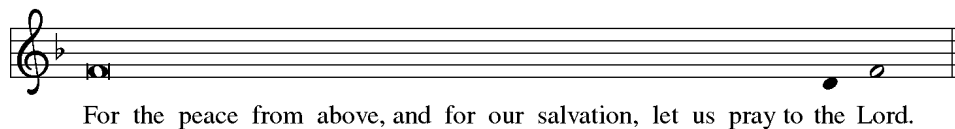
**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*" #241

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.**





Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Prayer of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: **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.**

### Watchword

Matthew 5:10

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

C: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

\*Please be seated.

### Anthem

### First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 484

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsive Reading

Psalms 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.”

Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14 Pew Bible pg. 804

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44 Pew Bible pg. 701

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

\*Please be seated.

Sermon “*Wearing the Correct Clothes*” Parish Deacon Ann  
Romans 13:11-14

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day “*Christ, Be Our Light*”

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### 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 Intercession

**P:     God of grace,**

**C:     hear our prayer.**

### 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.**



## Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

\*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## Offertory Response

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## Offering Prayer

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C: **Amen.**

## Benediction

P: May God who comes among us, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn      *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*      #244

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude