

Midweek Advent Service



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Far from Home”

AS WE GATHER

In the midst of exile, Isaiah prophesied only one way home to our God: through the arrival of the God-man, Jesus. In Isaiah, the promises of God - fulfilled in either Jesus' arrival or his second coming - proclaim to us that while we long to find peace, belonging, and comfort this time of year, our ultimate Christmas gift is our citizenship in his kingdom. For he is the Home who has come to win us back from exile, keep us safe in his embrace, and promises that we will someday reside with him forever.

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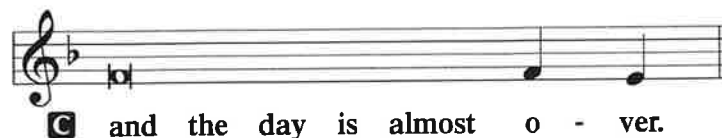
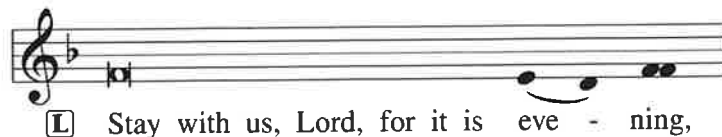
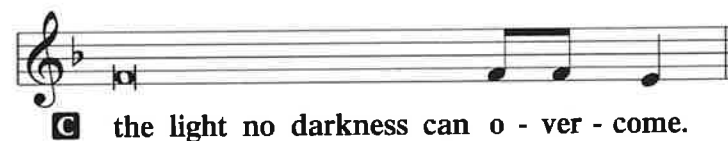
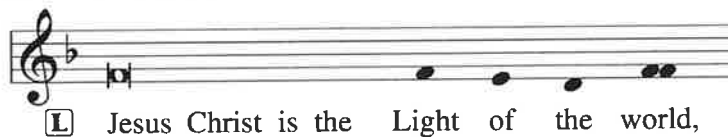
THE PRELUDE: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”


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THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

(Please stand as you are able)

THE LITANY OF LIGHT





 **L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness


and il - lu - mine Your Church.

THE HYMN OF LIGHT

L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:


of the im-mor-tal Fa-ther; heav-en-ly, ho-ly,


 bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

THE THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music. The first line begins with a 'C' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse, fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.' The music is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The final line ends with a double bar line.

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C A - men.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER (Isaiah 11:1-2, 10)

Leader: The shoot has sprung from the stump of Jesse.

People: **The branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord rests upon him.

People: **And his resting place shall be glorious.**

Leader: Almighty God, you have gathered us from exile into the promise of your presence.

People: Fix our eyes on Jesus, the One who comes to make his home with us, that we may find peace in his Word and rest in his grace. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

People: We confess that we have wandered far from you, our true home. We have sought security, meaning, and belonging apart from you. We have listened to sin's whispers and followed our own desires. We are exiled by our rebellion, and we cannot bring ourselves back. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Hear the good news. God has not abandoned you in exile. In Christ Jesus, the shoot from Jesse's stump, he has come to you. By his death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. The door to the Father's home stands open, and you are welcomed inside. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE RESPONSORY PSALM (Psalm 90:1-2)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: The Lord is our home.

People: In Christ, we are brought near.

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verses 1-4)

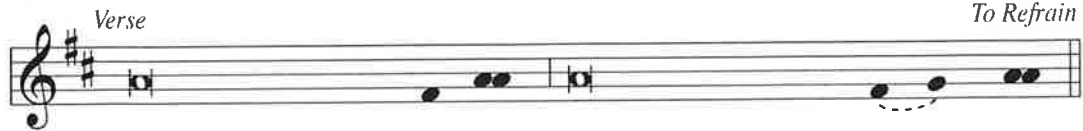
Hymn 357

THE READING: Isaiah 11:1-2, 10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORY



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Hymn 414

THE SERMON

Pastor Dennis McFadden

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you" (Deuteronomy 16:17). During the offering, please take the black binder, located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate information. We encourage our members to make note of our visitors and greet them after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "What Child Is This?"

Martin

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you left your throne in glory to enter our exile, so that we might be welcomed home to the Father. Keep us from seeking refuge in the false shelters of this world, and anchor our hearts in you, the shoot from Jesse's stump and the King of all kings. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: God the Father, who calls you home, keep you steadfast in faith. God the Son, who welcomes you home, forgive you and make you new. God the Spirit, who dwells with you, guard you until the day you see your home complete.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

Hymn 342

THE POSTLUDE: "Once He Came in Blessing"

Callahan

SERVING

Organ Myra Schmidt

Piano Bev Williams

Acolyte Raeya Steele

Usher Crew 4 Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Hudson Kraft, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wys

Audio Engineer Jim Wudy

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Monday–Friday, December 1–19 at 7:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship Service

Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ESM Christmas Vespers at the Auer Performance Hall, Purdue Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 14, at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School's Journey to Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship Service with Special Music from our Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service
Special Christmas Music

Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Special Music with an Orchestra and Festival Choir

Wednesday, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
Celebration of Holy Communion
Festival Choir, Handbells and Orchestra

Thursday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Service
Celebration of Holy Communion with Festival Choir

Wednesday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Worship Service
Celebration of Holy Communion

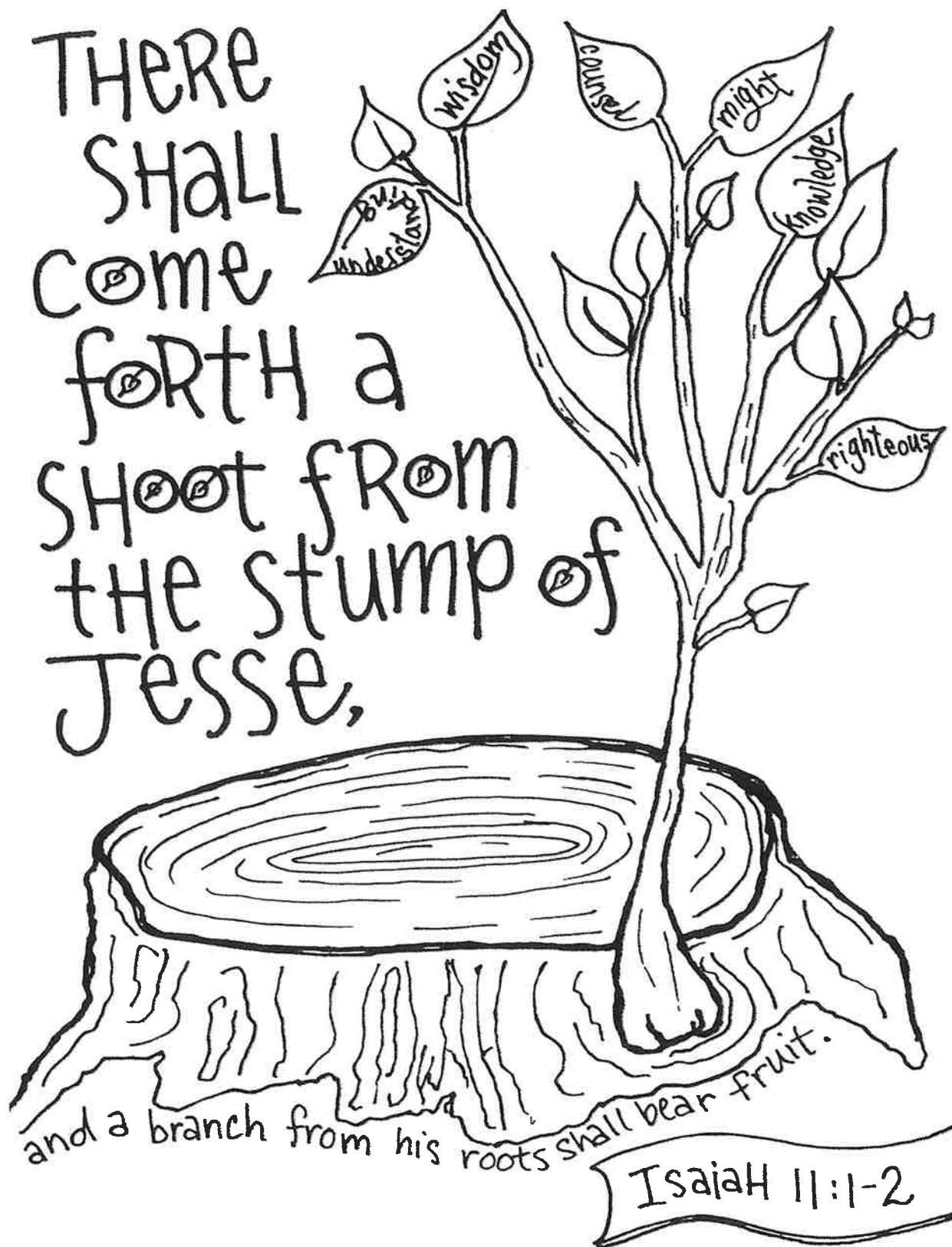
Advent Family Devotions



Join the Emmanuel community as we journey together through the season of Advent. This year, Pastor Eggold, Pastor Sheaffer, and Ms. Liz will lead us through the three weeks leading up to Christmas. Together with students from ESM and CLHS, they will model what family devotions can look like in your own home, whatever your setting may be.

Beginning the first Tuesday of Advent, weekly family devotions will be available on Emmanuel's website, app, and social media.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, may these devotions help us experience what it truly means to come home for Christmas – home to the love, peace, and presence of Jesus, our Emmanuel.



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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

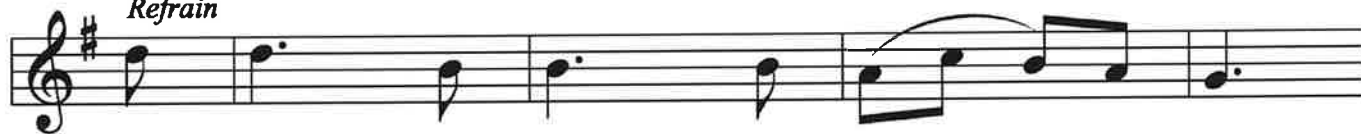


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



- 1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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