

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.

+ THE ORDER OF SERVICE +

THE PRELUDE: "Praise Unfolding"

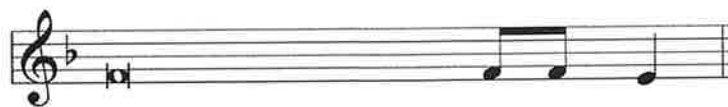
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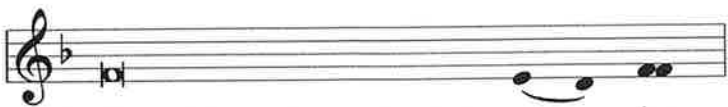
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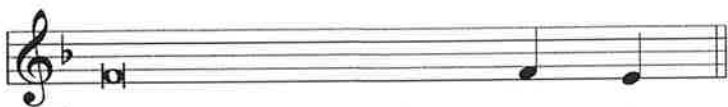
L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



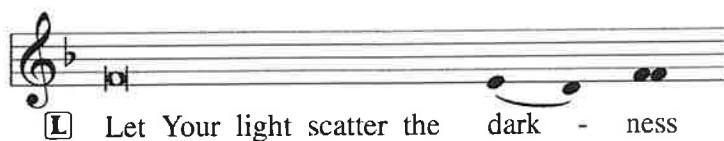
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



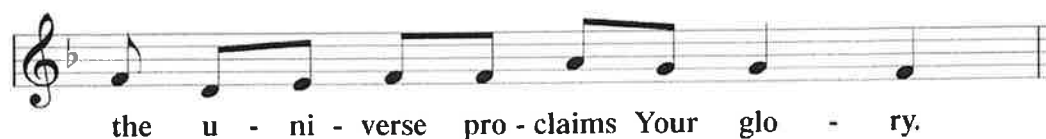
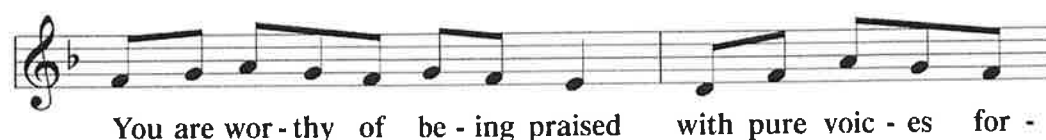
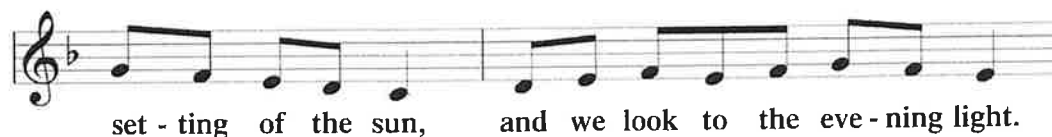
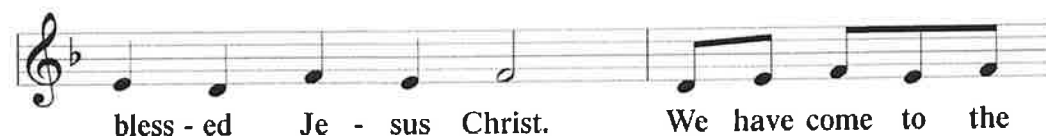
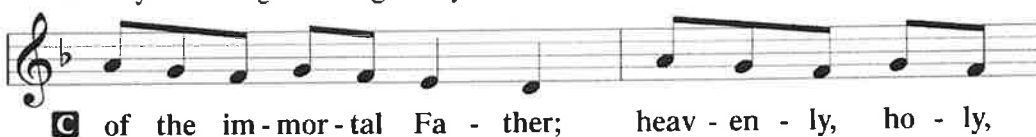
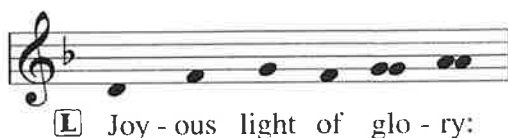
L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C and the day is almost o - ver.



THE HYMN OF LIGHT



THE THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The musical score is written on seven staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a large 'L' in a box at the beginning of the first line and a 'C' in a box at the beginning of the last line. The lyrics are: 'Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; 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.'

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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.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: We confess that we spend ourselves on what cannot satisfy.

People: We chase approval, possessions, and pleasure, ignoring the feast of grace you freely set before us. We labor in vain, and we doubt whether we still belong in your family. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Hear the good news. The Lord invites all who thirst to come and be filled. In Christ Jesus, the feast is already paid for, and your place is secure. Your sins are forgiven. You are welcomed to the table of God's mercy, now and forever. 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 34:8-10, adapted)

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger;

People: But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. 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 HYMN OF RESPONSE: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
(Verses 1, 5-7)

Hymn 357

THE READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a

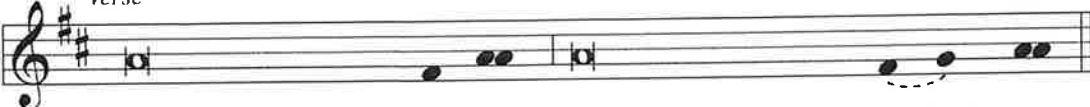
leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

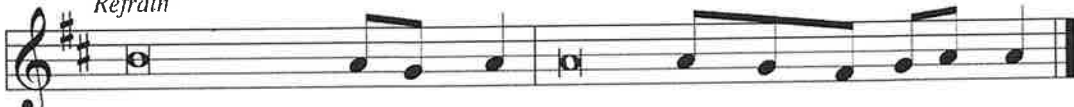
THE RESPONSORY

Verse *To Refrain*



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.

Refrain



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

(Please stand as 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: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Hymn 827

THE SERMON

Seminarian Brad Larson

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: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Handbells

(Please stand as able)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Gracious God, you invite the thirsty to drink and the hungry to be filled without cost. Teach us to turn from empty pursuits and to delight in the rich food of your grace. Keep us secure in your covenant love, that we may both rejoice in your feast and share it with those who hunger. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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: "Once He Came in Blessing"

Hymn 333

THE POSTLUDE: "The King of Glory"

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SERVING

Liturgist	Pastor Thomas A. Eggold
Organ	Matt Johnston
Handbell Director	Cassie Didier
Acolyte	Teagan Arkkelin
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Audio Engineer	Tom Anderson

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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

Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

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.

Every Tuesday, during 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.

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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Unscramble Words from the Scripture Readings

FETSIYT

LOLCAUS

EDEYGR

NLEEDAR

UTATGH

HRUTT

Answers: lested, taught, truth,
learned, lested, callous, greedy,



This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

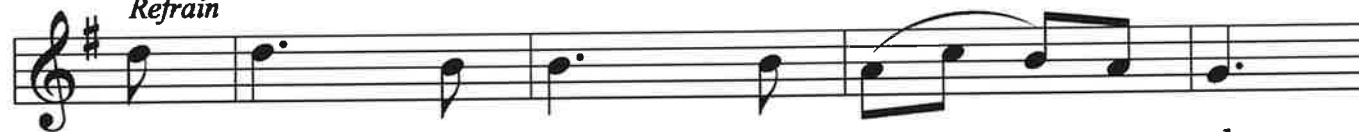


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



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



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

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827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day?"
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
- 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us, Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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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

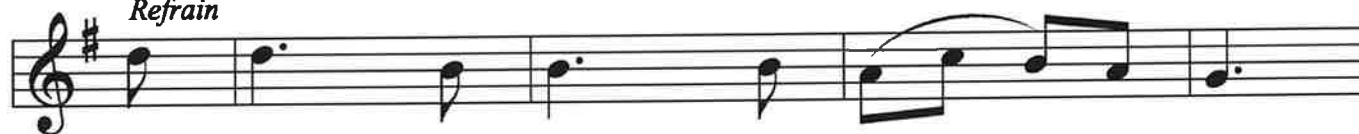


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst



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.

Refrain



Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el



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

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