

seasons, and we thank You for bringing us to the beginning of a new Church Year. Keep us faithful as we move through its observances and celebrations. May we gather often to hear the proclamation of Your Son & receive the gifts You so freely bestow upon us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We do not know the time when the Son of Man will come. That knowledge belongs only to You alone, O Lord. Keep us watchful and ever ready for His arrival. Grant that we may be gathered from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Lord, You are our Father, hide not Your face from us. Look with kindness especially upon [NAMES] and all who cry out to You in time of need. According to Your will, give healing to the sick, comfort to those who mourn and perseverance to those who suffer for the sake of Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*Benediction:

*Sending Hymn: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" — #356

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the Advent of our Lord keep hope in our hearts!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship—Eve
of Advent I
Nov. 28, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Advent Liturgy “The WORD Made Flesh”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek the ways of your justice and peace, for the night is past and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from our sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when He comes, & welcome Him into our hearts and homes, for He is our hope & salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Sing: “Son of God, Eternal Savior” — Verse 1 of #LBW #364

*Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love & pity, Heal our wrongs, & help our need.*

***Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness:**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”--LBW #30**

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7 (See Insert)

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:3-9

***Gospel Acclamation: “What Child Is This” — Vs. 2 of LBW #40**

*Why lies he in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!*

*Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Children’s Message: “Priceless Pottery” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: Dallas Groten

***Hymn of the Day: “Lift Up Your Heads”—ReClaim #93**

***Confession of Faith: “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; by the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Offering: *(No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)*

*Closing Prayers:

L: As we await the coming of our Savior in mercy and majesty, let us pray to our Heavenly Father for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

L: Lord, You have given us the stars as markers of days &

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020
Advent I — 6 pm

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, November 28
Advent I — In-Person &
Virtual Worship at 6pm
Guest preacher: Dallas
Groten. Happy New Year
- Pastor Dave on Vacation
(Nov. 26-Dec. 3)
- Tuesday, December 1
Men's email Bible Study
at 8:30am.
- Saturday, December 5
“Advent II” In-Person
and Virtual Worship at
6pm. Celebrating the
Feast of St. Nicholas
- Monday, Dec. 7—Zoom
Council Meeting at 1pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 —
Men's In-Person Bible
Study @ 11am (Oasis)
- **Acts 4:31—The Church
Prayed!**

First Sunday of Advent: God's anger is kindled by our sin and disobedience. The Lord turned away from his people and left them vulnerable to the consequences of their iniquity. Yet, when they cried out to him for salvation, when they vowed to live in unity with him as his beloved created ones, he sent his Son into the world to save us from sin and death. Through Jesus, God's face shines upon us. He is faithful until the end of the age.

2021 Membership Covenants! Advent I begins on Saturday, November 28. 2021 Discipleship Covenants will be available for servants of Emmanuel wishing to sign or renew their membership covenant for the new year 2021. A Covenant Renewal Service will take place on Jan. 23 at our 6pm Worship Service. Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal; a yearly commitment to the walk of discipleship in the footsteps of Jesus. Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, & live and give generously. Those signing an Emmanuel Discipleship Covenant may have membership in another congregation as well. Questions? Contact Pastor Dave Steffenson!

Worship Servants Tonight: Thanks!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval Guest Preacher: Dallas Groten
Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson
Ushers: Pending Sound: Don Holtan
Sanitizing Team: Pending
Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

Advent & Christmas 2020: “The WORD Made Flesh”

- Saturday, November 28: Advent Liturgy during the four weeks of Advent with the lighting of the Advent Wreath each week.
 - Saturday, Dec. 5: Celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas.
 - Saturday, December 19: Children's Nativity.
 - **NO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE THIS YEAR!**
 - Friday, December 25: Christmas Day Worship at 10am.
 - Saturday, December 26: Twelve Days of Christmas Liturgy with Bell Ringing and Lighting of Candles.

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The ADVENT of our LORD

A new church year begins tonight with the Season of Advent. This year's Advent & Christmas theme is: **“The WORD Made Flesh”**. Each week during the Season of Advent we will be exploring the Gift of the Incarnation! In the Flesh of Jesus, we have a Down-to-Earth God who saves us!

Welcome Dallas Groten!

Pastor Dave is enjoying a week of vacation (November 26-December 3). We welcome Dallas Groten, our guest preacher tonight, who is proclaiming the Good News of the Advent of our LORD.

Children's Worship Bags

Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Please take the bags home with you.

The December Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for December 2020—January 2021.

Isaiah 64:1-9—Clay in the Potter's Hand

1 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. 5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, & shall we be saved? 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, & all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7 (Responsively)

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

L: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

C: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

C: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

L: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

C: And our enemies laugh among themselves.

L: Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

I Corinthians 1:3-9—Gifted & Guiltless as We Wait

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24 [Jesus said,] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***Gathering Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”—#30**

1. 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.
2. 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.

***Hymn of the Day: “Lift Up Your Heads”—ReClaim #93**

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
3. Redeemer, come! With us abide.
Our hearts to Thee; we open wide!
Let us Thy inner presence feel,
Thy grace and love in us reveal.

***Sending Hymn: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” — #356**

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
The fount of life, the light of all:
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
You plead with all to call on you;
To those who seek you, you are good;
To those who find you, life is new.
3. O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amaryllis Plants: Richard Stanley is continuing a tradition begun by his beloved wife Nancy, namely the distribution of Amaryllis bulbs/plants. Women of Emmanuel may pick up their gift of an Amaryllis plant, which will bloom into a beautiful flower. Enjoy this flowering gift in loving memory of Nancy Stanley.

Christmas Keepsake Ornament: Each year, Emmanuel Lutheran Church celebrates the Season of Christmas with a commemorative ornament. This year's Theme is “The WORD Made Flesh”. We celebrate the Incarnation as we remember God's coming down to us in a “baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger”. One ornament per household.

Holiday Cookies: Plates of store-bought holiday cookies are being shared with area Hospitality Houses during the Season of Advent! Those wishing to help with this distribution of Christ-centered love may contact Judy Pearce. Judy received a Thrivent Action Team grant in support of this ministry.

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, December 9 & 23 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the Bible Readings appointed for the week ahead. We'll meet in the Oasis church worship space and practice safe, physical distancing. Bring a Bible and a heart eager to receive God's WORD.

Snow Removal: The Vomhofs are coordinating this year's snow removal for Emmanuel at Oasis Church. Emmanuel is responsible for clearing the sidewalks (snow removal) on Mondays throughout the winter. If you are able to help with this task, please contact Larry Vomhof.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have Thrivent Products don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Go online at www.thrivent.org or call #1- 800-847-4836 to designate your choice dollars. Emmanuel has received \$2,260.00 in Choice Dollars this year.

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