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### **The Prayers**

A: 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 need. *A brief silence*

A: Stir up your power, O Lord; and purify your Church. Make it a holy dwelling, fit for your Son; make it your house, into which the nations stream with gladness and joy; make it the New Jerusalem, the home of all whom you have made children of the day. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord; & cleanse the hearts of all who worship in this place. Fill us with burning love for you; tender affection for one another; and humble generosity toward our neighbors, especially those most in need of your forgiveness and kindness. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord. Guide our companion congregations and synods in pathways of righteousness, and form your missionaries into heralds of your Kingdom’s close approach. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord; and make yourself known to all who ignore or despise you. Humble their pride; illuminate their minds; and soften their hearts. Help all who bear Christ’s name to shine his light on their paths, so that all may stand in your presence to praise your name. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord, and instruct those who take counsel for the nations. Make them eager to seek your will; and give them strength to do it. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to this nation’s leaders. Teach them to work together for the common good; to put the best, not the worst, construction on the words and deeds of those with whom they disagree. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord; and bring healing and hope to all whose need is great. Especially we lift before you: [Names]. Deliver them from everything that darkens their lives; and restore them to full fellowship with all who love them. Give patience, gentleness, & respite to caregivers; and shine the light of your love upon us all. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord; and raise from the shadows of death all who have fallen asleep in you. We remember before you our beloved dead. Help us to comfort those whose hearts are heavy in this season of feasting and joy. Give us grace to be children of the day, filled with the light of your love. 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.**

*Psalm 122—responsively*

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**C: Our feet have been standing within your gates,  
O Jerusalem!**

L: Jerusalem--built as a city that is bound firmly together,

**C: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,**

L: As was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

**C: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.**

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"

**C: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"**

L: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

**C: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

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

**Visit us at:** [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing!** Emmanuel Lutheran Church is partnering again this year with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing campaign. There are locations throughout the Rochester area. Contact [Lee Pearce](#) to sign-up as part of the Emmanuel Bell Ringing Team to get your choice locations and times. Make it a family affair! Our Emmanuel Goal is 58 Servant Hours!



**Worship—Eve of  
Advent One  
Nov. 26, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* 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, and welcome Him into our hearts and homes, for He is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

*Lighting of Advent Candle*

*Sing: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (2x) vs. 1—Insert*

\*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

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\*Gathering Hymn: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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\*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 2:1-5

**Psalm 122**

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Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

\*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Children's Message: "Get Up! Get Dressed!"

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Don Holtan*

*Communion Server: Lee Pearce*

*Ushers: Larry Vonmhof and LeRoy Quam*

*Acolyte: Elijah Matzke*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Margaret Quam*

*Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Janet Sunde & friends*

**Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. A new Study on Revelation has begun. Read Revelation 17:1-19:10 in preparation for this week's study.

**Women's Bible Studies:** Emmanuel Women are studying the Book of Revelation. The afternoon Study is meeting twice a month on Thursday afternoons at Oasis Church (1pm). Next session: Thursday, December 1. An evening study is offered once a month at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Next Session is Wednesday, December 21.

**Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel:** On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Service will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T. 2016:** Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as children learn Bible Stories and grow in their walk with Jesus. Once a month, MarJean will lead our children in music and the kids will provide a gift of music in worship. The Kids Choir will sing in worship on Saturday, December 10. Each week, adults are meeting and participating in a GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Class, discussing Faith Webbing and Faith Stones.

## **Isaiah 2:1-5—Walking in the Light of the LORD**

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, & shall be lifted up above the hills; & all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Romans 13:8-14—Love Fulfills the Law**

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies & drunkenness, not in sexual immorality & sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The 2016 Discipleship Covenants are available for signing. Remember, Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. 58 Covenants were signed in 2016.**

## Gospel Reading—Matthew 24:36-44

**P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 24th. Chapter.**

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

36 [Jesus said,]. “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating & drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## ADVENT THANKSGIVING

We pray you are having a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Weekend. As we enter the Season of Advent we are giving THANKS to Christ our King, who is our Light and our Salvation. Advent's color is BLUE, the color of hope. In Christ we are homing in hope! During the Days of Advent, may God prepare a way into our hearts and give us the joy of Emmanuel. We await the coming of Jesus in daily life, in the needs of our neighbors. We await the END TIME coming of Jesus. We await the coming of Christ in Word and Sacrament. We await the Advent of God in the Nativity of our Lord. Blessed Advent to you and yours! Thanks to LeRoy Quam for making our Advent Wreath which we use each year, & Julie Steffenson for sewing our Advent Pulpit Parament.

**Thanks!** Offering thanks to everyone who gave gifts of love in support of Pastor Dave's Discretionary Fund on Thanksgiving Eve. Thanks also to everyone who shared pie and the Great Thanksgiving!

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016**  
**Eve of Advent One—6 pm**

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

## WELCOME

Happy New Year! Tonight we begin a new church year. The First Sunday of Advent draws us into the promise for peace given to Jerusalem and her citizens as a sign of the coming Messiah who will rescue and redeem Israel. Paul reminded believers that they were closer now, in Christ, than ever before to the promise of salvation. Until Jesus returns, we are challenged to be ready, for no one knows the time or the day when he will come again in glory.

### Emmanuel Nominating Committee:

Is God calling you to serve in leadership at Emmanuel Lutheran? Opportunities: Church Council, Audit Committee, Voting Delegates, or Nominating Committee.

### The Plainview Community Choir

Directed by Jan Fiskum is presenting "Glory In The Highest" at the Plainview High School on December 4, at 7:00 p.m. Darald Bothun will once again serve as the Narrator! Freewill offering!

**The December Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print!**  
Also, pick up your copy of the Our Daily Bread Devotional for December—February.



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, November 26; Saturday School @ 5:10pm; GIFT - 5:15pm; Advent I Worship @ 6pm; Coffee/Treats in the Fellowship Hall
- Tues, Nov. 29- Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Oasis Church (8am); Text Study at 10:30am
- Thursday, December 1 Women's Bible Study at Oasis (1pm)
- Saturday, Dec. 3; Saturday School @ 5:10pm; GIFT - 5:15pm; Advent II Worship @ 6pm
- Saturday, Dec. 10 Kid's Choir sings in Worship