

1. Lord, let your servant go in peace, your faithful Word, you have fulfilled. This Word made flesh, I now embrace: the sure, salvation, you have willed!
2. With my own eyes I see the lamp, of glory giv'n to Israel, The light for nations lost; the peace that makes your wounded people well.
3. Glory & praise, blest Trinity, dear Father, Holy Spirit, Son, Your light no darkness overtakes, while endless ages ever run!

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*(Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, Sanctus, & Nunc Dimitus, written by Rev. Cathy Ammlung; Sola Publishing; used by permission.)*

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!**

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Bob Mulvihill

Acolyte: Gavin Edwards

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson      Take-down: Janet Sunde & Friends

Coffee: Peg Holtan      Treats: Julie Edwards

***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 be re-gifted and re-giving!*

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**Worship  
Advent I  
Nov. 30, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

## **Lutheran Book of Worship**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Psalm 122 & Advent Prayer**

*The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

**\*Gathering Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" #29**

\*Greeting

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**\*Kyrie:** (Tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" — #54)

P: In heavenly peace, we pray to Thee.

**C: Have mercy, Lord, on us.**

P: For peace, salvation, unity,

**C: Have mercy, Christ, on us.**

P: For world, for Church, for this dear place,

**C: Have mercy, Lord, on us.**

P: Grant comfort, help, defense, and grace.

**C: Amen, Lord Christ, Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** (Tune of "O For a Thousand Tongues — #559)

1. With glory bright, & heavenly peace, come quickly Lord, again. With judgment true, the earth renew; the gates of life, open.
2. Sing, Glory be to you, O Lord; to you O Christ, be praise, God's Lamb of love from heaven above, Redeemer of our race.
3. O glory to the Father, Son, and Spirit ever be! God bring your life amidst our strife; Lord Jesus, come quickly.

\*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

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8–14

\***Gospel Acclamation:** “What Gift Can We Bring?” (*Tune of “Away in a Manger” — #67*) — words by Jane Marshall

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
What song can we offer in honor and praise?

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36–44

Children’s Message: “Choose Your Weapon!”

Sermon: “War No More!” Rev. David Steffenson

\***Advent Hymn of the Day:** “O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel”

(*New lyrics. Scripture put to Music, by Rev. Barbara Lundblad*)

1. O come, O come, Immanuel, And bless each place your people dwell. Melt ev’ry weapon crafted for war, Bring peace upon the earth forever more. Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear, God’s chosen one, Immanuel, draws near. (Isaiah 2)
2. O come, green shoot of Jesse, free, Your people from despair and apathy; Forge justice for the poor and the meek, Grant safety for the young ones and the weak. Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear, God’s chosen one, Immanuel, draws near. (Isaiah 11)
3. O come now, living water, pour your grace, And bring new life to ev’ry withered place; Speak comfort to each trembling heart: “Be strong! Fear not, for I will ne’er depart.” Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear, God’s chosen one, Immanuel, draws near. (Isaiah 35)

4. O come, dear child of Mary, come, God’s Word made flesh within our earthly home; Love stir within the womb of night, Revenge and hatred put to flight. Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear, God’s chosen one, Immanuel, draws near. (Isaiah 7)

\*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed” Page 85

\*The Prayers (*Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”*)

\*The Peace

Offering—Gift of Music by our worship pianist

\*The Great Thanksgiving Pages 88ff

\***Sanctus** (*Tune of “What Wondrous Love is This” — #385*)

1. Holy, most holy God, holy Lord, God of hosts, Your glory fills all heaven and earth. “Hosanna!” angels cry; “hosanna!” we reply; “Hosanna, God most high, Lord of love, high above; Hosanna, mighty Lord, God of love.”
2. Blest be the One who bears, God’s blest name, unto us, Blest be the holy name, of our Lord. Let Jesus’ name be blest, by all the world confessed; Our highest and our best, praises ring, anthems sing: “Hosanna, Christ our Lord, God and King!”

\*Words of Consecration

\*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version* Page 91

*Invitation & Distribution*

**Holy Communion** is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).

**Communion Hymn:** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #546

\*Table Blessing

\***Nunc Dimittis** (*Tune of “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” — #36*)  
(*printed on page 4 of bulletin*)

## **Discipleship Covenants for 2020 are available for signing!**

Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. Thanks for walking the walk with Jesus and making Emmanuel your church home. A Covenant Renewal liturgy will take place on Jan. 18th.

**Thanks:** Gratitude is offered to everyone who shared their gifts and their presence at this year's Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. The residents of Madonna Towers appreciated the opportunity for fellowship, worship and enjoying delicious pie. It has been the tradition of Emmanuel to place monetary gifts received at the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. No offering was taken at the Madonna Tower's Service. Members wishing to contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund are encouraged to do so.

**SNOW REMOVAL:** Emmanuel is responsible for snow removal at Oasis Church on Mondays throughout the winter. Coordinators for this task are Larry and Joe Vomhof. Those able to help are invited to contact Larry or Joe. Thanks!

**Madonna Towers Worship:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, December 4 & 18 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce. If you would like to participate in this ministry.

**Emmanuel Nominating Committee:** Leitha Bothun, Lee Pearce, and Julie Steffenson were elected at last year's Annual Meeting to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Please pray about leadership opportunities that will be available in 2020: i.e. Two church council positions, four people for the nominating committee, one member for the audit committee, and two people for the NALC Convocations.

**Advent Goodies—Hospitality Houses:** Judy Pearce received a Thrivent Action Team grant in support of this year's hospitality offerings to three local hospitality houses: Gift of Life Transplant House, The Ronald McDonald House, and Hope Lodge. Plates of cookies and worship invites are being delivered weekly to these 3 locations. Thanks to everyone helping out with this ministry.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019**

**Advent I — 6 pm**

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

## **The ADVENT of our LORD**

Happy New Year! A new church year begins tonight with the Season of Advent. This year's Advent & Christmas theme is: **“And the GIFT Goes On!”** Each week during the Season of Advent we will be celebrating the ongoing GIFT of God, as we listen to the prophetic words of Isaiah.

**November 30:** The GIFT of “War No More!”

**December 7:** The GIFT of “Hope!”

**December 14:** The GIFT of “Salvation”

**December 21:** The GIFT of “A Sign”  
“Children's Nativity”

**Christmas Eve:** Tues, Dec. 24, 2019 @ 9pm  
Carols, Candlelight & Communion

**Sermon:** “The Ultimate GIFT: Jesus!”

**December 28:** The GIFT of “Steadfast Love”

**Jan. 4:** Bell Ringing — 12 Days of Christmas

**Official Notice: Emmanuel Meeting**  
Saturday, December 14, 2019 following evening worship. Presentation & formal vote to approve the purchase of 4.7 acres of church land from Arne and Samia Nelson for the asking price of \$75,000.

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



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, November 30  
Advent I Worship at 6pm  
No Saturday School and  
No G.I.F.T. tonight.
- Tuesday, December 3  
Men's Bible Study at  
8am; Text Study @  
10:30am
- Wed, Dec. 3—Panera  
Bible Study (6:30am);  
Madonna Tower's  
Worship at 1pm
- Thurs, Dec. 5—Women's  
Bible Study at 1pm
- Saturday, December 7  
Saturday School and  
G.I.F.T. at 5pm; Advent II  
Worship at 6pm
- Friday, Dec. 13—Council  
Meeting at 4pm in the  
Oasis Church Library

### Isaiah 2:1-5 — Peace Will Prevail

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, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and 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 forth the law, & 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 & jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, & make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36–44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mt. 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 and 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 & 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.**

**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 and 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:** Men of Emmanuel are meeting at Oasis Church and looking at the Augsburg Confession (*Augustana*) on Tuesdays at 8am. Please join us!

**Women’s Bible Study—Oasis Church Fellowship Hall:** We are studying the Prophet Isaiah on Thursdays at 1pm at Oasis Church. **Future study dates are:** December 5 & 12. Please join us!

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## **The Prayers of the Church**

A: As we await the coming of Christ in mercy and majesty, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

A: Thank you, Lord, for words of warning and mercy. Thank you for your promise to visit your people with judgment and forgiveness. Thank you for Jesus, your final Word and the Yes to all your promises. Make us ready to receive him into our hearts, homes, and world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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. Make it the New Jerusalem, the home of all whom you have redeemed; a place of peace where war is learned no more. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord, and guide all who walk the path of discipleship. Give them grace to listen, ponder, and obey your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Stir up your power, O Lord, and grant your Spirit to the leaders of the nations. Teach them to work together for the common good & to put the best 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 all that darkens their lives.

Restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Give patience, gentleness, and respite to caregivers; and shine the light of your love upon us all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **Psalm 122**

1 I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”  
2 Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!  
3 Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,  
4 to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
5 There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!”  
7 Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”  
8 For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”  
9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

## **Advent Prayer:**

### **Week One:**

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 & peace, for the night is past & the dawn of your coming is near. Mindful of our sins, we seek your mercy and forgiveness. 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 and salvation. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**