

Sunday, December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Welcome to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!

We eagerly await the coming of Christmas and are glad you are with us today.

PRELUDE

"A Christmas Medley"
Emanuel's Lutheran Day School Students

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Hattie Ruth Mojica

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GATHERING HYMN

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

L: A reading from Micah.

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain and chant the bold text.



^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation. R**

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

⁵⁵the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

L: A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have

neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"How the Grinch Learned the Magnificat"

Radio Reading featuring Ryanne Hepp, Hadlee Wilson, Harper Wilson, and Hays Wilson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN

“When a Star is Shining”

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1 When a star is shining over eastern hills,
when the air is silent, and the clamor stills,
when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,
then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise

3 Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;
guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;
show us in a manger our redemption's sign;
bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

Refrain

Lead us on, lead us on,
to a morning where the promise shines.
Lead us on, lead us on,
to a morning where the promise shines.

Refrain

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel’s Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

OFFERING PRAYER

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AM: Let us pray.

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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P: Come to Christ’s banquet. Feast on God’s gift of grace.

COMMUNION

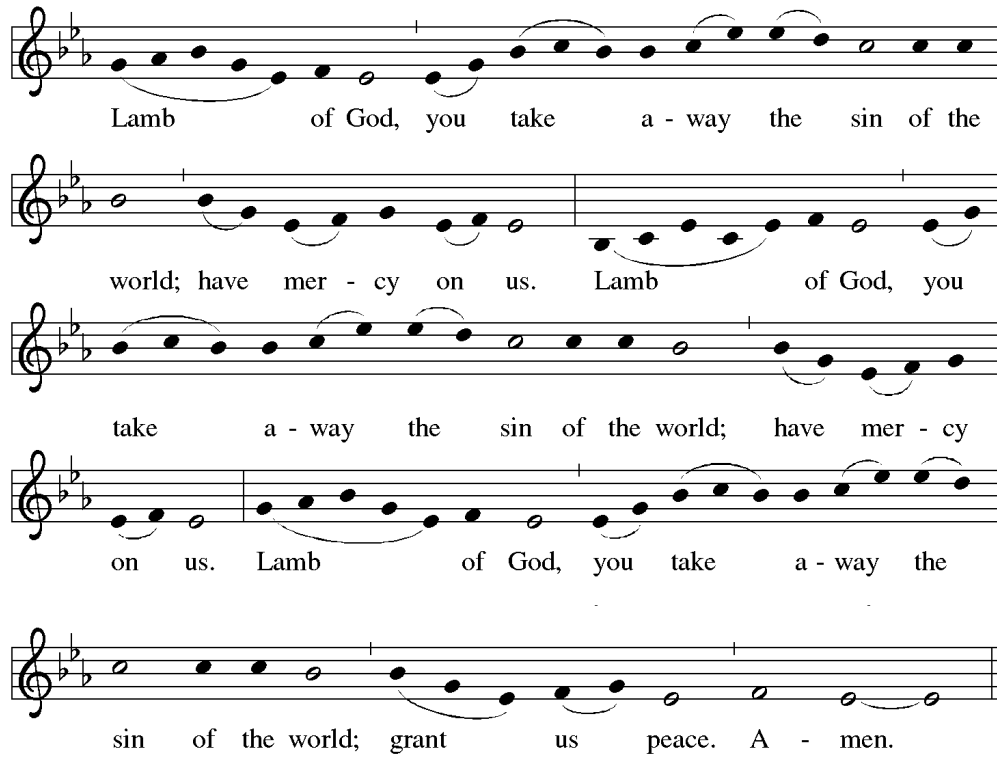
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Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord’s Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, “the body of Christ given for you.” If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, “the blood of Christ shed

for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

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TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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AM: Let us pray.

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"The King Shall Come"

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DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace, Christ is near. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS and **RADIO BROADCASTS** are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

The 2022 Calendar is now posted!

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Karen Vogel, cantor; Chris Teague, guitar.

DAY SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS: Emanuel's PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten Classes; Teachers: PreK 3 - Liz Tisdale and Christina Perales, PreK 4 - Mandy Goins and Amber Yeates, Kindergarten - Katie Brawner and Bryn Strauss; Musicians: Karen Vogel and Thomas Engler.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, December 19, 2021: Preaching: Ryanne Hepp, Hadlee Wilson, Harper Wilson, and Hays Wilson; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Elizabeth Jandt; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten, Denise Hufnagl, Marsha Schroeder, Cheryl Bathge; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Reader:** Mike Haug; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Denise Hufnagl, Cheryl Bathge, Marsha Schroeder; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Carol Hamilton, Doris Jefferies.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, December 26, 2021: Preaching: Pastor John Van Deusen; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Kai Seidenberger; **Communion Assistants:** Elizabeth Jandt, Emily Prochnow, Karen Weinstein, Deb Haug; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Reader:** Alison Seidenberger; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Susan Yeatts; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Darby Clardy, Carolyn Blumberg.

Emanuel's Lutheran Church welcomes
Hattie Ruth Mojica
Daughter of Isaac and Sara Mojica
into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as
a New Member of Emanuel's Lutheran Church
through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Thanks and praise to God.
Godparent: Jeremy Mojica

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online via YouTube, and on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED between Christmas and New Year's. We will see you on **January 3, 2022!**

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: The Congregation Council approved the following at their November meeting. **Fully vaccinated people** are not required to wear a face mask or social distance on the church campus. **Unvaccinated people** are to wear masks inside the building and maintain social distancing. These guidelines apply to all ministry groups, rentals, tenants, staff, congregants, and visitors until further notice. Please refer to the *Updated 2021 Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Ignite! KIDS (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1st Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time then return to families in worship for Communion. **TEACHERS NEEDED.** Sign up on our Weekly E-News!
The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Winter study is *Justice, Law, History*. 9:15 a.m.
Pastor Marcus' Class: (Family Life Center): resumes December 12th looking at the "Life and Legacy of Martin Luther: A Video Discussion." 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): First Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. The *Magnificat*, the song of Mary recorded in the first chapter of Luke, is an extraordinary prayer of thanksgiving—and much more. German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer called it the oldest Advent hymn. Like Mary, we are called to give thanks even for what we didn't ask for and look forward to what lies beyond on Christmas Eve. Read volume 30 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

TORNADO RELIEF: Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area. Your gift will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete. *Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response, write "U.S. Tornadoes" on your check's memo line and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009*

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP and BROWN BAG LUNCH: *The Days are Surely Coming* on Wednesdays, **December 1, 8, 15 & 22** at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for a time of prayers, song, and food as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Discussion of the lesson and lunch to follow in the Women's Ministry Room.

HOLY YOGA: Join Pastor Kelsie on Wednesday evenings during Advent to center our minds and bodies in the Spirit and prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. No experience necessary. Please bring water and a mat. **December 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 6pm** in the Women's Ministry Room.



Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth -
good news of great joy for ALL PEOPLE!

4:00 p.m. Family Service with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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