

# Service Folder



## The First Sunday in Advent

*Ad Te Levavi – “To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul”*

November 27, 2022

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** Emmanuel is an independent, liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation. We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the truth of Scripture according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580, without exception or reservation. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God's Word with us.



With regard to Holy Communion, we believe that the Scriptures teach us to practice *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord's Table here, after they have been examined and absolved. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in becoming communicant members have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

**Note: The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during the Advent season.**

**Advent Suppers** are here again! There are four Wednesdays in Advent this year, which means four midweek Advent services and four opportunities to have supper together before the services. If interested in providing one of the four meals, please see the signup sheet in the entryway.

### EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Nov. 30 - Supper, 5:45 PM; Advent Vespers 6:30 PM
- Sun., Dec. 4 - Bible Class/Sunday School, 9AM  
- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Advent 2)
- Wed., Dec. 7 - Supper, 5:45 PM; Advent Vespers 6:30 PM
- Sun., Dec. 11 - Annual congregational meeting, after the service

### Daily Lectionary for the Week of Advent 1:

	Morning	Evening
<b>Mon</b>	Matt. 11:25-30	Gen. 3:1-24
<b>Tue</b>	Acts 3:22-26	Gen. 9:1-19
<b>Wed</b>	Col. 1:15-29	Gen. 22:1-19
<b>Thu</b>	Heb. 1:1-4	Gen. 49:1-28
<b>Fri</b>	Heb. 2:1-4	Num. 24:14-25
<b>Sat</b>	Eph. 3:1-12	Deut. 18:15-19

**OPENING HYMN** TLH #55 – *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*  
**HYMN** (after the Creed) TLH #58 – *O Lord How Shall I Meet Thee* (first tune)  
**HYMN** (after General Prayer) TLH #57 – *O Bride of Christ, Rejoice*  
**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** TLH #73 – *Fling Wide the Door* (second tune)  
 TLH #304 – *An Awe-full Mystery Is Here*

**Epistle:** *Romans 13:11-14*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 21:1-9*

The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal.

**INTROIT** (after the general Absolution) Ps. 25:1-3a; Ps. 25:4, 5b, 21-22

After the Refrain is introduced one time (1x) by the organ/guitar, all join to sing it three times (3x). The Psalm verses and Gloria Patri are spoken while the music plays softly in the background. Then the Refrain is sung by all twice (2x) more.

Refrain

James J. Chepponis



Come, come Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

- C** (Sing Refrain 3x while the Pastor sings the first line of the Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.)
- P** TO YOU, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- C** O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed;
- P** Let not my enemies triumph over me.
- C** Let no one who waits on You be ashamed.
- P** Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.
- C** For You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day long.
- P** Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.
- C** Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sing Refrain 2x)

The service continues with The Kyrie on p.17, followed by the Salutation & Collect.

**THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH** (after the Epistle) Ps. 25:3a, 4; Ps. 85:7



- P** Let no one who waits on You be | ashamed, O Lord.  
 Show me Your ways, O Lord; | teach me Your paths. \_
- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Show us | Your mercy, Lord,  
 And grant us Your salvation. | Alleluia. \_

The service continues with The Triple Hallelujah and The Gospel, p. 20-21.

## Large Catechism: Creed, Third Article

Thy kingdom come.

<sup>49</sup> What is God's kingdom?

Answer, "Nothing other than what we learned in the Creed: God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, into the world to redeem and deliver us from the devil's power. He sent Him to bring us to Himself and to govern us as a King of righteousness, life, and salvation against sin, death, and an evil conscience. For this reason He has also given His Holy Spirit, who is to bring these things home to us by His holy Word and to illumine and strengthen us in the faith by His power."

<sup>52</sup> We pray here in the first place that this may happen with us. We pray that His name may be so praised through God's holy Word and a Christian life that we who have accepted it may abide and daily grow in it, and that it may gain approval and acceptance among other people. We pray that it may go forth with power throughout the world. We pray that many may find entrance into the kingdom of grace, be made partakers of redemption, and be led to it by the Holy Spirit, so that we may all together remain forever in the one kingdom now begun.

<sup>53</sup> For the coming of God's kingdom to us happens in two ways: (a) here in time through the Word and faith [Matthew 13]; and (b) in eternity forever through revelation [Luke 19:11; 1 Peter 1:4-5]. Now we pray for both these things. We pray that the kingdom may come to those who are not yet in it, and, by daily growth that it may come to us who have received it, both now and hereafter in eternal life. <sup>54</sup> All this is nothing other than saying, "Dear Father, we pray, give us first Your Word, so that the Gospel may be preached properly throughout the world. Second, may the Gospel be received in faith and work and live in us, so that through the Word and the Holy Spirit's power [Romans 15:18-19], Your kingdom may triumph among us. And we pray that the devil's kingdom be put down [Luke 11:17-20], so that he may have no right or power over us [Luke 10:17-19; Colossians 1], until at last his power may be utterly destroyed. So sin, death, and hell shall be exterminated [Revelation 20:13-14]. Then we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness" [Ephesians 4:12-13].