

The First Sunday in Advent

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Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

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AS WE GATHER ~ Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today’s Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world’s foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away” (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God’s promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus’ coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

WELCOME

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* *LSB 341*

INVOCATION ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ↑ (Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.; Psalm 25:6–7)

Pastor: The Lord says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

People: **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

People: **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

People: **We praise You, O Lord!**

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Pastor: The Lord says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

People: **We worship You, O Lord!**

Pastor: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: **Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
People: **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

People: **And also with you.** (Luke 1:28)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I

will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING ↓

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON ↑

Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY ↓**

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

SERMON

H.O.P.E.

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED ↑

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ↑

LORD’S PRAYER ↑

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION ↑

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

♪ **CLOSING HYMN ↑**

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343



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