
2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (LSB #344)

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.**

**Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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INVOCATION

ADVENT PROPHECY: Isaiah 11:1-10t

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.



RESPONSE:

Pastor: People of God, tell me about your Savior.

People: He is Jesus, the promised one, the root of Jesse!

Pastor: And where has He gained His wisdom, His understanding, and counsel? From where comes His power, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord?

People: From the Spirit who is upon Him.

Pastor: What does this Savior bring you?

People: He brings us righteousness, justice, peace, and the knowledge of the Lord. In Him we find hope to face what is ahead.

Pastor: Is the Promised one yours alone?

People: No. Jesus stands for all nations to see. He comes as the Savior of the world!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

Pastor: As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the Bethlehem candle,

People: We remember how God chose the little town of Bethlehem to be the birthplace of the Savior.

Pastor: Fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy and making great what was small.

People: We give You thanks, our heavenly Father, that You exalt the humble and bring down the proud. Grant that as we travel once more to Bethlehem to greet the Savior and King, we may be humbled in His presence, but also blessed by Him. Amen

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB #357)

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And
give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs ⁹ so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." ¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." ¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” ⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

HYMN: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (LSB #361)

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

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SERMON: Isaiah 11:1-10 “New Life From a Dead Stump”

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

People: 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.

CALL TO THANKS AND PRAISE:

SONG: “Holy Holy Holy Lord” (*Peter Scholtes*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.**

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.**

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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Pastor: Nothing brings greater hope than the forgiveness Christ offers through His atoning work.

People: Lord Jesus, my sin is ever before me. I have not loved You above all things, and I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me, Lord. Encourage me and lift me up again by Your saving grace. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ’s body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord’s table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (*Instrumental music.*)

BENEDICTION

HYMN: “Hark the Glad Sound” (*LSB #349*)

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,

The Savior promised long;

Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne

And ev’ry voice a song.

He comes the prisn'ers to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

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Game Night Tuesday, December 6

We welcome Holy Emmanuel Members, Open Arms Families and Summer Rod Car Club members to a dinner and game night. Zak Vanvleet loves board games and will be bringing games for children and adults ages 3 to 103! Please join us for a fun evening. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm in the Narthex following dinner let the games begin!



Special Advent Service 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 14 Advent Service as at 5pm and will include the Open Arms Children's Christmas Program. Please join us to celebrate Christmas and share the love of Christ with the Open Arms families at 5:00pm



Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations! It looks beautiful!



Stewardship update.

Thank you to all those who returned their pledge cards for 2023. You can still bring yours in if you have not yet done so, Your 2023 envelopes are ready to take home. They are on the table in the narthex.

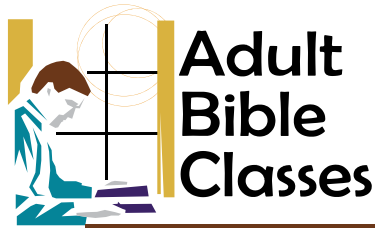
God bless your gifts as we end 2022 and look forward to all God has prepared for us in 2023!



Family Faith Fellowship Sunday's at 10:45-11:30am in the fellowship hall. Our first study unit will be a look at "God's Tools", as we discuss Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the work the Holy Spirit does through these tools to stir and preserve faith in Christ.

Just a reminder, Family Faith Fellowship is NOT just for parents and their children. All are welcome to join us as we grow

spiritually stronger as God's redeemed family.



Adult Bible Classes which meet each Sunday at 8:30am, and each Tuesday at 11am, in the fellowship hall will be studying the Gospel of John. This Gospel was inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by the apostle John, specifically to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and come closer to him as the Savior.

H.E.Y. - Holy Emmanuel Youth for 6th to 12th grade

For the December H.E.Y. (Holy Emmanuel Youth) activity we will be joining our families from Holy Emmanuel and Open Arms for a night of games, food and door prizes. The whole family is invited! Please join us Tuesday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please see Chris Krentz.



Little Blessings

is for ages 3-5, pre kindergarten.
Beginning September 18th
10:45-11:30am Sunday Mornings

VEAP DRIVE

During the month of December, Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Open Arms Christian ECC will be hosting a collection of paper products and other specialty items to improve the lives of people in need in our communities.

Items needed:

Paper products: towels, tissues, toilet paper, Personal Care Products (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brushes)

Diapers (size 3-adult)

Tampons, Sanitary Napkins

Dish Soap.

Any monetary donations will also be appreciated

Please place your items in the VEAP bin in the narthex.

Thank You for your support.

Gayle Cedergren, Holy Emmanuel, VEAP Representative





Mr Joel's Retirement Dinner postponed until Tuesday, December 13th

Mr. Joel has been fulfilling the Open Arms Mission statement and "Feeding His Lambs" for 24 years. It is with a mix of excitement and sadness that he has announced his retirement from Open Arms. His love and devotion for Christ and the children of Open Arms has impacted the lives of over 1,000 students. These students have gone on to change the world. Mr. Joel's last day at Open Arms will be December 1st.

Our beloved Mr. Joel, sometimes known as our very own Mr. Rogers, has positively impacted the lives of many children over his 24 years at Open Arms. So much so, a year does not go by that he does not receive multiple invitations from past students to their high school and college graduations, weddings and baptisms of their children.

With the gentlest fortitude and Christian passion, Mr. Joel used his God given gifts to, as he would say, "develop the whole child". Beyond setting a strong foundation for continued spiritual, academic, physical and social growth, Mr. Joel worked diligently with his colleagues at Open Arms to develop and maintain the many assets every child needs to succeed in life.

Mr. Joel has unconditionally loved and cared for every child blessed to be one of his students. His steadfast commitment to their development and general welfare has shaped their critical thinking skills with a focus on Christian values...you will hear many of the children in his care, frequently ask themselves and their friends, now and throughout their lives, "What would Jesus want us to do?"

We are grateful that Mr. Joel, as he enjoys his retirement and more time with his lovely wife Xochitl, a former professor at the University of Minnesota and Century College, will, in the role of substitute teacher and volunteer, continue to bless the children, families and staff of Open Arms in the years to come.

Please join us Tuesday, December 13th 4-7:30pm for a Davani's fundraiser (86th & Lyndale) to celebrate Mr. Joel's 24 years of dedicated service to his Lord and Savior, making a difference in the lives of the children, staff and families of Open Arms. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase new books for the Open Arms "Jesus Time Library", a project near and dear to Mr. Joel's heart and soul.

Blessings,
Dawn Regan
Director
Open Arms Christian ECC



Open Arms Mission Statement: Following Jesus Words, "Feed My Lambs" John 21:15 Open Arms Christian Early Childhood Center Nurtures Young Children in a Christian Environment

Statement of Purpose: Open Arms Christian Early Childhood Center, a ministry of Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church, offers families a caring, nonjudgmental and supportive Christian environment. The loving and secure age-appropriate environment is culturally sensitive and encourages children to learn through play.

Children's development is enhanced by opportunities which meet the individual needs of the whole child with in the following learning domains; Spiritual, The Exploration of Arts, Approaches to Learning, Language and Literacy Communications, Cognitive; Mathematics, Scientific Thinking, and Social Systems, Physical and Movement, Social and Emotional.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm Phone Number: 952-888-5116

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1. What was happening with the Israelites when Isaiah spoke this message to them?
2. Why did the Israelites feel like there was no hope for them?
3. When might we feel a sense of hopelessness?
4. Who is the shoot that comes from the stump?
5. How does God portray the life that awaits those in Christ?
6. How did the picture of a new life help the Israelites?
7. What does Jesus’ resurrection from the dead show us?
8. What does Jesus’ resurrection do for all who trust in him?