
MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE NOVEMBER 30, 2022



WELCOME

HYMN: “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” (LSB #350)

**Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

**Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne’er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!**

**Hail, Hosanna, David’s Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail Hosanna to our King.**

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INVOCATION

ADVENT DECLARATION:

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: All those who await his appearance pray,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: The whole creation pleads,
People: **Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN: “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” (LSB #606)

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ADVENT READING: Psalm 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

HYMN: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (LSB #358)

**“From heav’n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing.”**

**“To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.”**

**“This is the Christ our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.”**

**Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.**

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SERMON: Isaiah 7:14 “The Jesus Zone!”

SONG: “Glorify Thy Name” *(Donna Adkins)*

**Father, we love You, We worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name; Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name; Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You.
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name; Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

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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.**

BLESSING:

Pastor: Go in peace, for the One who came to save you will lead you through all of life.

People: Until at last He brings us to an eternal home not made with human hands.

Pastor: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

**People: The grace of the Lord Jesus is with us as God's people.
Amen.**

HYMN: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" (LSB #352)

**Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.**

**As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.**

**Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.**

**Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

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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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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



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

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Isaiah 7:14

"The Jesus Zone"

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

1. How do Advent services help us?

2. What does the first promise of a Savior reveal to us?
 - A.

 - B.

 - C.

3. When were the dimensions of heaven and earth first connected?

4. How did heaven and earth become disconnected?

5. Where was Jesus working when he died on the cross?

6. What happened with Jesus on the cross as he connected heaven and earth?

7. What do we receive when we trust in Jesus?

8. Why don't we have to try to connect heaven and earth so we can get God's blessings?

9. How do we remember the blessings of heaven start to come to us on earth in Christ?

10. What did the angels announce about dimensions at Christmas?