
MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE DECEMBER 7, 2022



WELCOME

HYMN: “Arise, O Christian People” (LSB #354)

**Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.**

**Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav’nly
guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.**

**Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You This blessed Advent tide.
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;
I’ll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.**

(Public Domain)

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: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (LSB #702)

**My faith looks up to Thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.**

Now hear me while I pray;

Take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day

Be wholly Thine!

(Public Domain)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ADVENT READING: Psalm 69:32-36

³² The poor will see and be glad— you who seek God, may your hearts live! ³³ The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people. ³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them, ³⁵ for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. Then people will settle there and possess it; ³⁶ the children of his servants will inherit it, and those who love his name will dwell there.

HYMN: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Use tune LSB #383)

**Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow’ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.**

**This flow’r whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev’ry where.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev’ry load.**

**O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.**

(Public Domain)

SERMON: Luke 2:19 “Life in Two Dimensions”

SONG: “All Heaven Declares” (Noel & Tricia Richards)

**All heav’n declares,
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare, with
the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be,
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship Him alone.**

**I will proclaim,
the glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain,
to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be,
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship You alone.**

(C.1987 Kingsway’s Thankyou Music Used by permission CCLI #522460)

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: *(Adapted from Revelation 7)*

Pastor: The uncountable multitude of saints in heaven who trusted in
Jesus as their Savior stand before the Lamb upon his throne and cry
out with a loud voice,

People: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on throne, and to
the Lamb!”

Pastor: And all the angels around the throne worship him saying;

People: “Blessing and honor, glory and thanksgiving, power and
might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Pastor: And all the creatures of the earth shout;

People: “Amen!”

Pastor: And all the saints and angels shout;

People: “Amen!”

Pastor: The grace of the risen Lord Jesus be with God's people.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

SONG: “Jesus, Your Name” *(Morris Chapman/Clair Cloninger)*

Jesus, Your name is power,
Jesus, Your name is might.
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold;
Jesus, Your name is life.

**Jesus, Your name is healing,
Jesus, Your name gives sight.
Jesus, your name will free ev'ry captive;
Jesus, Your name is life.**

**Jesus, Your name is holy,
Jesus, Your name brings light.
Jesus, Your name above ev'ry other,
Jesus, Your name is life.**

(C. 1990 Word Music. Used by permission. CCLI #522460)



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



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.

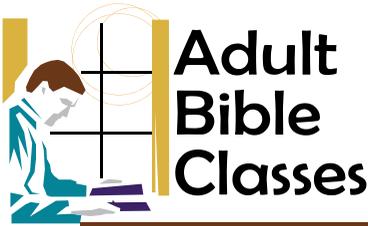
Thank You for your support.

Gayle Cedergren, Holy Emmanuel, VEAP Representative



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

Holy Emmanuel Youth and Redemption Lutheran church (1.5 miles from Holy Emmanuel) will be combining our two youth groups. We are excited to partner together. Our plan is to have a monthly fun activity, fundraising on occasion for our mission trips, and most importantly continue to study God's Word together. Our fun activities will always be the third Saturday of every month. For any questions please see Chris Krentz



Little Blessings

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



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
Dawn Regan, Director of Open Arms, Email: eccdirector@openarmsecc.org
Randy Regan, Chief Business (Enrollment Info): Email: adminasst@openarmsecc.org

MIDWEEK ADVENT II

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Luke 2:19

“Life in Two Dimensions”

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

1. What spiritual dimension do we live in as Christians?
2. What’s the only thing that counts in the spiritual dimension?
3. Why can’t we make any decisions in the spiritual realm?
4. How is the earthly dimension of our life different than the spiritual dimension?
5. What kind of decisions does the Holy Spirit call us to make in our earthly lives?
6. Who benefits from our choices in life?

7. Why is the physical dimension more prevalent to us than the spiritual dimension?

8. When do we become spiritually near-sighted?

9. Why does the world spend all its time focusing on the physical dimension of life?

10. How did Mary respond differently than the shepherds to the Savior's birth?

11. We live in the world but focus on _____

_____.