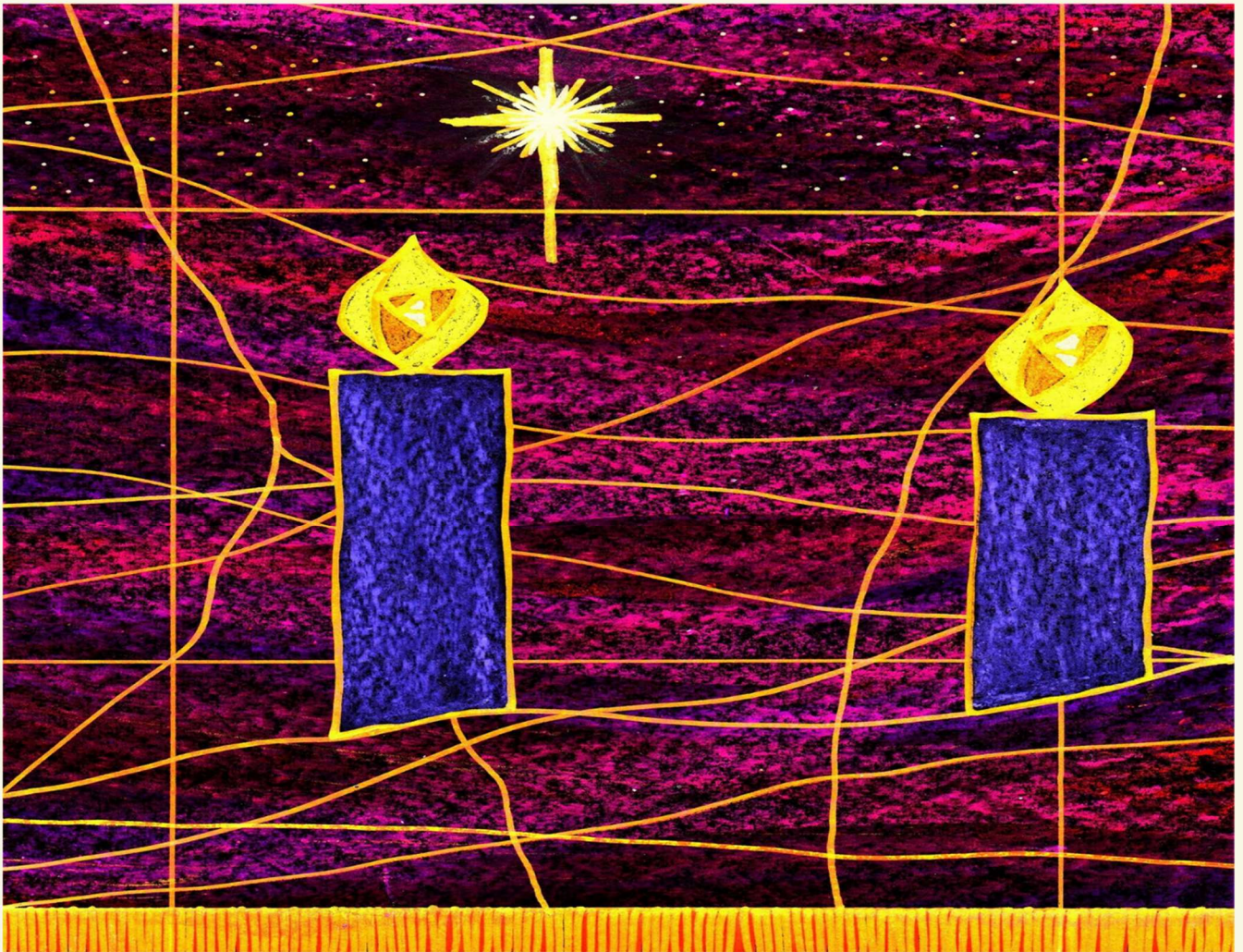


# Peace



**EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday, December 6, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!

We eagerly await the coming of Christmas and are glad you are with us today.

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### PRELUDE

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

### "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ELW 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

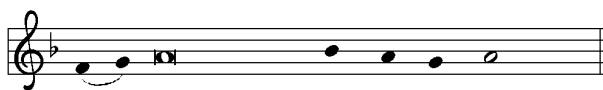
## GREETING

ELW p. 156

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

ELW p. 156



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



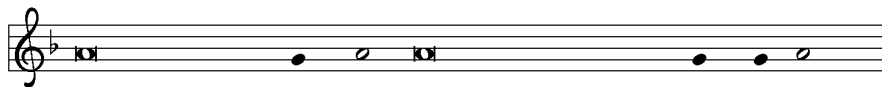
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



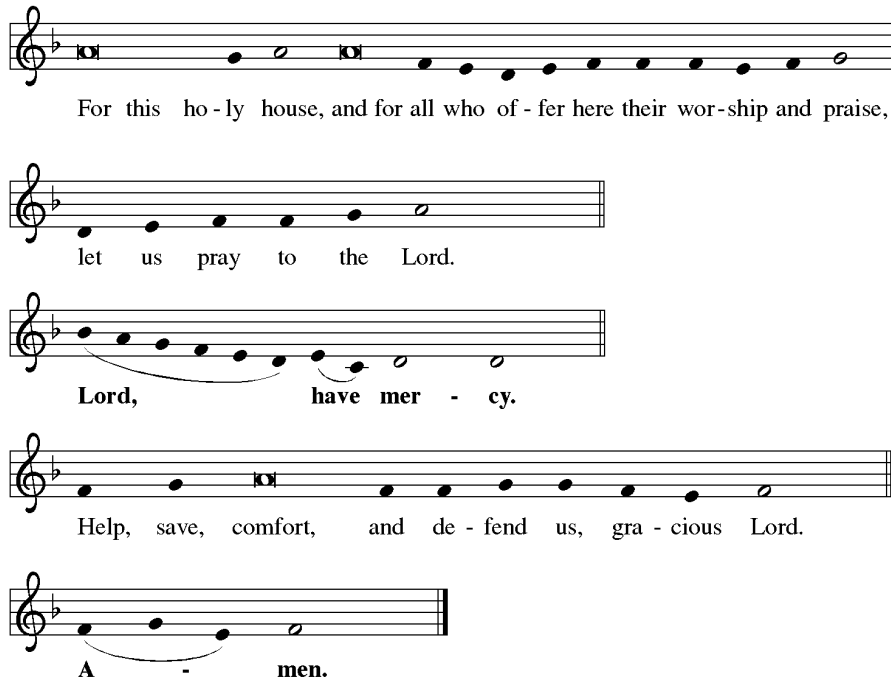
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 159

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

L: A reading from Isaiah.

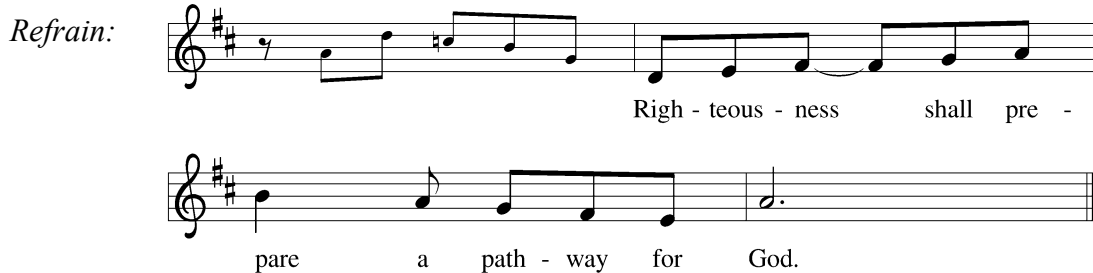
<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his

flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**



<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people  
and blotted out | all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to  
you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

**SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

L: A reading from 2 Peter.

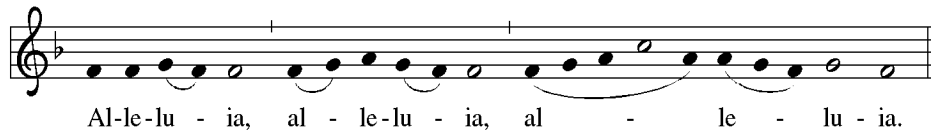
<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at

home. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 160



## GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "All Earth Is Hopeful"

ELW 266



To - da	la tie - rra	es - pe - ra	al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful,	the Sav - ior comes at last!		
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael,	you heard the proph - et tell:		
3 Moun - tains and val - leys	will have to be pre - pared;		
4 We first saw Je - sus	a ba - by in a crib.		



yel sur - co - a - bier - to,	la ob - ra del Se - ñor;	es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen	for God's cre - a - tive task:	this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er	will bear Em - man - u - el";	she con -
new high - ways o - pened,	new pro - to - cols de - clared.	Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus	to - day has come to live	in our

mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our

cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
 Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

## APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 160

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ELW p. 161

AM: God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*Response to each petition:* AM: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## PEACE

ELW p.161

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155



## OFFERING PRAYER

ELW p. 161

AM: Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 161

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

ELW p. 162

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 162

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 162

## LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 163

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

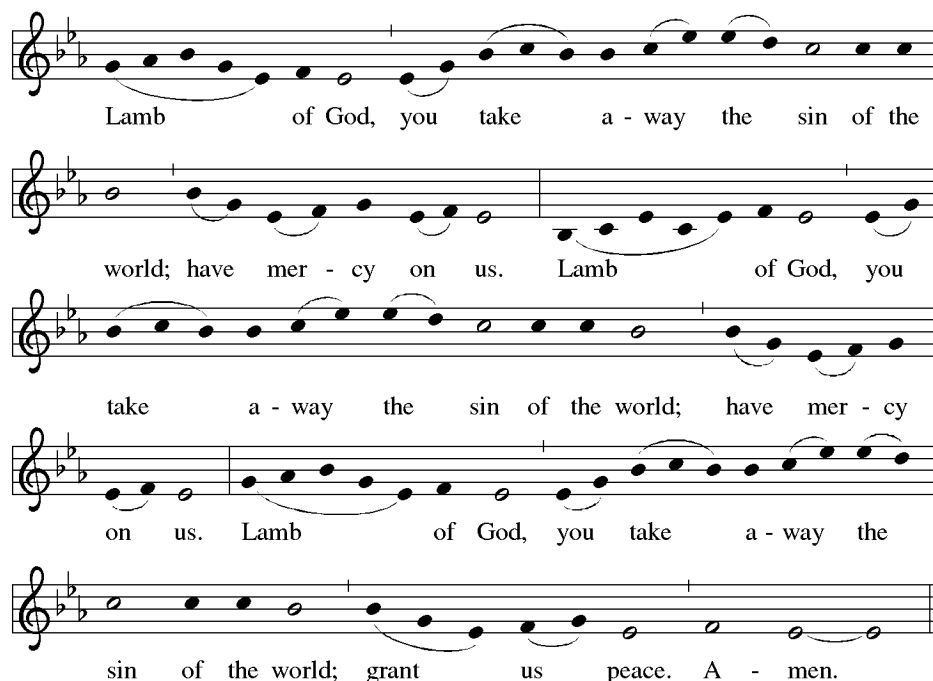
ELW p. 164

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## AGNUS DEI

### "Lamb of God"

ELW p. 164



## COMMUNION

ELW p. 164

*When giving the bread and sharing the cup, you may use say:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 164

AM: Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

ELW p. 164

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### "He Came Down"

ELW 253



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

## DISMISSAL

ELW p. 164

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**MUSICIANS TODAY:** Jubilation Singers

**WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 6, 2020: Preaching:** Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus

**NEEDED:** Please call the church office if you are interested in being a **Funeral Usher** at Emanuel's. This is a flexible, meaningful, and vital ministry of our church. Ushers are called on a rotating basis and serve as needed, often only a few times a year. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Emanuel's Lutheran Church Announcements

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is currently streamed on Facebook, YouTube and KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m. Due to rising COVID-19 cases, in-person worship is not taking place at this time. Church office staff will be again working from home and in the office as needed or by appointment. Please refer to the larger "We Are Better Together" COVID Safety and Gathering Policy updated on our website or contact Pastor Marcus with any questions. Continued prayers for our church leaders as they navigate the ever-changing tide.

**2020 ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** is on **Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.** It will be on the front lawn of the church and online or on your phone via Zoom. For those attending in-person, you will need to wear a mask, bring a chair-unless you are comfortable in your car along the street, and a pen or pencil. Ballots will be brought to you. Voting by written ballot will take place for the approval of the 2021 Council Member Nominations. A voice vote will be used for the other actionable items on our agenda. For those at home, you may call into our meeting via your cell phone or land line or log in via a smart device or your computer. Please log in 10-15 minutes early. Meeting agendas and log in information is posted on our website at [www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com](http://www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com). Paper copies are available in the office.

**ADVENT AT HOME:** As has become our practice of setting aside bread and wine or bread and juice for the celebration of Holy Communion, we invite you to set aside four candles to join in the lighting of the Advent Wreath. These candles can be anything you have. They can be used or new, fragrant or not, similar in shape in size or completely random. Set them in the place where you worship each week and light them along with those being lit in worship. If you can, take a picture of what you have created for your Advent wreath and share them with the church office or online. We would love to see them.

**ADVENT DEVOTION** *Faith, Hope, Love, Joy & Light* is our 2020 Advent Devotion created by Pastor Marcus, Pastor Kelsie, and Pastor John at Emanuel's. Pastor Paul from St. John Marion, Pastor Megan from Spirit of Joy, and Pastor Andrew from 1st Presbyterian. The stunning cover, *Sign Divine*, is by our own Kolleen Kallus. Advent is a time to prepare one's heart for newness, newness inbreaking amid angelic song, newness inbreaking as innocence, newness drawing the world together in hopeful anticipation. A digital download is available at [www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com](http://www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.com). Limited print copies are available in the church office. May the Holy Spirit guide and lead you over the season of Advent.

**POINSETTIAS** for Christmas may be donated as you rejoice the season, or in memory or honor of loved ones. Plants may be taken home following the final service. (If it is recorded, we will let you know when you can pick them up.) Forms, **due by December 9<sup>th</sup>**, are available in the office and on our website homepage. Each poinsettia is \$10.

**WATER TO THRIVE** holiday giving campaign is now underway. Donations may be donated as you rejoice the season, as a gift to someone special, or given in memory or honor of loved ones. Our Easter water well campaign was wildly successful, and we are excited to provide a second community across the globe with access to clean water. You can donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving> or complete the Water To Thrive giving forms located on our website or printed in the office.

**PREP THE ARK** at Emanuel's Day School! **On Dec. 5, 12 & 19** from 8-Noon help us get The Ark ready for a new coat of paint and beautify the campus. We will safely be working outside. BYO gloves, tools, lunch, snacks. Childcare provided. Contact PK with questions.

**CANCELED:** Due to rising COVID-19 numbers Emanuel's traditional **MID WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP AND BROWN BAG LUNCHES and HOLIDAY MEAL DELIVERIES** are canceled. The safety of everyone is our greatest concern. Thanks to all who volunteered to assist with these annual events.

**SMALL GROUP UPDATES:** Small groups at Emanuel's are patiently pivoting as new restrictions are implemented following our "We Are Better Together" COVID Safety and Gathering Policy. Rising COVID-19 numbers necessitate such action. Please contact individual groups or the church office to see how each is creatively managing to proceed with the ministry and life of the church. Groups may be meeting online, in clusters of 2-5 people, or by other flexible means. Call first to see how best to participate.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** The Church Council is reviewing data for safe gathering options for Christmas Eve Services. A final decision regarding time and place will be approved at the December 8, 2020 meeting.