

Sunday, December 5, 2021
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.

PRELUDE

"Wake, Awake"

Charles Callahan

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDELS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

C: God for whom we wait, in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and

turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

ELW 264

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



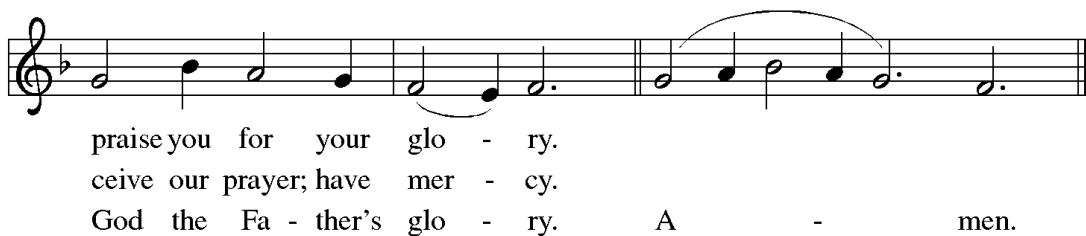
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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AM: Let us pray together.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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: Malachi 3:1-4

L: A reading from Malachi.

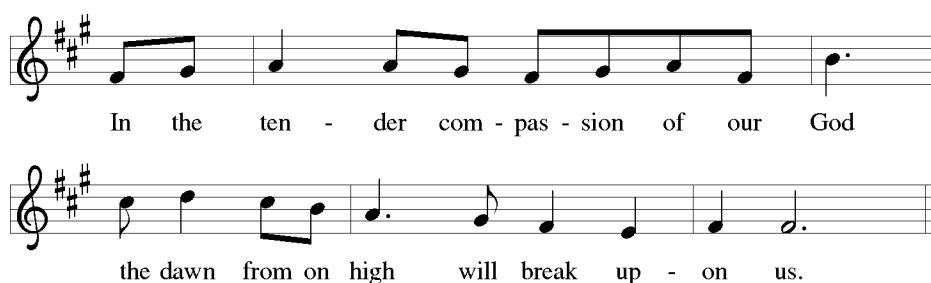
¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.



**⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.**

**⁶⁹You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David. R**

⁷⁰**Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,**

⁷¹**from the hands of | all who hate us,**

⁷²to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.

⁷³**This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:**

⁷⁴**to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,**

free to worship you | without fear,

⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. R

⁷⁶**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,**

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.

⁷⁸**In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,**

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. R

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

L: A reading from Philippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the

Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

HYMN OF THE DAY

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

ELW 249

NICENE CREED

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

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace.

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

AM: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

"When a Star is Shining"

ACS 915

1 When a star is shining over eastern hills,
when the air is silent, and the clamor stills,
when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,
then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise

3 Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;
guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;
show us in a manger our redemption's sign;
bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

Refrain

Lead us on, lead us on,
to a morning where the promise shines.
Lead us on, lead us on,
to a morning where the promise shines.

Refrain

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OFFERING ANTHEM

"Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People" Setting by David N. Johnson
Psalm 42 ("Freu dich sehr")

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

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AM: Let us pray.

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

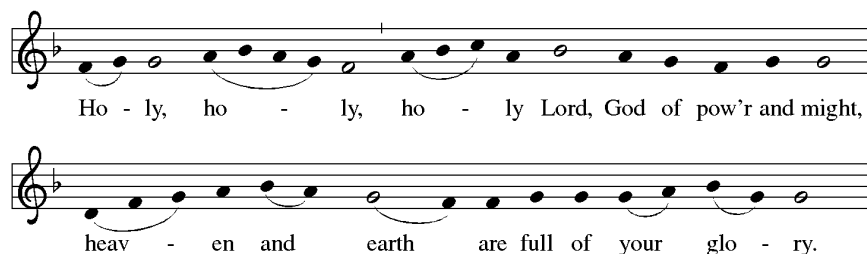
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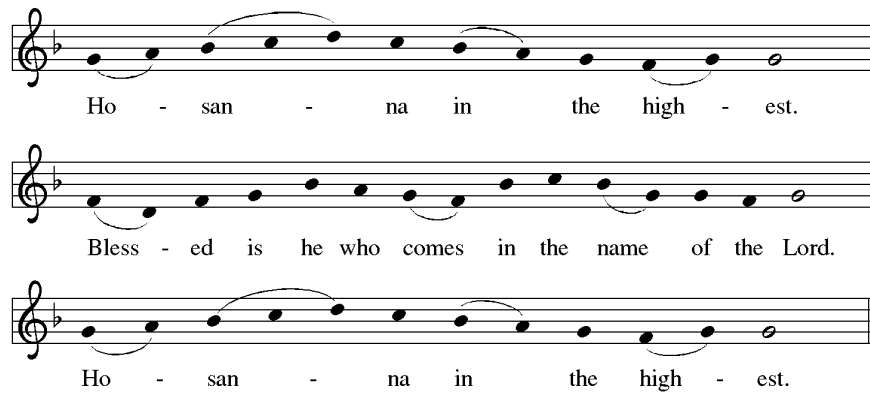
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SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

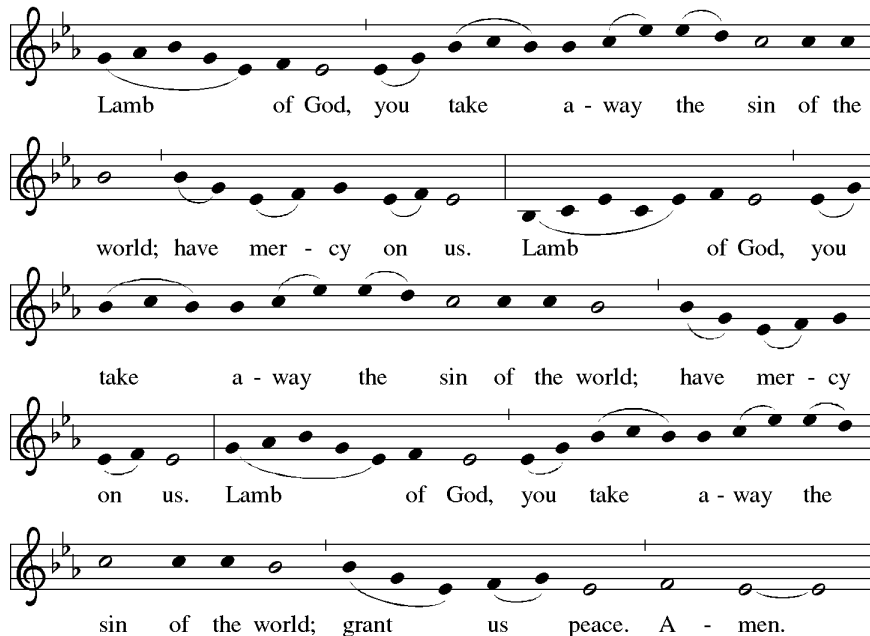
COMMUNION

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Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

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COMMUNION HYMN**"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"****ELW 469****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

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AM: Let us pray.

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

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P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN**"Lost in the Night"****ELW 243****DISMISSAL**

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P: Go in peace, Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**"Savior of the Nations Come"**

Charles Callahan

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RADIO BROADCAST today is given in honor of Clifton Micheli.
Happy Birthday from Hughlene, Mitzi, Larry, Chris, Katie, Josie, Michael,
Dustin, Joey, Sam, Austin, and Leeanna.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Jubilation Singers; Thomas Engler, cantor/violinist; Evelyn Dittmar, keyboard; Chris Teague, guitar

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, December 5, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Evelyn Dittmar; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer; **Acolyte:** Leland May; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider; **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Jandt, Jeanne Palmer, Marsha Schroeder; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Lindsay May; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, December 12, 2021: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Kelsie; **Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Communion Assistants:** Steve Anderson, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Barbara McCall; **Acolytes:** Landon & Lyric Lalley; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen, Mary Barnes; **AV/Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online via YouTube, and on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: The Congregation Council approved the following at their November meeting. These guidelines apply to all ministry groups, rentals, tenants, staff, congregants, and visitors until further notice. **Fully vaccinate people** are not required to wear a face mask or social distance on the church campus starting Sunday, November 21, 2021. **Unvaccinated people** are to wear masks inside the building and maintain social distancing. Please refer to the entire *Updated 2021 Covid-19 Return to Church Plan* on our website.

2021 ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is IN PERSON **Sunday, December 12, 2021**, immediately following the celebration of Holy Communion. This meeting will take into consideration with potential action the 2022 proposed budget and church council nominees.

COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS: In preparation for our Sunday, December 12th Annual Meeting three learning and discussion session are scheduled for **Sunday, November 21st, November 28th, and December 5th, at 9:00am in the Family Life Center**. Zoom links are available in the Weekly E-Newsletter. The sessions will be recorded for additional listening for those not able to be present. Discussion topics include the proposed 2022 budget, nominations for church council, and ministry programs for 2022. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION at 10:30 a.m.

Ignite! KIDS (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1st Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time then return to families in worship for Communion. **TEACHERS NEEDED.** Sign up on our Weekly E-News!

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES at 9:15 a.m.

The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Winter study is *Justice, Law, History*.

Pastor Marcus' Class: (Family Life Center): resumes in December looking at the "Life and Legacy of Martin Luther: A Video Discussion."

WEEKDAY STUDIES

- **Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Room): First Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

ADVENT CALENDARS AND STUDY GUIDES are available in the Narthex. Deepen your engagement throughout this season of Advent with these spiritual guides where you can find impactful, motivational stories and information about your the ELCA World Hunger program at work in the world.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP and BROWN BAG LUNCH: *The Days are Surely Coming* on Wednesdays, **December 1, 8, 15 & 22** at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for a time of prayers, song, and food as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Discussion of the lesson and lunch to follow in the Women's Ministry Room.

HOLY YOGA: Join Pastor Kelsie on Wednesday evenings during Advent to center our minds and bodies in the Spirit and prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. No experience necessary. Please bring water and a mat. **December 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 6pm** in the Women's Ministry Room.

TAMALE PICK UP is December 7 from 4-6 in the Women's Ministry Room or December 12 after church.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN: Bell Ringers are needed **Monday, Dec. 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Market Entrance at Walmart. All you have to do is SMILE, RING A SMALL BELL and SAY THANK YOU. If standing is a problem for you, a chair will be provided. Call Frances Vinyard at 830-481-7726 if you can give an hour or two of your time.

SHARE THE GOOD MOOS!!! With your donations, poinsettias will grace the sanctuary of Emanuel's this Christmas and ELCA Good Gifts will make a difference throughout the world. You may honor or remember a loved one by supporting the ELCA Good Gifts Project (any dollar amount or as indicated on the specific ornament) and/or with a poinsettia (\$12 each). Check out the adorable trees in the narthex and by the chapel. (Thank you Joy Circle!) Forms and payments may be put in an envelope and placed in the offering basket, given to our advent tree attendants, or delivered to the church office. Deadline to ensure poinsettias for Christmas is **Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.**

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS NEEDED: Is your youth an eager servant leader? Sign them up to serve as a crucifer or acolyte for worship. Let PK know or use [SignUp Genius](#) in the Weekly E-Newsletter.

CHOIR SINGING AT THE BIG RED BARN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS on **Friday, December 10** in the Little White Church around 6:15pm. Country Christmas is a family affair with food, music, lights, and Santa. Admission is \$5/adult and \$3/child. Join us at 390 Cordova Road to support our amazing choir and have a merry time!

COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT AT THE PUTT PUB: Join us on **Friday, December 17th** at 7pm in San Marcus for a merry evening of putt-putt with friends. Cost is \$10 plus your food. Pay at the Putt Pub. Sign up in the Narthex to grab a spot. We will meet at the course and folks can leave whenever they wish. www.puttpub.com



Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth -
good news of great joy for ALL PEOPLE!

4:00 p.m. Family Service with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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