

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 Services

## *Second Sunday in Advent*

**Introduction for the Day:** At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's Table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

### *Gathering*

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Anthem            8:30

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* arr. William Kyle  
– Bells Angels

11:00

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Michael Helman  
and Sandra Eithun – Righteous Ringers

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

We gather in preparation

**for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

We gather in expectation

**for joy is about to explode in our midst.**

We gather in celebration

**for we are those people who have said: yes to the manger, yes to love, yes to the  
wholeness of God.**

With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

## Advent Proclamation

## We Are Waiting for Jesus

We are wait - ing for\_\_ Je - sus; Je - sus\_\_ brings peace.

We are wait - ing for\_\_ Je - sus; Je - sus\_\_ brings peace.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.

We are wait - ing for\_\_ Je - sus; Je - sus\_\_ brings peace.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, the God of goodness and lovingkindness, whose Son was sent to save us and whose Spirit is poured out on us and renews us. As people called out of darkness, let us confess our sins and seek mercy from the God of justice and righteousness.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Righteous and merciful God,

**we confess that we have strayed from your ways and walked our own paths. We fall asleep to the needs around us, yet our anxieties jar us awake. We are bound up in systems of unrighteousness and injustice. Restore your people, O God; renew your creation; and have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Listen to what God is saying, speaking **peace** to those who turn their hearts: the night is far gone, the day is near. All who have a fearful heart, be strong, do not be afraid! God comes in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Spirit of holiness fill you with wisdom and might, so that you shall delight in God's ways.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

#264 Prepare the Royal Highway

Advent Greeting

May the peace of this season embrace you with God's grace.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

Advent Candle Lighting - The Gift of Peace

Christ comes to lighten our darkness

**And we wait for peace.**

We await the time when wars will cease.

**And swords turned into plowshares.**

We look forward to the arrival of our Prince of Peace.

**Come to us, O Prince of Peace.**

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the promised Messiah.

**We look forward to the little child who will lead us.**

Today we light two candles. The first candle illuminates patience and hope in our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength and **peace** to all who feel weary and weak in this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope and **peace** be kindled as the light grows brighter.

Let us pray. O Lord our God, you break into our world with messages of hope, **peace**, joy, and love. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Establish your **peace** throughout the earth.

Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all.

**Blessed be God forever. Amen.** *(The second Advent candle is lit.)*

## Advent Response

## Christ Be Our Light

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho - ly  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has pow'r to  
 peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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## Word – Generous People

*We put our hope in God to provide for us. Likewise, we are stewards of all that we receive - recognizing what we have is ours to share. We practice generosity as a way to model God's generosity, to say thank you to God, and to participate in God's work to care for those in need.*

## First Reading

1 Timothy 6:17-19

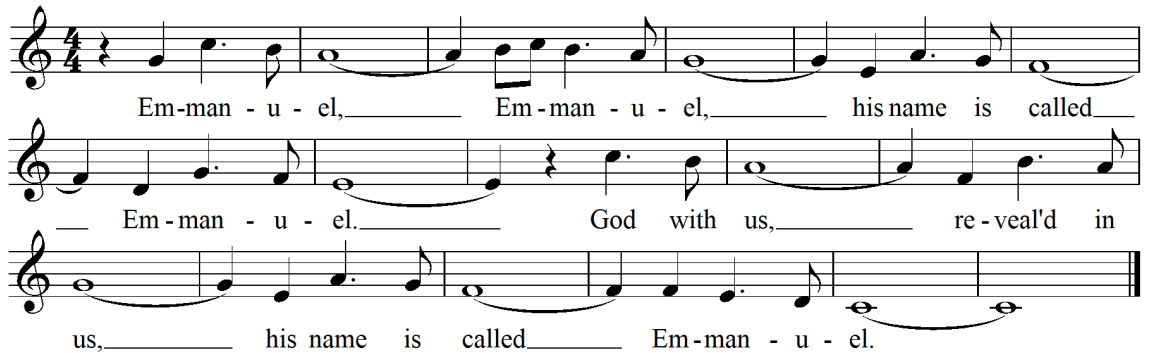
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Advent Acclamation

## Emmanuel



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## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**#266 All Earth Is Hopeful**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 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,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who 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.

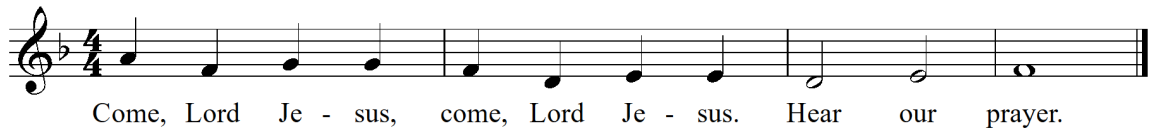
*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

#### Prayers of Intercession

Waiting and watching for our sure and certain **peace**, let us pray for the world redeemed,  
 the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one.

#### Call to Prayer

#### **Come, Lord Jesus. Hear our Prayer**



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God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and  
 join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

Meal

Musical Offering 8:30

*On Jordan's Bank* by Matthew Armstrong

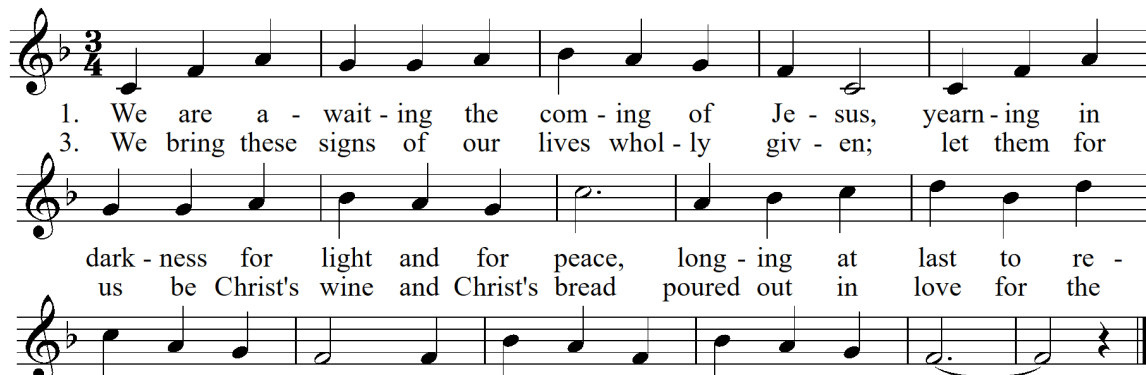
– Senior Choir, Melissa Mann, Violin

11:00

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* arr. Curt Oliver

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Offertory Response

**We Are Awaiting the Coming of Jesus**


1. We are a - wait - ing the com - ing of Je - sus, yearn - ing in  
 3. We bring these signs of our lives whol - ly giv - en; let them for  
 dark - ness for light and for peace, long - ing at last to re -  
 us be Christ's wine and Christ's bread poured out in love for the  
 joice on that day when all peo - ple join in this feast.\_\_\_\_  
 heal - ing of all and bro - ken that all may be fed.\_\_\_\_

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## Offering Prayer

Our ears have heard the words of your prophet, O God. Our spirits have responded to the call; "Prepare!" And the roadwork has begun. A highway is being laid, in our hearts!

**We bring these gifts to you, O God, signs of the preparation being made. Our hearts are ready for you! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

## Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.

**Let us share in the feast of salvation.**

*Please be seated.*

Communion Anthem 8:30

*What Feast of Love* [ELW #487] – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy and  
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and  
 peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us  
 yet a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy  
 find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,  
 gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it  
 hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
 rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744. Tune: Hyfrydol, 87 87D. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830.



*Please stand as you are able.*

#### Post-Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received,  
strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

**Amen.**

#### Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, you have come in power, the power of grace and life that this meal brings.  
Inspire us by the power of this bread and cup, give us hope and **peace** that we  
might bring your powerful love to all the waiting world. You are the Lord  
forevermore.

**Amen.**

### *Sending*

#### Blessing

Isaiah says, "*The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him  
the Gentiles shall hope.*" May 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.  
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

#### Dismissal

The coming of the Lord is near. Go in peace, prepare the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude