

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

8:00am & 10:30am



*As we gather before the service begins,  
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

*We also ask you to silence your phones.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

Prelude on “St. Thomas”  
*Rachel Schmitt, Organist*

*David Lasky*

### Processional Hymn

*Jesus came, adored by angels*

**Hymn #454**

*(stand as you are able)*

### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. (†)

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant:* **A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



# Trisagion

Unison Voices

Organ

Ped.

5

10

Ho - ly

God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Trisagion. It is written for Unison Voices and Organ. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the vocal line starting with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly'. The organ accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present under the organ part. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the vocal line with 'God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -'. The organ accompaniment continues with similar textures. The third system (measures 9-12) concludes the vocal line with 'mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The organ accompaniment provides a final harmonic setting.

## Collect for The First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Old Testament

#### A Reading from Jeremiah

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

**T**he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



### Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you O LORD I lift up my soul;  
my God I put my trust in / you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to / shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways O / LORD, \*  
and teach me your / paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and / teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day / long.

- 5 Remember O LORD your compassion and / love, \*  
for they are from ever- / lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans- / gressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness O / LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing / right \*  
and teaches his way to the / lowly.
- + 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

## **Epistle**

### **A Reading from First Thessalonians**

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

**H**ow can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

**Hymn #66**

*(stand as you are able)*

## **The Gospel**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

*Luke 21:25-36*

#### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(seated)*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Conrad Selnick

*A moment of silence is observed after the sermon*

**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:  
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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, have mercy."*

**F**or the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishop Paula, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or our President Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or this city of Rockford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Nancy, Bob, Sydney, Barbara and family, Jim, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the Victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Denis, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Jody *Nerhood Edwards* (12/3), Linnea *Liken-Aduddell* (12/5), Noel *Saenz* (12/6), and Kay *Hatch* (12/7), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are presently serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(you may kneel or be seated)*

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace and Announcements

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Offertory Anthem

I'm Gonna Rise

*Paul Marsena*

*Beth Hall, piano*

*I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down, when the saints go marchin' in!*

*I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down! Gonna sing with the heavenly crowd.*

*I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down, evermore to be with Him!*

*There'll be singin' and shoutin' and praisin' the Lord! Hallelu!*

*There is comin' a mornin', afternoon or night, when the King of Kings will break through the sky!*

*Oh Praise the Lord, His coming is sure, could be any moment now.*

*So I will not fear battles, I'll not fear the storms, 'cause He's building me a home.*

*So I'm waiting and watchin', lookin' and workin' until that glorious hour when I'm gonna rise!*

*We sing glory, and honor, power to the Lamb, Who is worthy to receive all the praise!*

*And He shall reign...forevermore. He who Was and Is to come.*

*So I will stand and be counted, I'll fight to the end, 'cause with Jesus, I, yes I have won!*

*So I'm waiting and watchin', looking and workin', until that glorious hour.*



*(8:00am spoken)*

## **Offertory Response**

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

*(10:30am sung)*

## **Offertory Response**

**Hymn #76**

vs. 5

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.*

# **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*(standing)*

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** *(8:00am spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed (†) is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

(10:30am sung)



(Organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

(kneeling or seated)

*Celebrant:* **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: **A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

# Agnus Dei (8:00 am spoken)

## Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(10:30 sung)

(Organ)

Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us. Lamb

of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Hymn

*Lo! he comes*

Hymn #58

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing (†)

Recessional Hymn

*How bright appears the morning star*

Hymn #496

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet

*Walter L. Pelz*

*Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

*Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday after the 8:00am service and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*

**There will be no coffee hour on Sunday, December 8th due to the need to set up the Undercroft for the Lessons and Carols reception.**

*Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft, followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.*

## Adult Forum Schedule

**Today** - Wayne Hatwich - Christmas Carol traditions

**December 8** - Father Selnick - TBA

**December 15** - Multigenerational Advent Activity

**December 22** - To be announced

**December 29** - No forum

# Announcements

**Jubilee is asking that we donate for members' Christmas gift cards.** Please turn in your contribution to the church office by December 15th. If paying by check, please write Jubilee gift cards in the memo line.

**Lend a helping hand!** Anyone interested in learning more about becoming an acolyte (8 a.m, 10:30 a.m., or both) and/or lecture, please email Stacy LaRossa (stacey.sauer@gmail.com) OR Ty Hillman (tylerhillman@comcast.net). We will be coordinating a date for discussion and training for those interested in the near future. A Saturday will be identified soon.

**Our Church's Anniversary:** In honor of Emmanuel's 175th Anniversary, here's what we are doing for the rest of the year to keep celebrating our Anniversary through acts of Service!

**December** - 175 cards to those in need. We will ask parishioners to write heartfelt cards for us to give/send out to those who may need a warm thought. More details on the way.

**Grief Group:** meets next on **December 2nd at 7 p.m.** Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

**Dining Out Group:** Due to Thanksgiving, the Dining Out Group will gather on **Thursday, December 5th** at Garrett's Restaurant **1631 N. Bell School Rd** at the usual time, 11:30. To make your reservation please call Mary at 815-654-8995. We look forward to seeing you.

**Date for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is: Sunday, December 8th, at 4 p.m.**

**Book Club:** Join us on **Tuesday, December 10th at 1pm** in the Janet James Room. December's choice is "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. "In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew."

**January's book is: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah**

**Advent Season:** Mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 15th. There will be a multigenerational Advent event.

## **Christmas Services:**

### Christmas Eve

4pm Children's service

&

9:30pm Prelude

10:00pm Festal Choral Holy Eucharist

### Christmas Day

10am

Morning Prayer

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Travis Castrey, Maryanne Theyerl, Jean Frana,  
Ginny Hatwich, Valerie Sanders, & Mark Baldwin

## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.      Server: Tyler Hillman  
                    Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m.    Crucifer/MC: Stacey LaRosa  
                    1st Reading: Trish Rooney  
                    2nd Reading: Jody - Nerhood Edwards  
                    Prayers of the People: Theresa Sinks  
                    Altar Guild: Gale Degner  
                    Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum

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