

Emanuel Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool  
(A Member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2022

**Our Mission**

Emanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of God the Father, by proclaiming the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, showing love for all people, lending a helping hand to those in need, and equipping God's people for ministry.

**Welcome to Emanuel**

We warmly welcome all who join us in worship today, especially our visitors. We encourage you to sign our guest book and the friendship records in the pews. A nursery room is available in the back of the church. We also have activity bags available for all children. Please ask one of the Ushers for directions.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

If you would like to take Communion and are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, please speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

**Serving in Worship:**

8:00 am

Pastor Tim Rynearson

Organist: Linda Kolb

Sound Tech: Dave Schamber

Acolyte: Bennett Hunt

Greeters: Joan Smith, Carol Reil, Janice Schwandt

Ushers: Howard Mueller

Communion Set-up/Clean up: Carol Reil

## Divine Service Four (LSB 203)

Opening Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (LSB 344)  
Confession and Absolution (LSB 203)

### Introit

Psalm 72:1-7

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to the royal son!**
- <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**and your poor with justice!**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
**and the hills, in righteousness!**
- <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
**give deliverance to the children of the needy, and  
crush the oppressor!**
- <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures,  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**
- <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**like showers that water the earth!**
- <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish,  
**and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day (LSB 205)

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of

his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

Romans 14:1-9

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed (LSB 206)**

**Hymn of the Day** “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” (LSB 347)

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Service of the Sacrament (LSB 208)**

**Distribution Hymns (LSB 618, LSB 341, LSB 621, LSB 352)**

**Closing Hymn** “Hark the Glad Sound” (LSB 349)

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