



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 26, 2017
Mission Festival Sunday

Service of the Word
Christian Worship p. 38

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HYMN: *Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired*, CW 567

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3: 1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 67, CW page 91

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10: 10-18

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. ¹⁸ But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

“Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 35-38



³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying*, CW
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SERMON

Sermon Text: John 4:35, 39-42

³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Theme: See the White Harvest Fields.

I. Consider the white harvest fields that the Lord is granting us.

II. Hear how we are reaping the harvest.

HYMN: Lift High the Cross, CW 579

CLOSING HYMN: Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word
CW 576

Today's Bible readings are available as a separate sheet for those who would like to take a copy home. They are on the literature table across from the mailboxes.

To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.

- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week: November 26-December 2

Today

10:30 am Decorating for Christmas followed by pizza lunch

Wednesday

3:15 pm Confirmation Class A

4:45 pm Confirmation Class B

Saturday

9:30 am Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal

Decorating the Church for Christmas



Today following the 9:00 am service, everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the Advent season. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please contact Leslie Stelling with any questions.

Poinsettias for the Altar – Ordering Earlier!



Please consider ordering a Poinsettia to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. This year we will be ordering the poinsettia's earlier and placing them on the altar for the first Advent

Service. You may take your plant home following the Christmas Day service.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Payment method - please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Poinsettia" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Poinsettia".

Deadline to order is today, November 26th

If you have questions, please talk to Michelle Rust.

Help Us Decorate the Mitten Tree!



We are collecting new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves that will be given to Christian Life Ministries. Items can be handmade, or store bought. Please place your items on the tree in the narthex or in the box next to the tree.

Christian Life Ministries has a "Loving Moms Group" which is a support group for new Moms. Many of these Moms are need of the basics including warm clothing. The mittens, hats, etc. will be given to these Moms to use for their families.

Please place your items on or by the tree by Wednesday, December 13th. Questions can be directed to Michelle Rust.

Children's Christmas Service Rehearsals



The Sunday School children will be practicing for the Christmas service on the first three Saturdays in December. The first practice will be December 2nd beginning at 9:30 am. Our last practice on December 16th will include the preschool. That practice will begin at 9:30 am and last until 10:45 am.

Our Children's Christmas Service is Sunday morning December 17th. The service starts at 9:00 am. Please bring children to the fellowship area in the church by 8:45 am. so we have enough time to get ready for the processional. If you are unable to make rehearsals or the service, please notify Ann Winkler.

Women of Emmanuel Christmas Party on Dec. 5



The Women of Emmanuel will be holding their Christmas party at the Bungalow Inn restaurant on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 pm. The Bungalow Inn is just across the St. Croix River in Lakeland, MN. All women of the congregation are invited. Come for fellowship. For more information, please contact Leslie Stelling or Sarah Dahlke.

Advent Suppers and Services



Wednesday, December 6

Supper at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm
Group 1 (Leslie Stelling)

Wednesday, December 13

Supper at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm
Group 2 (Sarah Dahlke)

Wednesday, December 20

Supper at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm
Group 3

Looking Ahead to Christmas



Children's Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 am

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 am

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Church and School Cleaning Team for December

Chris Hinz, leader
Tom Spreeman
Tim Cords
Len Ehlers family

Steve Heth family

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 42

Attendance Thanksgiving Eve: 24

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Thrivent

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