



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

December 3, 2017
Advent 1

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Christian Worship p. 26

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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: December 3-9

Today

10:30 am Bible Class, Sunday School, & Ignite Youth Group

Tuesday

6:00 pm WE Christmas party at the Bungalow Inn

Wednesday

3:15 pm Confirmation Class A

4:15 pm Board of Education

4:45 pm Confirmation Class B

6:00 pm Advent Supper

7:00 pm Advent Service

Saturday

9:30 am Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal

HYMN: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near, CW 207

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 63:16B - 64:8

You, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. ¹⁷ Why, Lord, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance. ¹⁸ For a little while your people possessed your holy place, but now our enemies have trampled down your sanctuary. ¹⁹ We are yours from of old; but you have not ruled over them, they have not been called by your name.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

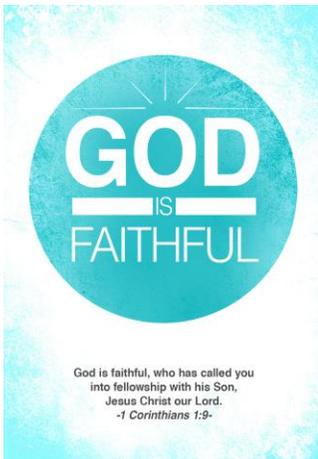
⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin

against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?
⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24, CW page 78

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9



³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 32-37



Keep watch ... you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

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³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,
CW 15

SERMON

Sermon Text: Mark 13: 32-37

Theme: Christ's Advent Call: Watch!

- I. Beware of indifference.
- II. Carry out your responsibilities.
- III. Always watch for Christ's return.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, CW 311

HYMN: Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes, CW 9
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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.

Thank You

We thank all our members who helped with decorating the Christmas trees for our church last Sunday. They make our church look more festive for this season.

Women of Emmanuel Christmas Party on December 5



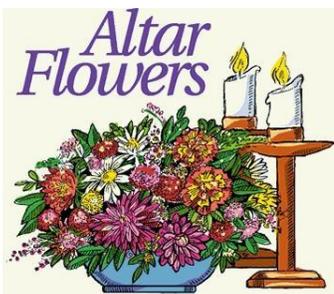
The Women of Emmanuel will be holding their Christmas party at the Bungalow Inn restaurant on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 pm. The Bungalow Inn is just across the St. Croix River in Lakeland,

MN. All women of the congregation are invited. Come for fellowship. Come for fellowship. Please sign up today on the sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you plan to join us Tuesday evening at the Bungalow Inn. For more information, please contact Leslie Stelling or Sarah Dahlke.

Sign up your Favorite Christmas Hymn

Our Christmas Day Service on Monday, December 25, will be a Song Service in which we will sing a number of Christmas hymns. Please write down on the sheet in the entryway the name of your favorite Christmas hymn. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, December 17.

Altar Flower Donation Calendar



The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on fellowship hall bulletin board. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate wedding anniversaries, birthdays, memorials, and other personal milestones or to express gratitude for blessings received.

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 in 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 13. 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 Saturdays in December. The next practice will be December 9 beginning at 9:30 am. Our last practice on December 16 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 17. 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.

Our Wednesday Midweek Advent Services



All our members are encouraged to attend our special Midweek Advent Service this Wednesday at 7 pm. The sermon theme will be "The Gospel Adam and Eve Heard."

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. There will be NO Communion this Sunday.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 am
No evening service

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: 62

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Stelling



CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

It's a Young World After All

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. – John 17:15-17

A few years ago, evolutionists discovered what they called the world's oldest mites. These little critters were encased in amber and were said to be 230 million years old. And yet, the lead researcher said, "They're dead ringers for [modern] gall mites."

Commenting on this news story, Creation Moments Board Member Dr. Don Clark said that a discovery like this does nothing to support evolution. "What it does support," he said, "is that God created life after its own kind not to change."

Dr. Clark added, "God allowed variation within a kind so there would be diversity but not life evolving from one kind to another. So it doesn't surprise the creationist that these mites show little to no change over time. That is what we would expect to see, based on God's Word."

He then observed, "If there is little to no change in the mites, perhaps the dating of the amber samples is off. Perhaps by a lot. God's Word indicates that the Earth and all of creation are 6,000 or so years old. So if these samples are only thousands of years old, would the evolutionist expect to see any change over such a short period of time? Probably not."

The friend of evolutionists is long ages ... and the more time, the better. But fossilized mites that look just like modern mites teach us that the Earth is a young, young world after all.

Ref: Dr. Donald Clark interview on Broken Road Radio, 9/3/12. <http://brokenroadradio.com/morning-show-september-3-2012/>.

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