



ADVENT

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

December 19, 2018

Wednesday Advent Service
Evening Prayer, *Christian Worship* p. 52

Roger Vomhof, Vacancy Pastor • Rebecca Huth, Organist

OPENING HYMN: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates*
CW 3

PSALM 146, CW p. 120

LESSONS

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 11:1-3

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

John 1:1-2 & 14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* CW 23

SERMON

Sermon text: Matthew 1:18-25

Theme: The Angel Announces the Virgin Birth to Joseph.

- I. Joseph is troubled over Mary's condition.
- II. The angel explains the Virgin Birth to Joseph.
- III. Joseph obeys the Lord's command.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN: *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus* CW 6

HYMN: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* CW 38 v. 1-4

Looking Ahead to Christmas

Sunday, December 23: Worship service with Holy Communion

Christmas Eve: Worship Service at 6:00 pm

Christmas Day: NO Christmas Day Service

New Year's Eve: Worship Service at 6:00 pm

Pastor Declines Call to Faith - River Falls

Pastor Ryan Wolfe of Mandan, ND declined the Call to serve as the new pastor of Faith Ev. Lutheran

Congregation of River Falls. The voters of the congregation will need to call another pastor.

Special Voters Meeting

A special voters meeting will be held on Sunday, January 6 at 12 noon. Our Minnesota District 2nd Vice President will be here to present a list of candidates for the voters to consider for the purpose of calling a full-time pastor.

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