



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

December 24, 2017
Christmas Eve

Service of the Word
Christian Worship p. 38

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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 24-30

Monday

9:00 am Christmas Day service

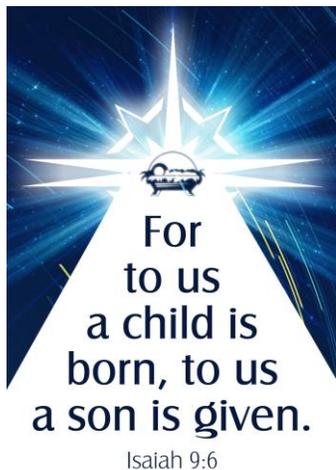
Wednesday

NO Confirmation Classes



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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7



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

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the

bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

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.

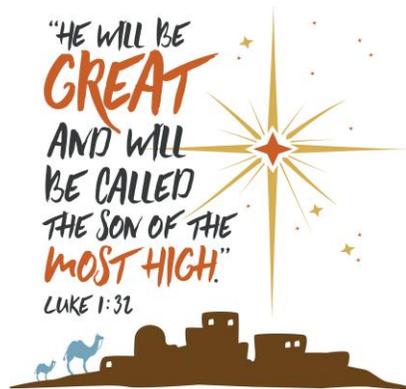
PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 96, CW page 102

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness

and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38



²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.

³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord,*
CW 28

SERMON

Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18-25

Theme: The Virgin Birth is Announced to Joseph.

- I. Joseph is troubled over Mary's condition.
- II. Joseph hears the virgin birth announced.
- III. Joseph obeys the angel's command.

HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City* CW 50

CLOSING HYMN: *I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes*
CW 51

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.

Looking Ahead to Christmas and New Years

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Class

Pastor Vomhof plans to start the Wednesday morning Bible class next week Wednesday, January 3, at 10:30 am. We will begin a study of the book of Psalms, which is often referred to as the Christian's prayer book and hymn book. Come and join us to learn how the Psalms apply to us.

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 118

Attendance Wednesday: 29

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Winklers

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