

## Fourth Sunday in Advent: Sunday, December 18, 2022

*Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayer appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.*

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### Gathering

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242 (verse 4)

Isaiah 7:10-16 (page 596 OT in pew Bible)



### Nativity Play

presented by the Sunday school students

Congregational Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (on screen)

Program and Song by Sunday school: "Away in a Manger"

Congregational Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #270

Program and Song by Sunday school: "We Three Kings"

Congregational Hymn: "Joy to the World" #267

Offering (special music by choir)

Offertory #188

Presentation of Offering and Prayer

Reflection on the Advent Banner

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

### Sending

"Prepare the Royal Highway" #264

Dismissal and Bell

*Thank you to the Sunday school students and their teachers for presenting the Nativity Play this morning, and to the choir for their gifts of music! Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats following the service.*

*Also, a thank you to Randee Hokanson for her reflection on the Advent banner.*

### Remember In your prayers

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*Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.*

## upcoming events and announcements

**Mid Week Advent Worship** will be held at 12:00pm and 5:15pm on Wednesday, December 21.

**Christmas Eve Worship** Saturday, December 24. 4:00pm and 9:00pm  
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion.

**Noisy Offering** The Sunday school children have been collecting money for the God's Global Barnyard TODAY that will go toward ELCA Good Gifts. This is a ministry of the ELCA in which livestock, chickens, water filters, portions of irrigation projects, help for refugees, vaccinations for children, and other "good gifts" benefit those who are materially poor. These will be "Christmas Gifts" that truly make a difference! Our goal is to raise \$500 for hungry people. Please consider making a gift. Checks may be made to First Lutheran Church (memo: "ELCA Good Gifts")

### In Today's Service: December 18

**Ushers:** Steve Just family, Matt & Cowen Mortenson

**Nursery:** Pam Wiese      **Acolyte:** Gianna Feuchtenberger & Lilly Nesvig

**Video:** Steve Wagner      **TV slides:** Jaxon Hilbrands

### Christmas Eve 4:00pm

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Al & Julie Monroe, Scott Staples

**Lector:** Liz Harris      **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

**Acolyte:** Dane Dybdahl & Sawyer Fynboh

**Communion Prep:** Liz Harris (silver tray with bread)

**Comm Servers:** Cheryl Higgins, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger      **TV slides:** Sarah Dougherty

### Christmas Eve 9:00pm

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Lindy Ekola, Karen Bolling

**Lector:** Dorwin Tschetter      **Nursery:** Bobbi Siegel

**Acolyte:** Connor Siegel & Chance Buro

**Communion Prep:** Judy Buro (silver tray with bread)

**Comm Servers:** Millie Tschetter, Emilie Brustuen, Tim Grove

**Video:** Dave Jungst      **TV slides:** Madelyn Grove

### Next Sunday's Service: December 25

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Linda Holland, Dave Jungst

**Lector:** LeAnn Dean      **Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**Acolyte:** Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson

**Communion Prep:** Sandy Grove (silver tray with bread)

**Comm Servers:** Bob & Vicki Dalager, Steve Van Kempen

**Video:** Mike Odello & Kye Suess      **TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

# welcome

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Sun., Dec 18	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Christmas Program/Worship
	10:30am	Coffee Hour
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts
Mon., Dec 19		— No events scheduled
Tues., Dec 20	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
	12:00pm	Newsletter Articles Due
	6:30pm	Sons of Norway
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed., Dec 21	12:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	5:15pm	Midweek Advent Worship
Thurs., Dec 22	8:30am	Share & Care (quilting group)
Fri., Dec 23		— No events scheduled
Sat., Dec 24	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
	9:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Sun., Dec 25	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee Hour

**The church office will be closed  
from Monday, December 26 until Tuesday, January 3rd.**