

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission: "To Share God's Salvation with Everyone!"

Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2014

WELCOME VISITORS! *We are glad to have you with us today and pray our service is a blessing to you. It is our sincere hope that you will come to worship with us again.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

John 1:6–8, 19–28

The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness

When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God *“as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him”* (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to *“make straight the way of the Lord,”* who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus *“who comes after”* John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit *“to bring good news to the poor”* and *“to bind up the brokenhearted”* (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with *“the garments of salvation”* and adorns her with His own righteousness *“as a bride adorns herself with her jewels”* (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we *“rejoice always”* in the Lord, *“pray without ceasing”* and *“give thanks in all circumstances”* (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For *“the God of peace,”* who has called you by the Gospel, will surely *“sanctify you completely,”* so that *“your whole spirit and soul and body”* will *“be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Deaths: Family of Walter Odean who was taken to the Lord on Tues., 12/9; In the Lord's Hands: Reiny Hessler, Dianne McCarty; Hospitalized: Lee Nagy; On-Going Care: Steven Fahnestock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Minnie Clow, Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Birthdays: Marlys Odean, Millie Burmeister; Mission: LCMS partner churches; Our sister LCMS congregations: San Pablo Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL – Pastor Merlo & wife Maria; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Marlys Odean and Millie Burmeister's birthdays.

Classes

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS- Undercroft-10:30 am

Topic: "Genesis 2"

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Church Library-10:30 am

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS - Church Library-9:30 am

Topic: "The Intertestamental Period"

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST - the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am at Maxfield's Pancake House & Restaurant located the corner of Montgomery Rd. & Ogden Ave (Rt. 34).

Topic: "The Augsburg Confession"

Mission Corner

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE: Please keep Rev. Thomas Chryst, his wife Brenda, his daughters Bailey, Helena & Morgan in your prayers.

You can contact Rev. Chryst or get on his newsletter mailing list by “Friending” him on Facebook or by email at Thomas.Chryst@LCMSINTL.org.

Church News

EMMANUEL’S WEB PAGE: If you miss a service, you can listen to the sermon on podcasts as well as reading it online.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL ANYWHERE– you may listen to the service online at <http://www.wbig1280.com> Click on the *Listen Live* button in the upper right hand corner of the page.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH: Join us after the worship service for coffee and fellowship in the Undercroft.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS & PRAYER REQUESTS for the bulletin by 12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the Undercroft.

WHY DID THE PHARISEES and scribes quarrel with Jesus and want to put him to death? What are all those “extra” books that the Roman Catholic Church has in their Bible? Though just one page away in your Bible, what happened during the 400 years between the Book of Malachi in the Old Testament and the Book of Matthew in the New Testament? The Tuesday Bible Class began a new topic of study last week “The Intertestamental Period” in which these and many other questions will be explored to give you a fresh, new understanding of the life and teachings of Christ. Come join us this Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the library!

BOARD OF EDUCATION would like to invite everyone to attend the Children’s Christmas Program, “The Meaning of the Christmas Tree”, immediately after the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 21st.

Upcoming Events at Emmanuel

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING time has been changed again. The council will still meet on the first Tuesday of the month but the time will now be 1:00 pm instead of 12:00 pm.

PASTOR AND REBECA GRAHAM are inviting the congregation to their home for an afternoon of Christmas Caroling and Celebration, Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 pm. This year we are asking carolers to bring Christmas Cookies which we will take to those to whom we go caroling. Pastor and Rebeca will provide chili and those who come can bring snack-food items for our Christmas celebration after the caroling.

Serving God and Our Neighbors

WARM ITEMS COLLECTION: We will be collecting warm items again this year through the holiday season. Mittens, hats, scarves, socks & other items that provide warmth may be put in the box provided on the table in the Narthex. The collection is sponsored by the Board of Education.

Around Town

DO-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH: The Fox Valley Philharmonic Chorus is inviting everyone to attend the Concert which will be held today at 3:00 pm.

Those serving in today's service: 12/14/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Julia Graham

Elder: Jim Davis

Organist: Marion Talley

Radio Announcer: Paul Odean

Oil Candle Care: Art Cooper & Joyce Cooper

Altar Care: Joyce Cooper

Flower Care: Caryl Johnson

Ushers: Timothy Seifrid, captain;

Dennis Patzer, Bryan Pittman, Andrea Seifrid

Those serving in Advent PM service: 12/17/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Art Cooper

Organist: Steve McGraw

Oil Candle Care: Art Cooper & Joyce Cooper

Altar Care: Joyce Cooper

Ushers: David Moser, captain; Gary Moore,

Elijah Moser, Jeremiah Moser, Benjamin Seppelfrick

Those serving in next Sunday's service: 12/21/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte:

Elder: Gary Moore

Communion Assistant: Jim Davis

Organist: Rob Clow

Radio Announcer: Elijah Moser

Oil Candle Care: Art Cooper & Joyce Cooper

Altar Care: Joyce Cooper

Flower Care: Andrea Seifrid & Jill Hauser

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain; Jaime Graham,

Michele Odean, Jeffrey Secord, William Swenson

