

Children’s Bulletins and Books - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Christian books are also available for ages 0 to 10 + to look at or read during the service! Please ask an usher to direct you to the books so you or your child may pick out an age appropriate book bag or book.

Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables - are located in the Fellowship Hall, which is the large building in front of the church. (The building closest to the parking lot) There are changing tables in both bathrooms for your convenience. The bathrooms are located on the east end of the building.

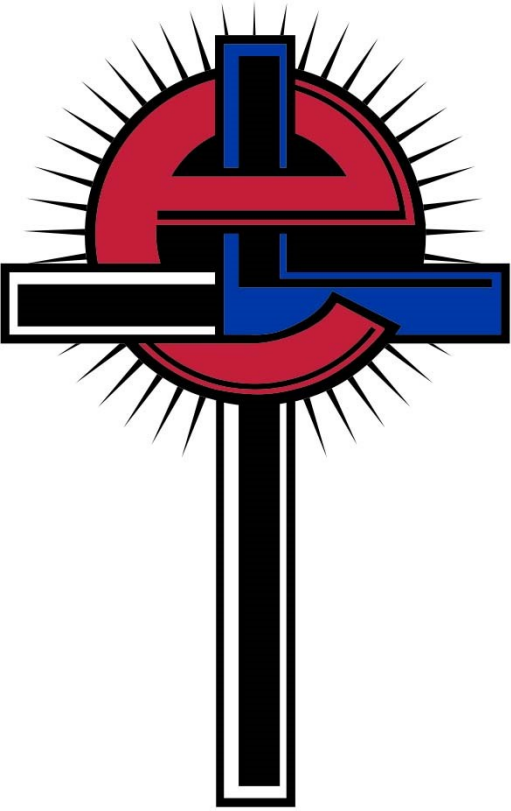
Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 16 - 142 (86 - 8:00 am, 56 - 10:30am)

Wednesday Advent - 67

<u>Income from week ending Dec. 16, 2018</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$6156	\$16,188.12
School	\$1213.60	\$14,803
Preschool/Extended Care	\$1304.82	\$5584
Mortgage	\$255	\$600

**“Let the skies pour down righteousness
from the LORD”**



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
December 23, 2018
Advent 4**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN

“Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” (CW #23)

STAND

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship	8:00 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am
MONDAY	Children's Christmas Service	4:00 pm
	Candlelight Service	6:30 pm
TUESDAY	Christmas Day Worship	9:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship w/Lord's Supper	10:30 am

Announcements

Those with ongoing health and other struggles -Lilly Ventura; Nancy MacDonald; Mikka Suhonen; David Conklin; Barb Widmann; Coover Shiffer; Barb Wendt; Barb Osborn; Rich Tollefson; Pastor Retberg; Jean Bagley; Roger Wilde; Kimberly Fritz (cancer); Shaun Eversole (cancer); Chuck Widmann; Brad Anderson; Roger Wilde's wife, Carol; Polly Mackenzie; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel; Linda Thompson's friend Kathy Desch (cancer);

Those who are - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

Upcoming Special Worship Services -

Monday, December 24 th	4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service
	6:30 pm	Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Worship
Monday, December 31 st	6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Worship w/Communion

Children's K-8 Christmas Eve Service – Monday, December 24th, at 4:00 pm. This year's theme is *Christmas Around the World*. The service will focus on the spread of the Gospel to people and nations around the world. The children will be singing familiar Christmas carols in different languages where the Gospel has been proclaimed. Everyone is invited to join us for this special service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

*FIRST SERVICE continues here

P: Blessed Lord, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your Name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#36 – “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

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GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PLEASE STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the

glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

ADVENT

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As Angels Joyed with One Accord



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
 2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty Nor pow'r
 3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet or -
 4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— He comes;
 5 He comes in wa - ter to the child And cleans -



the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
 that suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
 phaned not his cho - sen band, For he, not bound in
 we hear his voice re-sound. His glo - rious gos - pel
 es it, from birth de - filed. This wash - ing seals his



bless the name Of him who from the Fa - ther came.
 walked till he In dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
 grace and pow'r, At - tends his own each day and hour.
 does not cease To bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.
 pard - 'ning grace And shows the Fa - ther's kind - ly face.

6 He comes to us in bread and wine
 To give himself—and gifts divine.
 Oh, praise him for this sacrament,
 Redeeming love's great testament!

7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
 Shall vanish when he comes again.
 Where we shall see him face to face,
 There joy alone shall have a place.

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 Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin Melody, 15th century, adapt.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of
 our sins and make us ready for the celebration of Your birth, that we may receive
 You in joy and serve You always; for You live and reign with the Father and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among
 you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. 16 That is exactly what you asked
 from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let
 me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire
 again, or I will die.” 17 Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying
 what they said. 18 I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like
 you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I
 command him. 19 Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in
 my name, I myself will call him to account. (EHV)

PSALM 92 (*p.101 in front section of hymnal*)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness
 be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in
 everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known
 to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
 hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will
 call Him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

39 In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. 40 She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! 45 Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!"

46 Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, 47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, 48 because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever. 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home. (EHV)



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

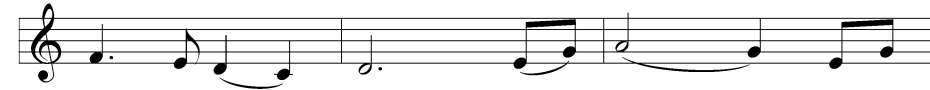
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of



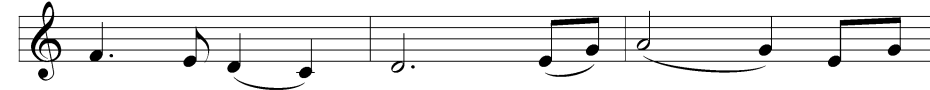
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION (*During the distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 5*)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Musical score for 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY' (Sanctus). The score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN #274 “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

SERMON Luke 1:46-55
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord”

- 1. The miracle of the incarnation
- 2. The might of His arm
- 3. The mercy for His People

STAND


Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*BE SEATED***OFFERING***STAND***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

****10:30 service continues with the Sacrament; 8:00 service continues on page 14***

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song: