

Second Lesson - Romans 13:11-14

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

8Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

11And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. 13Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. 14Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

Gospel – Matthew 21:1-9

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As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

4This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

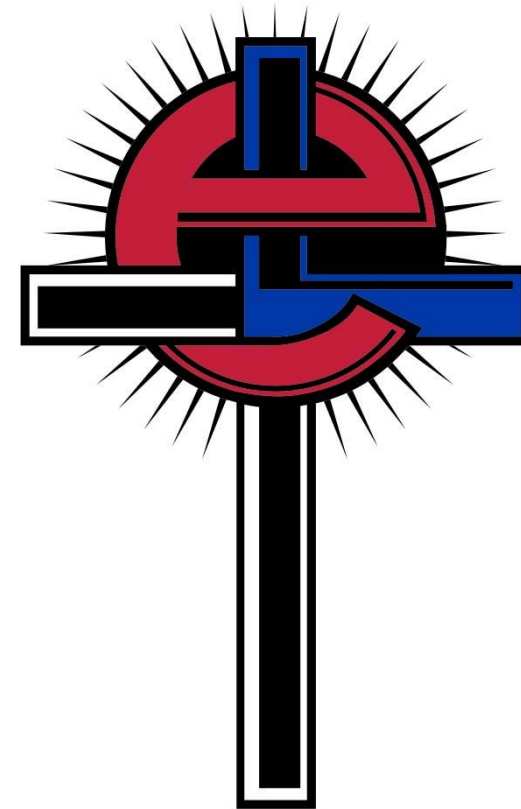
6The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. 8A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. 9The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*“The Lord Jesus comes in
humility to redeem us”*

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December 3, 2017
First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME: To all our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

Order of Worship: Common Service w/communion page 15

Hymns: 702, 2, 5, 3

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-8

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Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-9

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 23:5-8

Sermon Theme: "This King comes to shepherd God's flock rightly"

- 1. He is the LORD our righteousness**
- 2. He comes to deliver God's exiled people**

Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	Bible Study & Sunday School	9:15 am
	Christmas Caroling	4:30 pm
TUESDAY	Board of Education	6:00 pm
	Board of Elders	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Advent Dinner	5:45 pm
	Advent Worship	6:30 pm

SATURDAY Night in Bethlehem 6:00 - 7:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY Preschool - K Christmas Worship Service 9:00 am
Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, commune with us this morning. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

Advent:

"Unlike the secular calendar, which begins its year on January 1, the Christian Church begins the celebration of its liturgical year four Sundays before Christmas with the season of Advent. The word "Advent" comes from a Latin word and means "coming." During Advent we especially prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord at Christmas; however, we reflect upon other comings of Jesus as well. In the first week of Advent we hear of His coming as Messiah, then during the second week we focus on His Second Coming as Judge, and in the third week we hear of His present coming in Word and Sacrament. The fourth week of Advent finalizes our preparation for Christmas. Thus, Advent is a time of reflection and repentance, but also of hope." Book of Family Prayer via ELS worship resources.

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5"Look! The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

And he will reign wisely as King and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

6In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is his name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.

7"Therefore, look! The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no longer be said, 'As surely as the LORD lives who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,'

8but, 'as surely as the LORD lives who brought up the descendants of the house of Israel and led them out of the land of the north and from all the countries where I had driven them.' Then they will dwell in their own land."

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Sarah Eversole, Pastor Sweet, Pastor Bill Bein, Rich Tollefson, (Rick Tollefson's father), Barb Osborn, Pastor Joel Frank, Liz Easley, Polly Mackenzie, Terri Porter, (friend of the Toetz family) Elena Suhonen, Gordy Klassa, (Brad Anderson's brother-in-law) Brad Anderson, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Diane Scheel

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

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Live Poinsettias - If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of the live poinsettias that were purchased to beautify the front of our church, please put it in an envelope and mark it "Poinsettias". You can also give money to Mrs. Conklin in the office.

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Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd - 50

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