

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Advent is a most joyful time and a time for great praise of our God. Today is the “joyful Sunday” in Advent. With Mary’s beautiful song, the Magnificat, we exult that God has “done great things” and that “His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (*LSB*, pp. 248–49). With Mary, we rejoice that God “has shown strength with His arm” especially to those who are lowly and humbled. In his paraphrase of the Magnificat, hymnwriter Stephen Starke invites us to “Sing the greatness of the Lord” and “With praise and blessing Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy” (*LSB* 933:1). There is so much joy in Advent—it simply must be shared!

PRELUDE “Open My Eyes That I May See”

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *LSB* 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

With a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,

Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,

Healing ev’ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands

With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children

With a strong, yet gentle, word;

Praise the One who drove out demons

With the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water

To the desert’s burning sand;

From this Well comes living water,

Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,

Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious

That we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,

Seeing what our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer,

Praise the One who makes us one.

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 100; 118:24*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Pastor: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: God is gracious and forgiving. He shows His kingly power in ways that are merciful. To each of us, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

People: I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.

Pastor: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

People: With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

Pastor: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

People: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

KYRIE *LSB p. 152*

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Week 3: Joy*

Today, as we light our third candle, things are a bit different. The focus of this Sunday is different, and, historically, so is the color. Today, we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday, which means *rejoice*. The third Sunday in Advent shifts from the repentant nature of the season to that of rejoicing. The traditional color of the day, being rose, supports this. The color rose is a symbol of rejoicing. Our readings capture this theme of joy, too.

In the Old Testament reading, God prepares the salvation of His exiled people. In verse one, we hear the land joining in celebrating the redemption: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus.” In verse 10, we read, “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.” In James 5:11, we see the source of joy. There, he says, “You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.” And, in the Gospel reading, Jesus confirms the work He is doing, which is a source of joy for every believer.

With joyful hearts over what our Lord has done, we sing more of our hymn as the Advent Wreath is lit.

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
 How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
 My hope, my heart’s delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
 Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
 All that may please You best.

4 Love caused Your incarnation;
 Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
 Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
 That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
 Our lost and fallen race.

5 Sin’s debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv’n,
His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav’n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:1–10* (The desert shall rejoice and blossom.) The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Leader: When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

People: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

Leader: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

People: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB 357*

Children: O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Congregation: O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Children: *Refrain*

Children: O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*
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EPISTLE *James 5:7–11* (An encouragement for Christians to wait for the Lord with patience) Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG "Away in a Manger"

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2–15* (Jesus speaks about John the Baptist.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB* 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
And ev’ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris’ners to release,
In Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

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SERMON James 5:7-11 “The Three P’s of Patience: Producer, Perspective, and Promise”

I. What is the answer?

- Statement 1: “I want it _____.” Next one:
- “I said, ‘Do it _____.’”
- “Not next week, not next month, not next year, not tomorrow, but _____.”
- “Dear God, give me patience and give it to me right _____.”
- “Serenity _____.”

II. The P_____ of Patience (5:7)

- What is the Holy Spirit doing in us?
- Michelangelo and *David*

III. The P_____ for Patience (5:8)

- “Always looking to the horizon, but never to the knee in front of your nose.”
- Why is Jesus’ coming a good thing for Christians?
- Why does James point us to the horizon?

IV. The P_____ in Patience (5:10-11)

- Why is Job the example?
- *Polusplangnos*, means “compassionate,” but carries with it the image of the internal churning of the organs at the sight of suffering.
- *oiktirmos*, which means “mercy moved to tears.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING “Light of the World” -Card

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because Your mercy attends us all our days. Graciously You provide for all our wants of body and soul. As we live in Advent hope we are assured of the abiding presence of Christ, our King, in our lives and days. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, for You have delivered us from the power of sin, death, and the devil and have kept us for Your kingdom, which is forever. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live joyfully as Your faithful servants, sharing the Good News of God's love and strengthening those who need our encouragement. Receive our prayers and thanksgivings and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
All the sin of the world
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us
And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord’s Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *LSB 411*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

ref In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain
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“The Advent of Our King” *LSB* 331

1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.
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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father and King eternal, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we may live joyfully and daily show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *LSB* 338

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,

Born to set Thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us;

Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,

Hope of all the earth Thou art,

Dear desire of ev’ry nation,

Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;

Born a child and yet a king!

Born to reign in us forever,

Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit

Rule in all our hearts alone;

By Thine all-sufficient merit

Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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POSTLUDE “Thwart” -Paul and Betsy Hanson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Isaiah 35:4* – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

HELP WANTED! Emmaus turns 75 years old in 2023. Plans for events to celebrate are being made now. As part of the planning, the history of Emmaus will be updated and made ready for display. We hope to bring the history documents up to date and prepare a photo display. If you have interest in helping with this project, please contact Marilyn P.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IDEAS: The anniversary committee has been busy planning events and activities for every month next year and this is your chance to add to the mix! If there is something that you would like us to consider adding to the schedule next year, please talk to Dawn K, Pam U or Marilyn P. A sampling of activities planned: 75 hours of service, food drive, church directory, game day, 75 Christmas stanzas and more! Any and all ideas are welcome.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available. Hard to believe that 2023 is right around the corner but here it comes. Please stop in the narthex and pick up your offering envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them, please let Nancy W, Alan M, Pam U, Pastor or Maria know. We can certainly get you a box. If you have envelopes and currently give electronically and no longer want envelopes, please let us know and we will note that for 2024. Thank you!

HATS & MITTENS COLLECTION IN DECEMBER: Please bring new pairs of mittens or gloves, hats and scarves for our collection for the non-profit Hats & Mittens. They are a local group that collects these items to go to schools and other local organizations where there is need. The hats and mittens go to Minnesota children to help keep them warm and healthy during our cold winters. A Thrivent Grant has been received to help with this project. Any questions? Please e-mail Marie G.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS: Sanctuary Christmas decoration donation slips are available in the narthex. Please indicate your willingness to help defray decoration costs by using the donation slip. Place in the offering plate, hand to an usher or leave it on Maria's desk. Donation slips will be available in the narthex through December 25.

2023 ALTAR FLOWER sign-up chart is now posted on the bulletin board by the office. Sign up to bring altar flowers as a remembrance or celebration. Write the occasion on the chart for it to be listed in the bulletin.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Gestures of Hope" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler shows how even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. (Isaiah 7:14)

BEACON BUDDIES 1ST-4TH GRADE BASKETBALL: Concordia Academy's Beacon Buddies program offers basketball for all 1st-4th grade boys and girls on Saturday mornings starting in January. Boys and girls can expect a fun, supportive environment as they learn the game and skills of basketball and develop their abilities. To get more information or register for this six-week program, go to www.concordiaacademy.com/beaconbuddies.

BIBLE STUDY: Over the next two months, we will be taking a selective look at the Gospel of Matthew, with the hope that it leads to a beautiful crescendo for the season of Lent. From now until Ash Wednesday, we will look at the larger themes and sections of Matthew's Gospel, looking at the "introduction" (1:1-4:16), the Five Discourses (five major teaching sections, along with the "deeds" that precede them), and conclusion. We will do one-week lessons on each section to move at a pace. For the season of Lent, we will then do a 40-day reading plan of Matthew's Gospel to coincide with events of the season. The hope is that an overview of Matthew will bless your daily reading and devotion, as well as give you a greater appreciation for the book this upcoming year! A brief schedule is the following.

- Week 1: The Genealogy
- Week 2: The Introduction (1:1-4:17)
- Week 3: Discourse 1 (4:17-7:29)
- Week 4: Discourse 2 (8:1-11:1)
- Week 5: Discourse 3 (11:2-13:53)
- Week 6: Discourse 4 (13:54-19:1)
- Week 7: Discourse 5 (19:2-26:1)
- Week 8: Conclusion (26:1-28:20)

Responses to the King Advent 2022

This year, we are excited to be celebrating Advent with our brothers and sisters from Jehovah and Bethel Lutheran Churches. We will have two opportunities for midweek services:

11:30 a.m. at Emmaus Lutheran (followed by lunch)
6:30 p.m. at Jehovah Lutheran

Join us as we consider the responses of four different people to the coming of Jesus the King.

- Wednesday, November 30: “Faithful Israel Hails its King” (Joseph)
- Wednesday, December 7: “Rejoicing in the King” (Mary)
- Wednesday, December 14: “Rejecting the King vs. Departing in the King” (Herod vs. Simeon)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

What happens if there is inclement weather or some other reason that brings into question whether a planned service or event at Emmaus will take place? Even though it may not happen often, we have had times in the past when we’ve had to cancel worship and scrambled to let our members know in a timely manner.

There will be a three-prong approach to notify our members should we have to cancel services suddenly. If possible, a notice will also be posted on the entrance doors to the church.

- A message regarding the change will be put on the church’s answering machine.
- A message will be put on our website at www.emmaus-lutheran-church.org and on Facebook at facebook.com/emmauslutheranchurchlcms.
- An automated phone call will go out to Emmaus members.

Calls from this system will show up on Caller I.D. as coming from a 1-800 or 1-888 number, but the message you hear will be from Emmaus. If there is a certain phone number that you would prefer we use for important notifications from Emmaus (your cell phone, home phone, etc.) please talk to Maria in the office.