

# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**Chaplain Peg Salmela**

**Pianist: Roberta Ryskoski**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

## **THE FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT:**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

*Please feel free to sit anytime during the service if the need arises.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

**C: Amen.**



P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Long-expected God,

**C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✙ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**C: Amen.**

(Remain Standing)

**OPENING HYMN:            "My Lord, What a Morning"            WOV 627**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

(Please Sit)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today's Readings Insert)**

**GOD'S WORD**

**PSALM 122:**

Please join me in the responsive reading.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”

**Reader says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.

**Reader says: The Word of the Lord.**

**Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

**Sing: “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”**

**P:** The gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter 24 verses 36-44.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

**SERMON**

**Chaplain Peg Salmela**

**SERMON HYMN: “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” LBW 31**

(Please stand for the Apostles Creed and The Sharing of the Peace)

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

*Green LBW page 85*

**THE PEACE:**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us share signs of peace with one another.*

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

(Please stand and join hands)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**The OFFERING is RECEIVED AND WE STAND and SING**  
**“Create in Me” Green, LBW Page 96**

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. We offer these fruits of our labor to spread your gospel. We praise and glorify you in all we do.

**C: Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

**LBW 25**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski**

**Attendance:** Last Sunday: 30

**No Sunday Facebook Live**

**Facebook Plays:**

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Facebook Plays: 204**

**Today, Service Schedule, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Annette Raube

**Usher:** Tom Rivers

**Next Week's Schedule, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Reader:** Charlotte Rebelein

**Usher:** Darrell Rahn

**November 2025 Altar Schedule**

Marlene Connell

**November 2025 Communion Schedule (9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>)**

Annette Raube

**December 2025 Altar Schedule**

Pat Grams and Charleen Strook

**December 2025 Communion Schedule**

Mary Fairbank

**THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:**

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING  
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP** provided by Pat Grams.

**A Bible Study** is tomorrow Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 A.M., at church. All are welcome.

**If interested in helping with the monthly/weekly duty schedules at Emanuel please see below:**

**Altar 2026:** April is available for a volunteer(s). **Communion 2026:** April, May, June, July and September months are available for volunteers. **Readers and Ushers** schedules are available for volunteers. **If you feel the calling for any of the above duties, please contact Ann Kastein at [emanuel.luthbrandon@gmail.com](mailto:emanuel.luthbrandon@gmail.com) or 920-960-7142.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Emanuel's Christmas Eve Service** will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 P.M.

**First Reformed Church** (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a wide variety of special musical selections performed by area musicians. A free will offering will be received for the Waupun Holiday Help Program.

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025,** Bethel Church, 305 W. Main St., Brandon, WI, will present the Children's Christmas Program, "Campfire Carols" and the Bethel Choir will present the Cantata, "Christmas Presence." Performance will begin at 3:00 P.M. and there will be refreshments following the program. The cantata, "Christmas Presence" will also be performed on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at the 9:30 a.m. service.

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to beautify our church during the Christmas Season, please bring your poinsettia to church by Sunday, December 21, 2025.

Please provide the following information and place the form in the offering plate or return it to our Church Secretary, Ann Kastein by Sunday, December 21, 2025.

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