

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Traditional Worship Service, 10:30am

December 6, 2015



THE REV. PHILLIP WASELIK, PASTOR

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 AM Contemporary Praise Service

9:30 AM Christian Education & Fellowship

10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

610.323.4312

Monday — Friday

9:00am — 12:30pm

Pastor Waselik can be available at the church,
please call the office or email for an appointment

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Weekly Emmanuel Activities through 2015

First Sunday Breakfast: monthly at 7:45AM to 10:45AM (Genesis Room)

Third Sunday Family Activity Night: monthly at 6:30PM to 8:30PM (Fellowship Hall)

Sara Kepner Circle: Third Monday at 7:00pm (Genesis Room).
Meetings will resume in March 2016.

Sr Gladys & Elizabeth Circle: Third Tuesday at 9:30am (Genesis Room)

Knitting & Crocheting Group: Mondays at 1pm (Fellowship Hall)

Community Music School: Mondays by appointment for lessons. (Fellowship Hall and Sunday School Rooms)

Chosen 300: Community Meal Tuesdays at 5:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scouts: Tuesdays at 7pm (Basement)

Quilters Club: Wednesdays at 9am (Primary Room)

Boy Scouts of America: Wednesdays at 7pm (Basement)

Arc Alliance Music: Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Campfire Girls: Thursdays at 5:15pm (Basement)

Community Meals: Friday, from 11:45-12:30 (Fellowship Hall)

Council Meeting: Meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month.
Due to the upcoming holiday, Council meeting will December 16th.

Are you looking for a unique gift for someone? The **GOOD GIFTS** shopping has started. A friend bought a goat. This gift will help a family with milk and income. Check out the table in the hallway.

Beverly Nuzzo needs some help packing the **Seamen's Institute** ditty bags on Tuesday, December 8th beginning at 10:00am. It will be a fun time. Please join us.

UPCOMING...

Pottstown Hometown Holiday Celebration will again sponsor the



Annual Historic House Tour on Sunday, December 13th. Tickets are \$15 and available at the PDIDA office on N Hanover St. For further information please contact Sheila Dugan at 610-323-5400 or email at sheiladugan@comcast.net.

Ann Marie Moyer is hosting the **Sr Gladys & Elizabeth Circle** at her home on December 15th. Please RSVP to Ann Marie.

WELCA invites you to join them in **Christmas Caroling** to the shut-ins of our congregations on December 18 at 6:00pm. A sign up sheet is on the yellow bulletin board.



THIRD SATURDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY

NIGHT will be December 19th. This is an intergenerational activity. If you are 102 or 2 years old come at 6:30PM to 8:30PM for a fun

evening. Join us for a special showing of **THE POLAR EXPRESS**. Little kids, big kids and grown-up can come in their pajamas. Movie foods for refreshments. TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE IF NECESSARY. Invite your friends and family to join the fun and fellowship.

Many thanks to all who made our Soup & Sandwich luncheon a great success. To all the great cooks & kitchen crew, **THANK YOU!** The display of sandwiches and trays of cookies were wonderful. We, Lutherans do it stupendously. **THANK YOU ALL!** Beverly Nuzzo

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

A Moment of Silence for Reflection

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Reconciled to God and to another let us give thanks for the new life we share in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

GREETING

We welcome you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

This is the feast ...p. 140

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations of cookies are needed for the **Pottstown Hometown Holiday House Tour** on December 13th. Place donations in the kitchen. Please help us make this a memorable time as we open our doors to the community.

At this time of year, we provide many donations. Please use the containers marked for your various donations. It is unfortunate to find food items with cleaning supplies and trash in bins.

Seamen's Church Institute has asked us to help prepare small bags of toiletries, knitted caps, scarves and gloves and calendars to be given to seafarers who work aboard ships arriving into Philadelphia ports. A list of requested items is on the yellow Bulletin board. Thrivent has contributed \$250.00 for us to support this mission.

Donations of FOOD for the Pottstown Cluster are welcome. The state budget has impacted the Cluster food pantry. Please give foods that are lower in salt, fat and sugar. Whole grain cereals, crackers and pasta, soups stews, chili, gravy, jelly, coffee and tea are needed. Items can be placed in the bins in the Walnut St hall.

Pottstown Cluster NEEDS supplies for the **"Cleaning Buckets"** Project. This is a program which provides cleaning supplies to assist Cluster families moving into their homes. Please bring in sponges, dish soap, cleaning brushes, floor cleaners, window cleaners, bathroom cleaners, paper towels, dish towels, etc. Items can be placed in the bins in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

Again this year, Emmanuel Lutheran Church is hosting a **Christmas Eve luncheon** for those less fortunate in Pottstown. We are collecting socks, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens for men, women and children. Please place your donations in the box in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

A sign up sheet is on the yellow bulletin board for **assistants** for the Christmas Eve luncheon.

Are you interested in a **BUS TRIP** in 2016? Please sign up on the sheet place on the yellow bulletin board.

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Kitty Detar & Charlotte Effrig

Ushers: Sharolyn & Jacob Segletes, Liz Brull, Virginia Hummel

Lector: Scott Detar

Next week Lector: Jim Reitz

Reading: Philippians 4: 4—7

Flowers

Altar: In memory of mother, Blanche S Gravel.
Gift of daughter, Abby Gravel.

Requested Prayers

Richard Stetler, Robert Grow, Vicki Daniels, Earl Mock,
Anne Matienzo, Ed Lindenmuth, Bill Nash, Norman Yocom,
David Romig, Sharon Nice, Rose Paul, Sherrie Fazekas,
Mae Schumacher, Jean Cherrup and Donald Bowman.

Shares of Faith

In memory of Charles Fisher by Linda & Calvin Miller.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — Dale & Ann Marie Moyer

O come, O Come Emmanuel #257 (vs 1, 2)

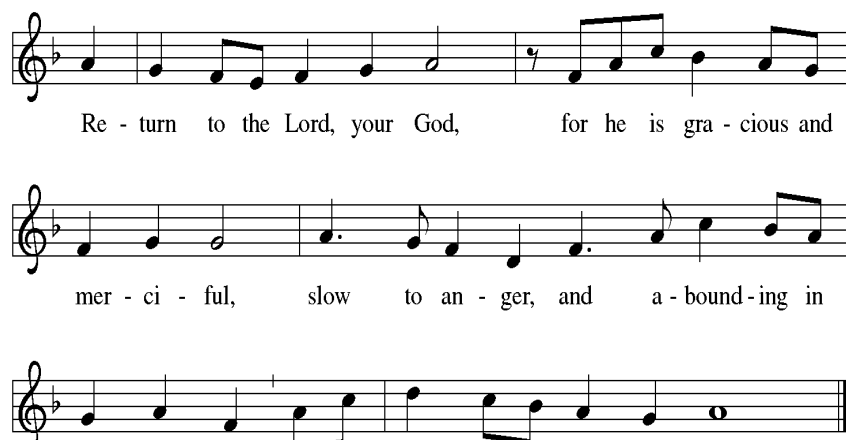
FIRST READING: Philippians 1: 3—11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1—6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING

Go forth in the good news that you are very good. Go forth, then, to do good by loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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DISMISSAL

You are now entering God's mission field. Go in peace and remember the poor the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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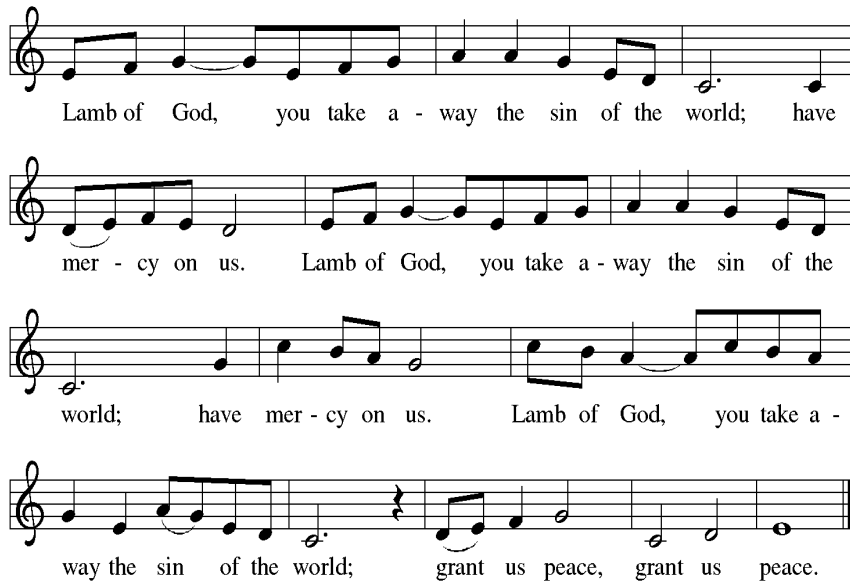
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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL NOTES...

At its November meeting, your church council approved a budget for 2016. We will present this budget for congregational approval at a meeting on Sunday, December 13th immediately following the 10:30 AM service. All members are invited to attend and cast their vote.

Copies of the budget are available in the church office for your examination. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to address them. We welcome your opinions and/or input.

Lamb of God



COMMUNION HYMN:

Jesus Remember Me
616

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our calling in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

Solo: Repent Ye (J P Scott)
Dale Moyer , baritone

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY:
There's a Voice in the Wilderness
255

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us give as each is able, according to the blessings God has gifted each of us.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Long God's Faithful People Waited

OFFERING HYMN: People Look East

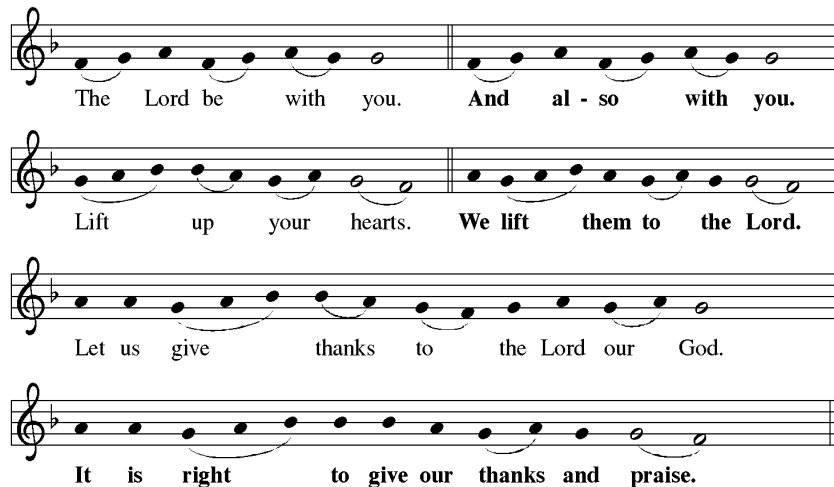
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OFFERING PRAYER

While you love each of us as though there were only one of us, you love us so much as to give us one another. May we share that love by giving generously of all you have placed in our care. In the spirit of our Savior, we pray and seek to live. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



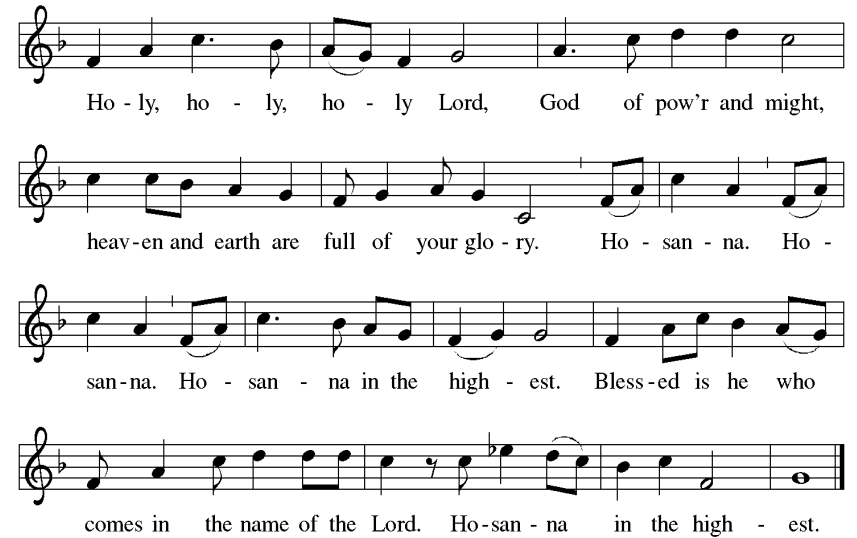
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**