

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

Judgment is coming.

As the end of the Church Year approaches, we are being reminded that Christ is Judge. Advent soon will begin, which continues this theme, for advent means *coming*. As we confess in worship: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

We perhaps may think of advent as *only* Christ's first coming, and indeed his incarnation as an infant in the womb of Mary is extraordinarily compelling and wonderful. In his first coming, he came to take *our* judgment upon himself -- and he did, giving his life in death on the cross for us.

But he will come again. When he returns, he returns to extend that same mercy to all who have placed their hope in him. That is the *favorable* judgment that we shall receive, though we do not deserve it. But his coming also means that those who did not place their hope in him will never receive his mercy. We tend to be a bit squeamish about proclaiming this part of the gospel, but we must not ignore it. From the sermon:

"Only God can separate someone from him, and he has given this power to Jesus — the power to banish those who have rejected Jesus and his resurrection and his forgiveness to eternity in hell. Hell is usually an uncomfortable idea to our ears, but this uncomfortableness does not make it any less true. Hell is real and true, and thus will be infinitely more uncomfortable for those who are banished from God's presence there, than us simply speaking of it in this life. It will do us no good to be afraid of speaking of any of those things which our Lord Jesus himself has spoken of."

For those who believe and love Jesus, judgment will be the *resurrection unto eternal life*. For those who have rejected Jesus, it will mean hell.

Watch this past Sunday's sermon [here](#) or read it [here](#).

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

Today, Wednesday, November 12th

11:00 AM, Zoom

Prayer Group

Prayer group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesday of the month on Zoom throughout the winter.

1:00 PM, Luther Hall

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Newsworthy

Gift Delivered to Kenyan Mission Partners

Last week, Rev. Bill Moberly (the Director of Awakening Lives to World Missions) visited Kenya and was able to hand-deliver the support we raised for Pastor Dagaga Gemachu and his OCFN team. He reports that they were incredibly thankful and thrilled to continue partnering with us in the work of the Gospel. Thank you so much again for your generosity during our Missionary Support drive in September!

Blackburn Donations

We are collecting items for the Blackburn Center during November. A comprehensive list of items we are collecting is available posted in the Narthex. The last day to donate items is Sunday, November 23rd.

Thanksgiving Invitation Cards

In the Narthex, there are invitation cards for Thanksgiving meals. Please take these and use them to invite over your neighbors who may not have anywhere to go on Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is an excellent time to draw closer to those in your community who may be lonely during the holiday season.

Prayer List To Be Reset | Beginning Nov. 30th

On the first Sunday of Advent, in accordance with the beginning of the church year, we will reset prayer requests. You'll need to let Michele Hiener know if you would like to include your loved one for the New Church Year. Going forward, we want to include more details so that our congregation can better pray for those on this list (long-term illness, hospitalization, short-term illness, physical pain, etc.). There will, of course, be a "catch-all" for those who need absolute privacy. This will likely take a little time to get right, but this will help us all to pray more clearly for those in need.

Kids' Activity Bags

There are blue activity bags for kids to use during the worship service hanging up next to the table with the bulletins in the Narthex. Please borrow and use them for kids, grandkids, and visitors! They include a childrens' bulletin for the week with activities themed around the Scripture passages as well as water reveal activity books and books themed around this time of year in the church calendar.

Worship

Upcoming Brookdale Service | Nov. 21, 11AM

On Friday, November 21st, we will be holding a brief worship service at Brookdale Senior Living in Murrys ville. We will begin the service at 11am and it will likely last around half an hour. Please join us if you are able! Sign up (but it's okay if you forget to) to join us in the Narthex.

Advent Setup | November 29, 10AM

We need about six people to help take down Thanksgiving decorations, put up the first of our advent adornments, and install the nativity by the road. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help.

Confirmation Service for Faith Palmer | The First Sunday in Advent

Faith Palmer will be confirmed on November 30th, the First Sunday in Advent. A

brief reception will be held after the service to celebrate Faith and her new step in her Christian walk. Please plan to join us then!

Advent Services | Beginning Dec. 3

During Advent, we will hold a light dinner and a worship service every Wednesday night. The first of these will coincide with the ELCW's Advent Event, which is open to all (not just the women). And so, we will begin with hors d'oeuvres that evening at 6pm.

Discipleship

Bible Study in Acts | Mondays, 1PM & 6:30PM

From Acts 7:35-50

We have been hearing that Stephen (the first Christian martyr) has been showing that his accusers are the ones who have rejected Moses -- the very accusation they leveled against him.

[View Last Week's Lesson Here](#)

Sunday School, 9AM

Live Not By Lies | Continuing Through November

Join us for Sunday School during the month of November for *Live Not By Lies*. This is an important discussion about the way culture pressures us into telling lies, and how to resist that pressure.

This is a docu-series ([Watch the Trailer Here](#)) that we'll continue watching and discussing.

Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in November

An Advent Activity

Fellowship & Evangelism

GriefShare

Stay tuned for details about the Grief Share program. This program is for anyone, both inside and outside of this congregation, who has experienced the death of a loved one. If you have any interest joining sessions, please signup in the narthex.

This is a video based, facilitator led program. Read more information and see an introductory video [here](#). We'll plan to pick a time to begin meetings soon.

Free Tickets to the Christmas Pilgrimage

We have been generously offered free tickets. For more information about the pilgrimage, visit the website [here](#). If you would like tickets, please let Danette Hunter know.

The 2025 Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th & Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

Join us for our child-friendly Pilgrimage Junior event the afternoon of Sunday, December 7.



Looking Ahead: Christmas Luncheon

The Fellowship/Evangelism Team has decided to have the annual Emmanuel Christmas party as a lunch this year. Here are the specifics:

What: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Christmas Party

Who: All Emmanuel members are invited

When: Saturday, December 13 at 12:00 noon

Where: The Lamplighter (6566 Route 22, Delmont, PA)

Menu: Stuffed chicken breast, lettuce salad, mashed potatoes with gravy on the side, green beans, fruit cup, and assorted desserts. Cash bar available.

Deadline: We must have a final count for the restaurant by Sunday, December 7, so please be sure your name is on the sign-up sheet by then.

Payment: Get your Check (made out to Julie Schamber) or cash, \$22.00 per person, to Julie Schamber.

Stewardship

The following work has been completed over this past year:

- sealing and stripping the parking lot
 - painting the wood trim (and recently replacing all rotten trim)
 - new roof on the pavilion
 - carpets cleaned
 - bathrooms and kitchen deep cleaned and waxed
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More This Week

Wednesday, November 12

11:00am-12:00pm: Family Prayer

1:00pm-2:00pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

7:00 - 8:00pm: Steps and Stories

Thursday, November 13

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208

7:30 - 9:00pm: Al-Anon

Friday, November 14

6:00 - 8:00pm: Troop 50327

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 19013

Sunday, November 16

9:00 - 10:00am: Live Not By Lies Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15am: Worship Service

Monday, November 17

11:00am-12:00pm: Fellowship/Evangelism Committee Meeting

1:00 - 2:00pm: Acts Bible Study

2:00-3:30: Quilting with the ELCW

6:30 - 7:30pm: Start the Week

6:30 - 7:30pm: Acts Bible Study

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 - 10:00am: Bell Choir Rehearsal

10:00 - 11:30am: Bell Choir Subset

6:00 - 8:00pm: Champion Cheerleading

7:00-8:00pm: Troop 208 Leaders

Wednesday, November 19

10:00am - 11:00am: Discipleship Committee Meeting

11:30am-1:30pm: Council Meeting

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

7:00 - 8:00pm: Steps and Stories

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Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

11/14 Dana Sadler

11/14 Scott Gustafson

11/19 Mark Heyl

11/22 Vince Berardinelli

11/22 Dorothy Datemash

11/26 Dave Whipkey

11/30 Kaleb Wee

Anniversaries:

11/26 Rev. Greg and Angela Held (48 yrs)

New Photo Gallery on Our Website!

We've added a photo gallery to our website to make pictures easier to access and view (and to make the newsletter clearer). Contact the office to add pictures of events to the gallery! (We will feature fewer photos in the newsletters so that we can include more on the website.) View the website photos [here](#).

Last Sunday's Service

[Click here to view the service.](#)

Have more pictures from any of our events?

Send them our way -- don't want to leave you out!

Altar Flowers

If you've signed up to provide altar flowers, please email the office a few weeks in advance to let us know what or who you would like the flowers to be dedicated to and how you would like the dedication to read!

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