## This Week

**Today** 9 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult, Youth Bible Study

10:15 AM Confirmation Class

Monday 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Church House

Wednesday Noon Group prayer (by phone)

6:30 PM Online Advent Worship Service

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast – Church House Saturday

10:30 AM Women of Grace meeting and Christmas Lunch

5 PM Children's Christmas program rehearsal & party

The Good News...According to St. Mark –

**Next Sunday** – "The Significance of Jesus' Baptism"

Children's Christmas program (during 9am worship service)



The second candle represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

## THOUGHTS ON THE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" is how Mark begins his Gospel. John the Baptist appears, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. John's ministry as forerunner continues to this day in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

By these ways and means, "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Isaiah 40:5), and the Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Isaiah 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Isaiah 40:1-2).

What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells," according to 2 Peter 3:13.

Peter continues, saying, "Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace" because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Children's Christmas program -

Sunday, Dec 12th at 9am. Any students who wish to participate in the children's program are asked to attend the rehearsal on Sundays (during Kid's Church) and on Saturday, December 11th at 5 pm.



**Business Meeting and** Christmas Lunch December 11th 10:30 am Sign up at Info booth



December 24th



Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 785 N Fowler Ave, Clovis, CA. 93611 559-298-0725 www.emmanuelclovis.org office@emmanuelclovis.org Pastor Ed Krueger - pastored@emmanuelclovis.org



## Sunday, December 5, 2021

Pre-service music

"No Other Name"

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

**Greeting and Announcements** 

Prayer of Confession and Absolution

Nicene Creed

Offertory music "Holy, Holy Holy"

The Scriptures – Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading - Mark 1:1-8

Kids' Church w/Marylin Bowery

(Children are asked to gather in narthex)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

The Message "The Herald of the New King"

Holy Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

"We Fall Down"

The waiting is over! Pastor Dan Hues has accepted the call to be Emmanuel's next pastor. He plans to join us around the 24th of January. Thanks be to God!

## **Prayer List**

**Carmen Chow** – cancer treatments **Melanie Lawrence** – (daughter of Mike & Marylin Bowery)

Homebound Members:

BJ Cline, Linnie Clark, Liz Johnston, Irene Stinson, Barbara White

**Get Connected:** Please join us for refreshments after each service. Visit the Information Booth for ways to connect at Emmanuel.

**Sunday Adult Class (10:15 am)** "Things They Never taught you in Sunday School" lead by Pastor Ed. Church House Conference room.

Youth (10:15 am) Ranjan George leads a study in the Youth Center.

**Evening Devotional Bible Studies – Online**. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 pm on Zoom. Check website or personal email for link.

Wednesday Advent Services. Join us online for a short Zoom Advent Service, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-7pm. Pastor Ed will host.

**Advent Devotions.** Devotions are available for adults and families to prepare for the Advent and Christmas season. Info Booth.

"love God, love others, and show it"