

## ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

### ADVENT PRAYER

**HYMN**      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel      83 (vs.1-3)

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Everlasting Father, I call upon You and confess that I am not all that You want me to be. Show me my sin, Holy Spirit, and those areas of my life that go against Your will and Your desires. Lord God, at times I do not fully trust in Your promises to protect and provide for me. Sometimes I devote more of my time and life to things that entertain me more than helping me to be a more effective Christian. Help me Lord Jesus to rest in Your free grace and forgiveness each day. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE**      Ruth 4:1-10      Boaz Marries Ruth  
                         Luke 1:8-17      God Makes a Promise

### CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Bible

*We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are truly the Word of God, given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We bear witness that the Bible is our only authentic and infallible source of God's revelation to all people. We hold that the Bible, as a whole and in all its parts, is the Word of God under all circumstances, regardless of man's attitude toward it. And we desire to be "people of the Word", learning and growing daily in our faith in Jesus Christ.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER - OFFERING

**HYMN**      Hymn Sing - Congregation chooses 4 hymns (1st verse only)

**MESSAGE**      Life Lessons from Naomi and Ruth      Ruth 4:11-17

**HYMN**      O Little Town of Bethlehem      92 (vs. 1,2,4)

## THE 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.*

### BENEDICTION

**DOXOLOGY**      Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
                         Praise Him all creatures here below.  
                         Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
                         Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
                         Amen.

## GROWTH AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**TODAY:**      Worship Service      9:00 am  
                         Fellowship      10:00am  
Sunday School-Practice for Christmas program      10:30 am

**TUES:**      Men's Bible Study at St. Paul's      7:00 pm

**WED:**      Confirmation Class at Salem      6:00 pm  
                         Youth Group at Salem      7:00 pm  
                         Ladies Bible Study at St. Paul's      7:00 pm

**NEXT SUN:**      Worship Service      9:00 am  
                         Fellowship      10:00 am  
Sunday School- Practice for Christmas program      10:30 am

### Announcements and Looking Ahead

Dec 18th 6:00-7:30 pm - Christmas Festival at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ankeny at the Earl May Garden Center-singing, treats, etc  
Dec 22nd 10:00 am - Joint Worship Service at Salem - Children's Christmas Program with Contributed Breakfast Brunch to follow  
Dec 24th 6:00 pm - Joint Christmas Eve service at Salem  
Dec 29th 10:00 am - Joint Worship Service at St Paul's

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