

**Prelude:** T'was In The Moon of Wintertime – arr. Keesecker

## **Welcome**

*Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)*

*Please stand*

**Gathering Hymn:** W&P #2, A Story For All People

## **Greeting**

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

**Kyrie:** ELW Page 193, Setting 9

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day:**

*Let us pray, together:*

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Advent Reading**

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light which reminds us that this is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ.

**Fill our hearts with the light of your love.**

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes to us.

**Fill our hearts with the light of your love.**

Open our eyes to your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

**Fill our hearts with the light of your love.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Advent Wreath Lighting- W&P #36, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

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### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

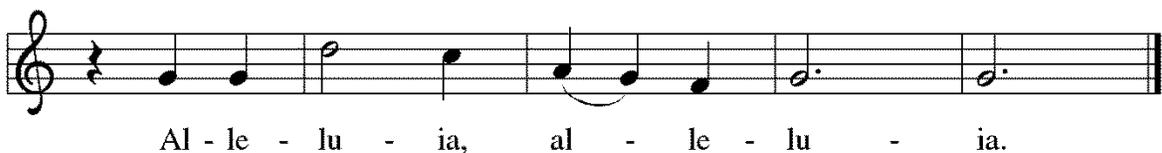
<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### Gospel Acclamation: ELW Page 198



## **Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Children's Sermon, 10:30 am only**

## **Sermon**

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** W&P #57, Hear The Angels

## **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 power of 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**

*Please kneel as you are able*

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Your Response today is: **hear our prayer.**

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Restore depleted fields. Send farmers, forest rangers, and gardeners to care for fig trees and wheat fields, gardens and arboretums. Increase our love for the land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick. Today we especially pray for : Bill Martz, Kennette Anderson, The Family of John Anderson on the death of his brother-in-law, Moses Ping, Richard Radwick, Julia Adams, Gail Morris, Mereda Senter, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Sam Horton, Sonny Reeder-Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries and creation care programs. Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory. Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light, and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**Pastor:** God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servants as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Please stand*

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

**Offertory:** 8:00 am: All Hail This Brightest Day of Days – Bach  
10:30 am: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – arr. Courtney, Adult Choir

*Please stand*

**Offertory Response:** W&P #136, The King of Glory

*Refrain*

The King of glory comes, the national rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain*

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**Presentation of Gifts** - Offering Prayer

*Let us pray, together:*

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

**Invitation To Communion**

God fills the hungry with good things.  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Communion Song:** ELW #487, What Feast of Love

What feast of love is offered here, where banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
O, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

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*Please be seated. Ushers will direct you to the altar.*

## **Distribution**

**Communion Music:** ELW #438, My Lord What a Morning  
ELW #437, On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

*Please stand*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **Benediction**

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #248, People, Look East

## **Announcements**

## **Dismissal**

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**