

Prelude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel – arr. Kosche

Welcome

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

Please stand

Call to Worship & Advent Wreath Lighting

O God, in the rush of the last days of Advent,

we long for your presence.

The prophets remind us again of your promises;

we work to hold onto your grace.

We try to see the world through the eyes of the Christ child;

help us to see holiness in the small things.

We light the fourth candle on our wreath to remind us of the all-encompassing love Christ brings.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8:00 am only

Canticle of Expectation: ELW #257, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs 7 & 8

O Come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Please be seated

8:00 am only

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #723, Canticle of the Turning, vs. 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the World be about to turn?

refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

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Gospel: Luke 1:46b-55

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

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

⁵⁰You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. ⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit, ⁵²casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. ⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy, ⁵⁵the promise made to our forbears, to Abraham and his children forever.

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

8:00 am only

Prayer before Sermon (sung): Another World is Not Only Possible, vs, 1 & 2

Another world is not only possible,
another world is not only possible,
another world is not only possible.
She is on her way, she is on her way.

On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing,
on a quiet day, I can hear her breathing,
on a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.
She is on her way, she is on her way.

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Please be seated

Sermon 8:00 am only

Christmas Pageant 10:30 am only

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: W&P #36 Emmanuel

Please kneel as you are able

Prayers of Intercession:

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Hear your church, O God, as we pray for all who belong to Jesus Christ. Where the church is scorned, preserve it; where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the nations, O God, as we pray for those who hold power and authority over people and lands. Help those who create and uphold good laws and those working to reform what is unjust, that the world might better reflect your grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear those in need, O God, as we pray for all who face uncertainty: refugees and immigrants, those who are imprisoned, and those without work, housing, food, or health care. Bring good news to all in need of hope. Today we especially pray for The family of Bernie Tandarich on the death of his brother, Regis; The family of Gene Timm, The family of Pete Whiteman, Jim Norton, Gbesaye Gballah, Dave Giatras, Vera Rubert, Karen Wendland, Millie Hoffa, Tom Ippolito, Tina Lusby-Anderson, Julia Adams, Sue Ericsson, George Siver, Raelynn Priddy, Jim Alderman, George Kristof, Karla Roth, Gail Hilton, Linda Adams, Lydia Fresca, Bob McCorkle, Rae Coughlin, Allison Parkinson, Louise Williams, Hedy Tranchitella, Justin Roland, All those affected by addiction, and those we name before your now.....(brief silence)..... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear this community of faith, O God, as we pray for families and friends who gather in this season, for travelers and hosts, and for those who will work or serve others this Christmas. Let the peace of Emmanuel, God-with-us, shine in every heart. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercession may be added

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servant's as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Please stand

Peace

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

Please be seated

Offering

Offertory: 8:00 am: O Come, O Come Emmanuel – arr. Keesecker

Please stand

Offertory Response: ELW #248, People Look East, vs, 4

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today.
Love, the Star, is on the way.

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Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer

Let us pray together:

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen the Word made flesh.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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**

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

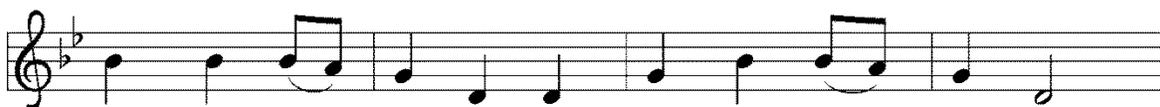
Invitation To Communion

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.
We feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Communion: ELW #247, Come Now O Prince

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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Communion will be by intinction. Gluten free wafers are available. Prayer stations will be available.

Communion Hymns: ELW #263, Savior of the Nations Come
ELW #281, Silent Night

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

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Benediction

May God, the Father who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.

May God, the Son, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, the Spirit who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #267, Joy to the World

Please be seated

Announcements

Dismissal

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