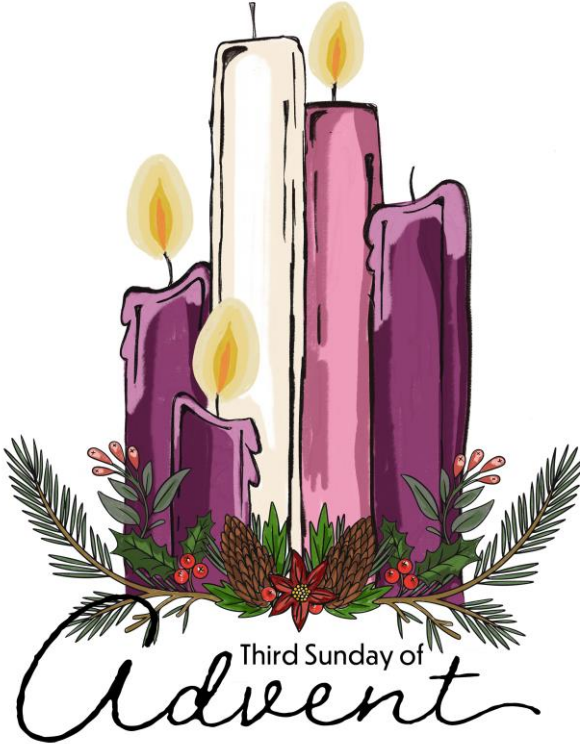


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ELW Service – Third Sunday of Advent
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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:
Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.
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2024 Congregational Watchword –

“Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ – Hebrews 13:5

2024 Theme – Where is God calling us to go?

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“He Came Down” vs. 3

He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Triune God (+), whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God’s children.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: **We confess that we are held captive to sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and we are free – free from all that holds us back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God's love, (+) comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”* #242

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**



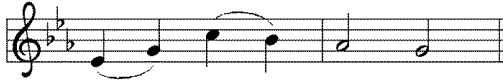
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people,
Lord God,

C: **and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Watchword Hebrews 13:5

P: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;

C: **For God has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”**

*Please be seated.

Anthem *“No Other King”* Emanuel Choir

No Other King would kneel to wash my feet, Prepare a table for His enemies,

Lay down His glory for the least of these. No other King would touch a leper’s skin,

Open His arms to let the outcast in, Respond with mercy in the face of sin.

Jesus, no one is like You. Jesus, no one beside You. Of this I am convinced,

no greater love exists. Forever all my hope is in no other king.

No other king would stand the mockery, Be led to slaughter and refuse to speak,

Take up a cross and choose to die with thieves. Take up a cross and give His life for me!

Jesus, no one is like You. Jesus, no one beside You. Of this I am convinced, no greater

love exists. Forever all my hope is in no other king. All the praise, all the praise, all the glory to Your Name! All the praise, all the praise, all the glory to Your Name!

All the praise, all the praise, all the glory to Your Name!

All the praise, all the praise,

all the glory to Your Name! No other king has risen from the dead, Knocked down the

gates of Hell with just one breath. No other king will reign until the end! Jesus, no one

is like You. Jesus, no one beside You. Of this I am convinced, no greater love exists.

Jesus, no one is like You. Jesus, no one beside You. Of this I am convinced, no greater

love exists. Forever all my hope is in, Forever all my hope is in, No other king! No other king! **No Other King!**

First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20 Pew Bible pg. 667

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-7 Pew Bible pg. 832

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:7-18 Pew Bible pg. 726

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.

Sermon *“Fruits Worthy of Repentance”* Pastor Mike

Luke 3:7-18

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn *“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”*



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

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 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.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* #686

♪ **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Generous God,

C: **You have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. We pray you bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will**

receive your blessing, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, Emanuel. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The music is written in a soprano clef.

The Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

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.

*Please be seated

Invitation to Communion

P: Even as we watch and wait,

C: **Christ is here. Let us come, eat and drink,**

Holy Communion

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

P: Gracious and abundant God,

C: **You have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, by the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Creator of the stars bless our Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill us with love, the unexpected Holy Spirit guide our journey, now and forever (+).

C: **Amen.**

Sending

"Hark! The Glad Sound"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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