

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Praise Team Worship *Second Sunday of Advent* *Sunday, December 8, 2024*



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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Praise Band

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Praise Chorus

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2024 Congregational Watchword -

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

2024 Theme - Where is God calling us to go?

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"He Came Down" vs. 2

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

Gathering Song *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.
Come thou Great Redeemer. Come Emanuel.
Bless the nations with Your presence here.
Born our souls to rescue, born to save Your very own.
Long expected Jesus, make our hearts Your home.
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Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us confess our sins to God our Maker.

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

L: Creator God,

C: **You created the heavens and earth, the stars and all things. The lights from above proclaim your handiwork to all the world. Yet we have turned from you and sought to darken your revelation, going my own way rather than yours, causing hurt to others by my words and deeds. Forgive us. Draw us back to you that we might with all creation proclaim your wonders. Amen.**

L: God is gracious. God has seen our sorrow for sin and heard our plea for mercy. Jesus Christ, God's Son, has died for all our sins and has risen to assure you of eternal life. As God's servant, in God's stead and at God's command, I declare forgiveness for all our sins.

C: **Jesus said, "I am the Light of world." And "Walk while you have the Light before the darkness overtakes you."**

L: God spoke and the stars gave light to the earth.

C: **Thanks be to God for creating the stars and all things.**

L: The creator God is made known through the Word.

C: **Thanks be to God for making us God's offspring.**

L: This is the good news of the Lord who cares for God's children.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ, who takes away all our fears.**

L: Lord of all creation,

C: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Song

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Thou wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Desire of nations, bind, All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease,
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel! Shall come to thee, O Is---rael!

Prayer of the Day

L: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your
salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Watchword

Hebrews 13:5

L: 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."**

Passing of the Peace & Offering
Offertory & Special Music

"Song of Zechariah" (Luke 1:68-79)



Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has



come to his peo- ple and set them free. He has raised up for us a



might-y Sav - ior, born of the house of his ser- vant Da - vid.



Through his ho - ly proph - ets he prom - ised of old that he would



save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.



He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers and to re -



mem - ber his ho - ly cov - e - nant. This was the oath he swore to our



fa - ther A - bra - ham: to set us free from the hands of our



en - e - mies, free to wor - ship him with - out fear,



ho - ly and righ-teous in his sight all the days of our life.



☐ You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare his way,



to give his peo - ple knowl-edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give-ness



of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,



to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad - ow of death,



and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

Children's Sermon

Song of the Day

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord.

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,

Righteousness being restored

And though these are the days of great trials,

Of famine and darkness and sword;

Still we are the voice in the desert crying,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,

Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee

Out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel,

The dry bones becoming as flesh.

And these are the days of Your servant David,

Rebuilding a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest,

The fields are as white in Your world;

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard

Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,

Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee

And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

There's no God like Jehovah, There's no God like Jehovah,

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Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 726

Sermon

"Benedictus"
Luke 1:68-79

Pastor Mike

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.

Consecration of the Elements

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.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Song

"Grace Like Rain"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found; Was blind but now I see.

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.

Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.

Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing Your praise than when we'd first begun.

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.

Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.

Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

Post Communion Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

L: Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

C: **Let us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory be to God both now and forever. Amen.**

Sending Song *"While We Are Waiting Come"*

While we are waiting come, While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, While we are waiting come
With pow'r and glory come, With pow'r and glory come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, While we are waiting come
Come Savior quickly come, Come Savior quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, While we are waiting come

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: **Thanks be to God.**