

Traditional Worship



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SHE WILL BEAR A
son

AND
YOU SHALL
CALL HIS NAME

JESUS,

**FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE
FROM THEIR SINS.**

MATTHEW 1:21, ESV

Serving in worship today: **Preacher:** Pr Jacob Heine

Leader: Vicar Jeff Lane

Organist: Linda Laird

SL Leader: Colleen Lippe (8). Patrice Thomsen (11)

Lay Reader: Claire Banion (8).

Acolytes: Drake Dunton (8). Ava Andrews (11)

Techs: David McGuigan, Twila Theimer (8). Todd Reinert (11)

Head Ushers: Steve Jones (8). Gary Dick (11)

Next week's lessons (Christmas Day): Psalm 2. Isaiah 52:7-10. Hebrews 1:1-6. John 1:1-14.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00am | December 18, 2022



PRELUDE *Variations on 'Veni Emmanuel' I, II, III*

arr David Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS . SHARING OF THE PEACE

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Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We kneel for a time of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."

People: The first candle of Advent reminds us to keep awake and be ready. The second reminds us to change our ways. The third candle reminds us of the good news that the blind see and the lame walk. And now we light the fourth Advent candle to remind us that God is with us. The steadfast love of the Lord is established forever!

Leader: Dear God, your faithfulness is great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. In the Savior's name we pray. **Amen.**

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."

Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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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

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Let us pray... Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 7:10-17 (ESV)*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask 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.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALMODY: *Psalms 24 (ESV)*

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 1:1-7 (ESV)*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL: *Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the first chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.***

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.***

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

>LSB 357 (vs 1, 2, 5, 6)

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 Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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SERMON: *Christmas Classics - A Year without Santa Claus*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *Variation on 'Veni Emmanuel' IV*

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Recording attendance: *Please take a moment to fill out the red Book of Fellowship with your name and if you are taking communion today. If you are a visitor, please add any contact information you are willing to share. This booklet is found on the pew near the center aisle and can be passed down to others in the pew.*

- **Offering:** *Donations may be placed in the plate as it is passed to you; online giving options are also available at FaithLutheranTopeka.com, tap 'donate now' or scan code. This an opportunity to invest tangibly in what God is doing here.*



PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

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*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 Him thanks and praise.***

It is truly good, right, and salutary Evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PAX DOMINI & AGNUS DEI

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The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Prior to communing, we should all examine our hearts as directed in 1 Cor. 11:28, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." Do you acknowledge your kinship with your brothers and sisters in Christ at this communion rail and do you set aside any refusal to forgive? Do you desire to live a God pleasing life? Are you aware of your sin and your need of God's forgiveness? If so, and you believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine through his body and blood, you are welcome to commune in this fellowship of believers in Christ. If sensitive to wine, clear grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Welcome to this foretaste of the feast to come.

Arise, O Christian People

>LSB 354

Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.

Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav'nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.

The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right, That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation—It is the Lord's delight.

Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You This blessèd Adventtide.
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us, so that we continue to be Your holy people who share Your love with all people as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

>LSB 338

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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry 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.

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POSTLUDE *Variation on 'Veni Emmanuel' V*

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