

*The Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**

December 15, 2024



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## Lutheran Church

December 15, 2024

### PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Karl Osterland*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 v. 1-2, 5-6



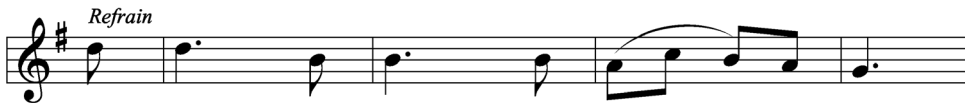
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 85:2

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. While today is a celebration of joy, we know that on our own, we would be entirely devoid of joy. Without Christ's intervention and incarnation, we would be lost in torment forever. We approach God in reverence, mindful of how unworthy we are to be in God's presence. Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have doubted Your Son and His power. We have been filled with anxiety and stress. Revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You.**

Pastor: The Lord God is in Your midst, the mighty One who will save. In Christ's death and resurrection, God withdrew His wrath and put away His burning anger. He rejoices over you with singing and quiets your anxious hearts by His love. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

**THE INTROIT** *Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

Pastor/Choir: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rest.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the source of all joy.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rejoice.**

**ADVENT KYRIE**

*The Kyrie Eleison ("Lord have mercy") for Advent is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune "Coventry Carol", first written in 1534 at the time of Luther. The Hymn of Praise is traditionally removed during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.*



## **VERSE**

LSB 357 v. 7

♪ **O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## **THE SALUTATION** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Christ, and come, that in Your presence we may rejoice and rest in the peace that only You can give, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Zephaniah 3:14–20

*(Do not fear; the Lord is in your midst.)*

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make

you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE**

Philippians 4:4–7

*(Rejoice! The Lord is at hand!)*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **ANTHEM** @10:30am

“Celebrate the Coming of the King” *Johnny Carr and Don Phillips*  
*The Cathedral Choir*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 7:18–28

*(Jesus explains that John the Baptist is the promised messenger to prepare the way for the Messiah.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.

People:



<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

<sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who

are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from the Augsburg Confession, Article III*

Pastor: The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man,

People: **who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.**

Pastor: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,

People: **and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

Pastor: The same Christ shall openly come again to judge the quick and the dead.

### THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM @9am

*tune: Picardy*

♪ **Let us bring this child before Him, lost in sin's impurity.  
Watch as God's own hand delivers, through the water's mystery.  
Life! New life and resurrection, From the bonds of sin, set free!**

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*Baptized in God's House today is **Granger Henryk Bresinski***

*His parents are Jacob and Sarah Bresinski*

*His godparents are Christopher Mile and Melissa Chesher*

## SERMON HYMN

### "Once He Came in Blessing"

LSB 333

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -  
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,  
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -  
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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## SERMON

### "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Zephaniah 3:17

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
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## OFFERTORY

*The offertories during the season of Advent will lead us to the manger, where God's greatest Gift to the world may be found. In response, we offer to Him our hearts and lives.*

**♪ Then entered in those Wise men three Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!**

**Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!**

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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## VOLUNTARY

"Once He Came in Blessing"

Paul Manz

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.

*9am continues with the benediction*

## **\* The Order of Holy Communion \***

*@10:30am*

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People: 

 And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People: 

 We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*


People: 

 It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all  
places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in His incarnation has rejoiced over us  
with loud singing and calmed us with His love, so that we might rejoice in  
the Lord always. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the  
company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore  
praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

tune: LSB 374

 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of all creation,  
Heaven holds You'r pow'r and might, earth Your incarnation.  
Sing "Hosanna! to the Lord, bless the name of Jesus!  
He who came in Bethlehem, comes again to free us.



**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

LSB p. 198

 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION**

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!

How strong the tender Christ Child's love!

No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.

He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;

The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.

Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore

And praise to God the Father yield

And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith as we wait for the day of His coming, that we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### "From East to West"

LSB 385



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
△ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

## POSTLUDE

### "From Heaven Above"

Walter Pelz

(From East to West)