

**Joy of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022**

**MUSIC PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**GATHERING: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL: RED BOOK #136 Vs1-4**

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

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

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. **REFRAIN**

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. **REFRAIN**

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **REFRAIN**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE      THE MAGNIFICAT**

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,

and my spirit rejoices in you,

You have looked with love on your servant here,

and blessed me all my life through.  
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,  
strong is your kindness evermore.  
How you favor the weak and lowly one,  
humbling the proud of heart.

2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,  
and uplifted the humble of heart,  
you have filled the hungry with wondrous things,  
and left the wealthy no part.  
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,  
strong is your justice, strong your love,  
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love on your servant here,  
and blessed me all my life through.

### **GREETING**

May 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.**

### **ADVENT WREATH**

**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs 1)                      Red Book, #240**

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **LESSONS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

**Glory be to the Creator God, and to the Son Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit**

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14** A reading from Romans.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Emmanuel*

**PURPLE BOOK, #36**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel,  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 Announcement** Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be

broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.            Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SONG            HE CAME DOWN (VERSE 1)            RED BOOK, #253**

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON & BLESSING**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: LET ALL MORTAL:            RED BOOK, #490**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way;  
as the Light of light, descending from the realms of endless day,  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**THE 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 GOD’S PEOPLE**

*After the petition:* **God, in your mercy,**

*The Congregation responds:* ... **hear our prayer. Amen.**

**PEACE    Response: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING:

**Kimberly Iese**

*(Offerings Brought Forward)*

#### RESPONSE:

#### **The Queen's Prayer**

‘O kou aloha no Aia i Ka Lani,  
A ‘o kou ‘oia‘io, He hemolele ho‘i.

Nolai la e ka Haku, Ma lalo Kou ‘e heu,  
Ko makou maluhia. A mau loa aku no. Amene

Translation:

Your loving mercy is as high as Heaven  
And your truth, so perfect.

And so, O Lord protect us beneath your wings  
And let peace be our portion. Now and forever more. Amen

### **BLESSING OF THE OFFERINGS**

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers  
of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **SANCTUS**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD**

**RED BOOK, PG. 144**

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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

**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 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

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RED BOOK, PG 146

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.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

### SENDING SONG

### SOON AND VERY SOON

PURPLE BOOK, #128

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!.

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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