

# ADVENT SERVICE

7:00 P.M. MIDWEEK



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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# “The Messenger”

## + THE ORDER OF SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M. +

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: “Advent Meditation”

Lorenz

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

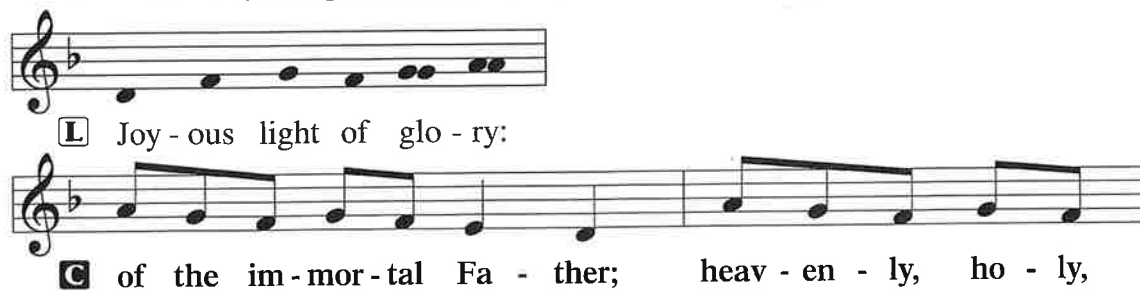
(Please stand, as you are able)

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT (Congregation sings responsively)



**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.  
**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,  
**C** and the day is almost o - ver.  
**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness  
**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

THE HYMN OF LIGHT (Congregation sings responsively)



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:  
**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the  
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.  
 We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:  
 You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT

[L] Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

THE PSALMODY

LSB, 245

**C** Congregation **I** Cantor **II** Choir



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Leader: Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Hark the Glad Sound"

Hymn 349

THE READING: Malachi 3:1-7b

"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>6</sup>"For I the Lord do not change; therefore

you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE READING: Matthew 3:1-6

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: “Prepare the Royal Highway”

Hymn 343

THE SERMON

Seminarian Jacob Shepard

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE OFFERTORY: “A Bach Christmas”

Althouse

THE COLLECT

Leader: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: 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.

## THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

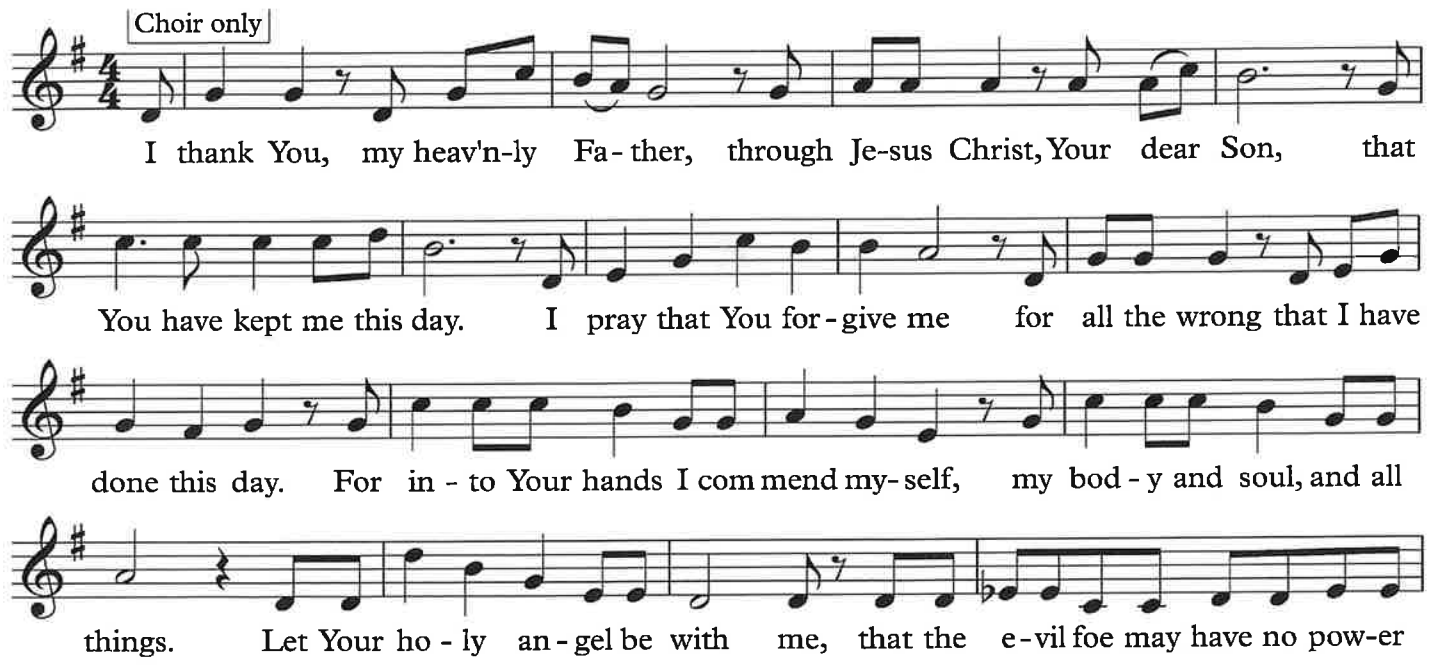
People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

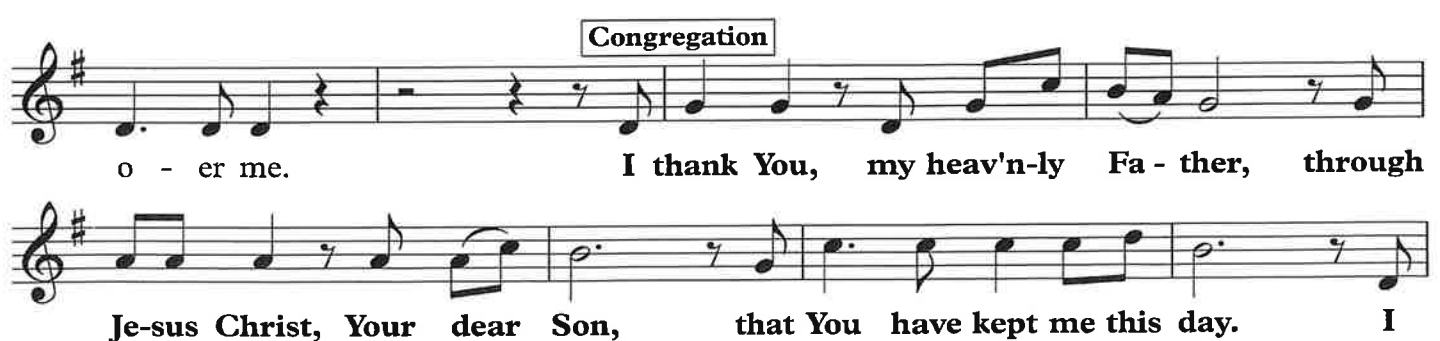
## THE CLOSING HYMN: "Luther's Evening Prayer"

**Choir only**



I thank You, my heav'n-ly Fa-ther, through Je-sus Christ, Your dear Son, that  
You have kept me this day. I pray that You for-give me for all the wrong that I have  
done this day. For in - to Your hands I com mend my-self, my bod - y and soul, and all  
things. Let Your ho - ly an - gel be with me, that the e-vil foe may have no pow-er

**Congregation**



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 Son, that You have kept me this day. I pray that You for - give me for  
 all the wrong that I have done this day. Keep me this night. A - men.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Veni Emmanuel"

Smith

SERVING

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|------------------|--|
| Liturgists       | Pastor Dan Sheaffer, Pastor Thomas A. Eggold   |
| Organist/Pianist | Myra Schmidt   |
| Vocal Duet       | Ellen Buuck, Caroline Eber   |
| Choir Director   | Craig Dahlkamp   |
| Acolyte          | Naomi Pennekamp  |
| Usher Crew 3     | Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Kevin Sark, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Bryson Berg, Barry Gynn, Austin Harless, Tom Matson |
| Audio Engineer   | Mike Harvey  |



# Hark the Glad Sound

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1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

# Prepare the Royal Highway

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!