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Second Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Welcome to worship as we celebrate this Sunday. If you are using your laptop, tablet, or phone to join in the livestream at 8:30am & 11:00am <u>http://bit.ly/SLCworship.</u> We have "Listen" ear pieces available for the hearing impaired-simply ask one of the ushers!

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

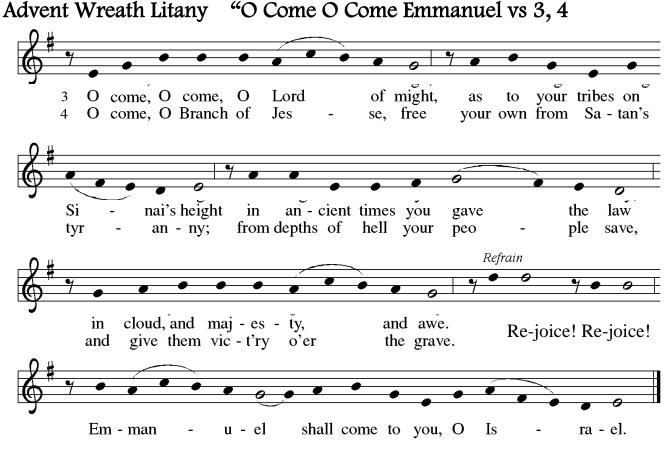
Silence for reflection and self examination

P: Let us prepare for the coming of our Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

P: God of all time and space,

C: we confess that we have become self-centered, apathetic to your promises, and inattentive to our neighbors. We have done things in our own selfinterest and neglected to do the things that lead to healing and reconciliation. We continue to love darkness rather than light. In your mercy, forgive us. Shine the light of Christ once again into the dark places of our lives and the life of the world, that we may welcome your light and seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God. In the name of + Jesus Christ, and by his authority, your sins are forgiven and you are made whole again. Rejoice in the good news! Amen.



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent. Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Lighting of the Wreath

- L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. As we light the Second candle, we think of the prophet Micah, who proclaimed that the Messiah would come forth from Bethlehem. Give us peace to know that your Word was fulfilled in Bethlehem and that what happened there continues to bring us Your grace and peace. Let there be peace in our hearts, homes, church, communities, and world.
- C: Amen

Repeat Refrain of "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray...

L: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to always receive your Son. By His coming and reconciling work, bring us the peace that passes all understanding. Fill us with the joy of being reunited to you and bring to an end our warfare and rebellion against you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

Children's Sermon

Kids Word (11am)

THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1~11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Musical Meditation "Jesus Messiah"

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8~15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

R: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

- R: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st Chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel

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Mark 1:1~8
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¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

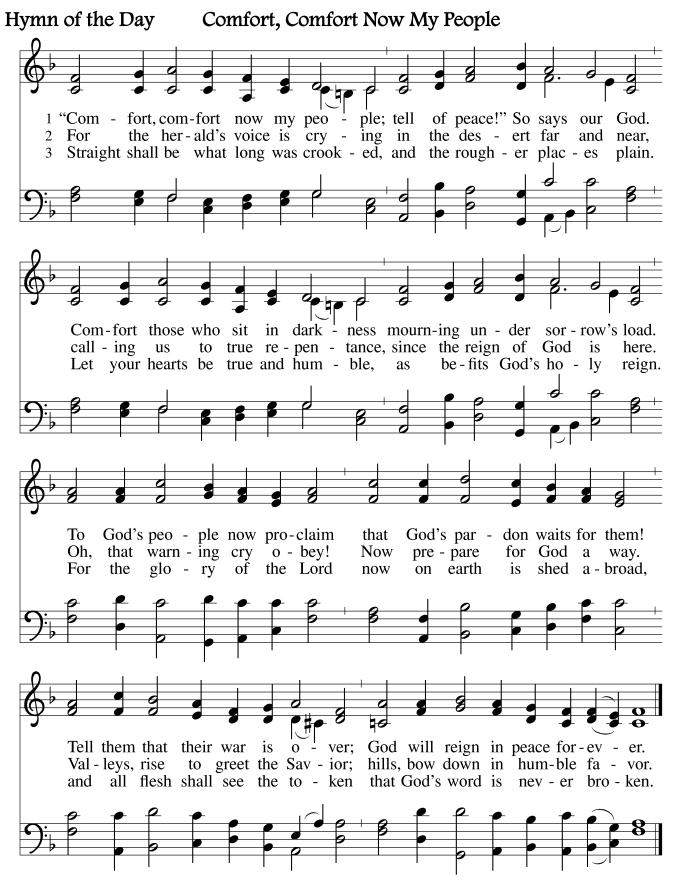
R: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon "Comfort?!?!" by Pasto

by Pastor Bill Crabtree

(After a brief period of reflection, please stand for the hymn of the day.)



Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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 the Church

- P: Lord, in your mercy
- C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

(Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace)

Community Time

The Offering (*Please pass the black friendship pads down the pew – guests we would love to send you a thank you for worshiping with us, please provide your email or address.*)



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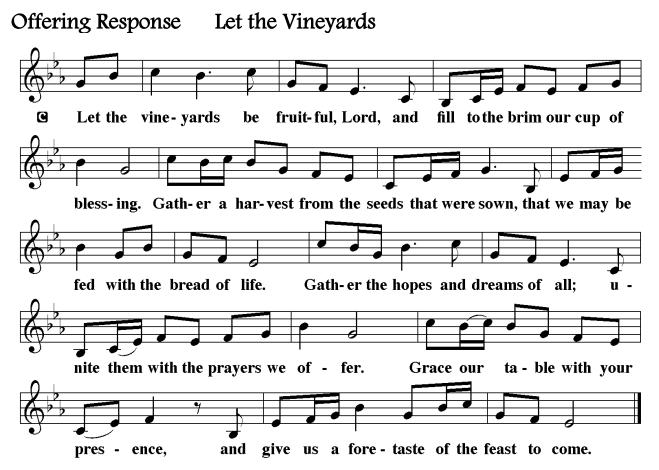
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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Offering

Offering Music "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Kathy and Cheryl

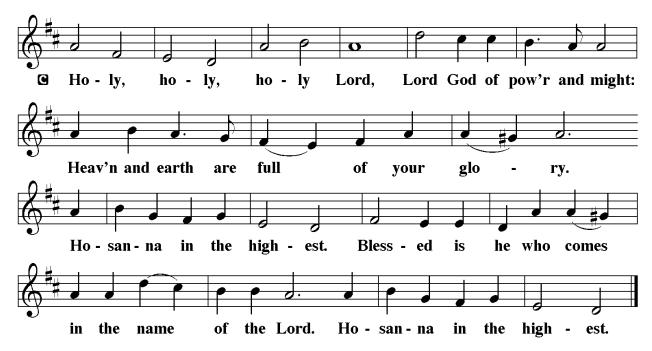




Offering Prayer (Projected)

The Great Thanksgiving (Projected)

Sanctus



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

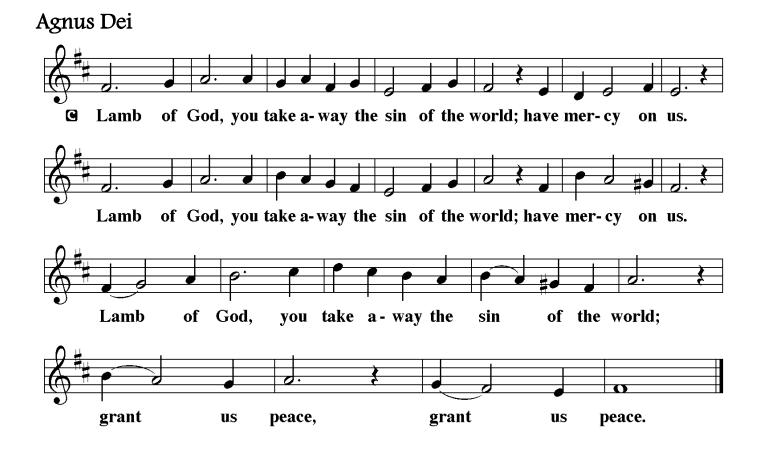
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be three tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets. Adults who do not receive the Supper or

children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.





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Benediction (Projected)



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

L: We are grace filled! C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Special Thanks EWB and Kathy Ozimek & Cheryl Thompson

<u>This Week's Worship Leaders— December 3</u> December Altar Care: Val Stueven, Randy Randolph, Ann Phillips, Laurie Larson, Ann Daly, Julie Harper, Adams family, Liturgists: (8:30) Randy Randolph (11:00 am) Sue Shultz Communion Assistants: (8:30 am) Mary Serbousek, Chris and Suzanne Love (11:00 am) Jim and Jean Lamb, Mary Ramsey Readers: (8:30 am) Steve Slaton (11:00 am) Zoe Sansgaard

Readings for December 10th

Isaiah 61:1~4, 8~9, 1 Thessalonians 5:16~24, John 1:6~8, 19~28 As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions: Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work? **Prayer and Care:** Lucille Leist recovering from knee replacement. Pat & Matt Ryan's son Dave, hospitalized with complications from surgery. Chuck McClung hospitalized. Wendy Kassler's sister, Amelia, diagnosed with lymphoma and awaiting treatment. Jason Rubenstein, recovering from shoulder surgery. Kim Grasmick and family mourning the death of her mother and father, Carol & Larry. Clara Barr and Tom Taft in hospice.

<u>Recovering from Surgery/Illness:</u> Ben Borson, Sandy Gessner-Crabtree, Gerry Crawford, John Daly, Ace Edwards, Gene Gierke and Jan Lytle.

Facing Cancer: Rudy Burress, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Kay Kersten, Ron Maddux, Jim Piatt, Gerry Randall, Randy Randolph, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Melissa Tippets, David Trexler, Lisa Stephens, June Stocks, Carol Wales, Scott Wills, Jim Weisbrodt and Bill & Darlene Yocum.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Jared Cain, Timothy Dao, Rebecca Mackey, Andrew Quam, David Wooten and all their families.

<u>Continued Prayer</u>: Hilma Bridges, Bob Brien, Don Budden, Marj Carlson, Adelyn Day, Roger Eagan Sr., Randy Fossum, Mary Clare Gehring, Joe Gierke, Dawn Hamrick, Sharron Lindkvist, Jean Locke, Web Rhodes, Matt Ryan, Jean Sherbesman, Clinton Sperr, and JoAnne Wales.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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