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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 10, 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 <http://bit.ly/SLCworship>.

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## **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.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self examination*

**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 self-interest 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.

## Advent Wreath Litany “O Come O Come Emmanuel vs 5, 6

**Verse 5** O come, O 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. *(Refrain)*

**Verse 6** O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death’s dark shadow put to flight. *(Refrain)*

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

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### Lighting of the Wreath

**L:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

The shepherds received the good news of Jesus’ birth with great joy, becoming the first to tell others of his birth. As we light the third candle, we are aware of your light increasing its pushback against the darkness of our world, bringing good news of great joy once again. As your light penetrates our hearts, we see that joy is not something we generate, but a gift that fills us with hope to Proclaim, Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**C:** Amen

**Repeat Refrain of “O Come O Come Emmanuel”**

**Greeting (Projected)**

**Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Let us pray...

**L:** Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to the light of the world, 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 61:1-4, 8-9

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

#### Musical Meditation

Every Valley *by John Ness Beck*

#### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

R: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

## Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

“Can I get a Witness!?” by Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

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

# Hymn of the Day      Prepare the Royal Highway

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 may 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 will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 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!

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 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## 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 worshipping with us, please provide your email or address.)*



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# THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR



Offering

Offering Music

Offering Response    Let the Vineyards

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer (Projected)

The Great Thanksgiving (Projected)

## Sanctus



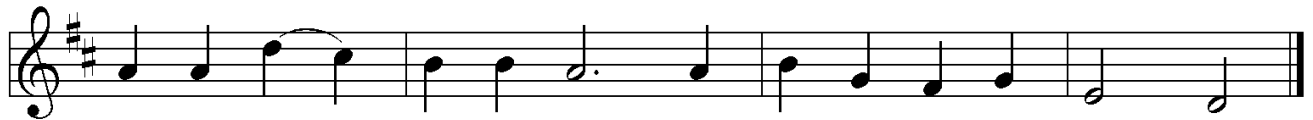
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.*



## Agnus Dei



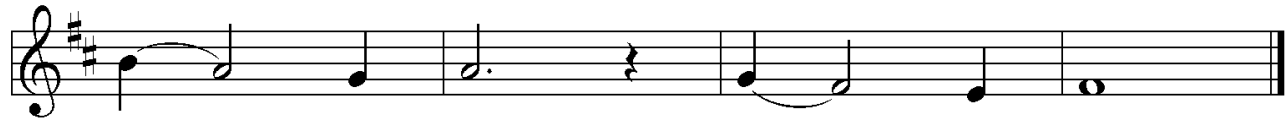
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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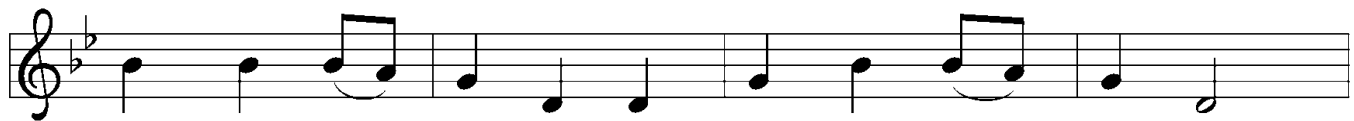


grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

## Come Now O Prince of Peace

Choir: 1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.



2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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Blessing (Projected)

Post-Communion Prayer (Projected)

Benediction (Projected)

# Sending Hymn

# Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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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      SLC Choir

This Week's Worship Leaders— December 10

December Altar Care: Val Stueven, Randy Randolph, Ann Phillips, Laurie Larson, Ann Daly, Julie Harpel, and the Adams family

Liturgists: (8:30) Brian Humm (11:00 am) Greg Patterson

Communion Assistants: (8:30 am) Lisa and Jeff Ottenbacher, Barb Pennington (11:00 am) Melanie Cameron, Shawn and Dave Dietz

Acolyte: (8:30 am) Unavailable (11:00) Max Rubenstein

Readers: (8:30 am) Joyce Barry (11:00 am) Katie Havers

Readings for December 17<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26, Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

**Prayer and Care:** Joanne Wales mourning the death of her brother. Pat & Matt Ryan's son Dave, hospitalized with complications from surgery. Chuck McClung at rehab. Wendy Kassler's sister, Amelia, facing cancer. Jason Rubenstein, recovering from shoulder surgery. Kim Grasmick and family mourning the death of her mother and father, Carol & Larry. Clara Barr, Tom Taft and Kay Wilk in hospice.

**Recovering from Surgery/Illness:** Sandy Gessner-Crabtree, John Daly, Ace Edwards, Gene Gierke, Lucille Leist 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 Tippetts, David Trexler, Lisa Stephens, June Stocks, 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.

**Continued Prayer:** Ben Borson, 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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