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OF PEACE WITH GOD

**H O P E**  
OF GLORY



*✠Sunday, December 3, 2023 ✠*  
*✠10:30 am Praise Service ✠*

## **Welcome in Jesus' Name**

**May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be taken care of on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.**

### **Holy Communion**

**We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.**

**We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.**

### **To Our Guests**

**We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.**

***Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.***

***Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God  
By Joanne Fries in memory of Janice March's birthday.***

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

### Opening Song

*All Who are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come

*(repeat all)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Recognition of Sinfulness

*Psalms 51:1-12*

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**C** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- P** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right[b] spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I have sinned against you and my neighbor. My sin is great, and I recognize the only thing that I can do is return to You, seek Your mercy, and beg for the sake of Jesus Christ that You would forgive me. Please dear Father in Heaven, because of what Jesus did on my behalf, forgive me of my sins. Amen.**
- P** God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love, and He has forgiven us, not because we deserve it, but simply because of what Jesus did for us. Therefore, go forth knowing that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Holy is the Lord*

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He  
And together we sing  
Everyone sing:

*(Chorus)*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

**L** God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me! This lesson proclaims that song, because it speaks of God's goodness to a people that far too often strayed from Him. Yet, the people finally began to realize God's goodness and return to Him. God remembers our iniquities no more! What a glorious promise of grace as we anticipate the coming of our Savior. The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah chapter 64:

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**L** We have been called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ, not by our own merits, but simply through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. Today, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, and pray that God will open our eyes and heart to see the gifts He has bestowed upon us. The Epistle reading is from 1st Corinthians chapter 1:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in

all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 13:24-37*

**P** Can you stay awake? Jesus tells the people they must stay awake. Yet, as humans can we really stay awake until the Master returns? What does Jesus want us to realize? Sin and the law destroy us, but faith and the Gospel bring us to life! Through faith and the Gospel we remain awake, but the law and sin force us to sleep. Therefore, remain in faith, walk in Christ, and when the Master returns, He will find you awake. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—

for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.<sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*



## **Sermon Song**

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious, Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay, the Invincible  
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son  
O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall  
Grace and majesty, what humility  
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads, for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive, let the gospel ring  
God has made a way, He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus

## **Sermon**

*What is Advent, and why should I care?*

## **Offering**

Please stand

## Offertory

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

*Refrain*  
Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Prayer Responsory

*Psalm 145*

- P** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
- C** **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- P** On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.
- C** **They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

- P** The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!
- C** **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- P** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
- C** **The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**
- P** You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
- C** **The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.**
- P** The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who are sick, hurting, lonely, or in any type of need, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who mourn that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Luther's Morning Prayer**

**P** Let us pray together:

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.  
Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## **Benediction**

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

**C** Amen.

## Closing Song

*Shout to the North*

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

*(Chorus)*

Shout to the North and the South  
Sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is Saviour to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of love

*(Chorus)*

We've been through fire, we've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of His name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You  
You've burned the truth on our lips

*(Chorus)*

## The Dismissal

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude by Mark and Phil

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