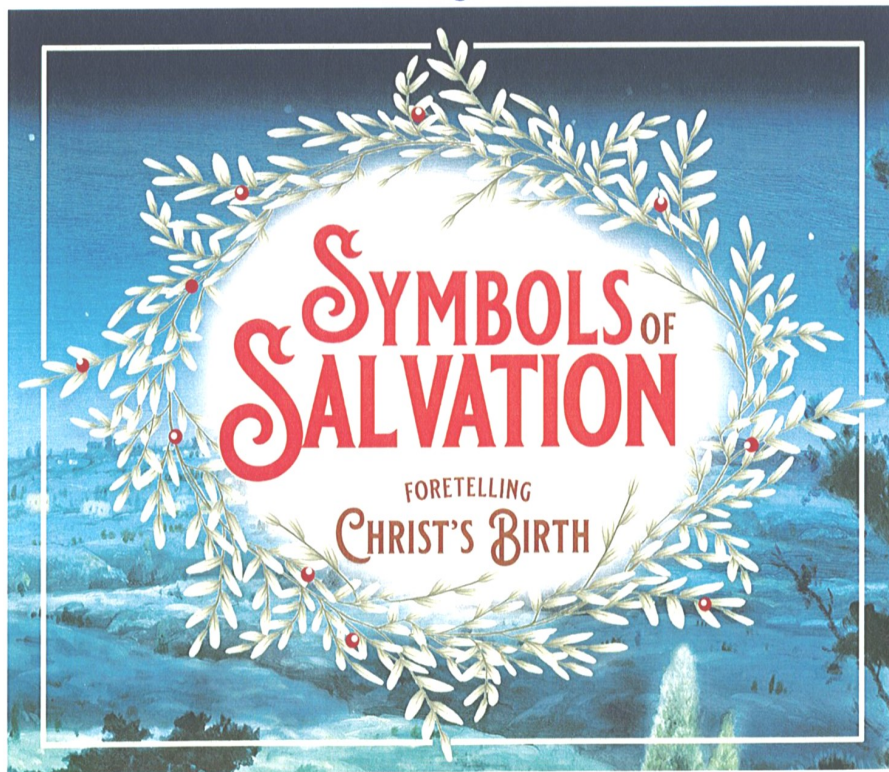


Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 8, 2021



*Mid-Week
Advent Service #2*



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*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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*Welcome to
Our Church*

Mid Week Advent Service

Vespers

December 8, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Salutation

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
G And also with you.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel [stanzas 1, refrain, 4-5]



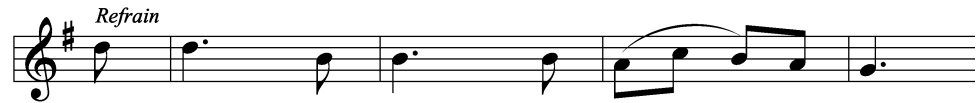
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.



Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Service of the Word

Please stand as you are able

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Advent Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the World
C The light no darkness can overcome

P The Spirit and the Church cry out
C Come Lord Jesus

P All those who await His appearance pray
C Come Lord Jesus

P The whole creation pleads
C Come Lord Jesus
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-42

P ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
C make known his deeds among the peoples!

P ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C tell of all his wondrous works!

P ³ Glory in his holy name;

**C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD
rejoice!**

P ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;

C seek his presence continually!

P ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

P ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

C children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

P ⁷ He is the LORD our God;

C his judgments are in all the earth.

P ⁸ He remembers his covenant forever,

**C the word that he commanded, for a thousand
generations,**

P ⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,

C his sworn promise to Isaac,

P ¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,

C to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

P ¹¹ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."

C ³⁷Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,

P and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.

C ³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.

P ³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering,

C and fire to give light by night.

P ⁴⁰They asked, and he brought quail,

C and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

P ⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

C it flowed through the desert like a river.

P ⁴²For he remembered his holy promise,

C and Abraham, his servant.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Please be Seated

Scripture Readings

First Lesson:**Isaiah 40:9-11**

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”
¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Reading Response

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson:**Exodus 40:17-38**

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the

LORD had commanded Moses. ²²He put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil, ²³and arranged the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁴He put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, ²⁵and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁶He put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil, ²⁷and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁸He put in place the screen for the door of the tabernacle. ²⁹And he set the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ³⁰He set the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, ³¹with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet. ³²When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, as the LORD commanded Moses. ³³And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Reading Response

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Reading:

John 1:10-18

P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 1st Chapter

G Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Reading

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Gospel Reading Response

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory (Advent)

LSB 230

P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called:
The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C This is the name by which He will be called:
The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called:
The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Please be seated

362 O Sing of Christ



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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Sermon: John 1:10-14

Catechism

The Second Article

Redemption

C 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.

P *What does this mean?*

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins,

from death, and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, pre-
cious blood and with His innocent suffering
and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in
His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting
righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and
reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Canticle

Please stand as you are able

Antiphon (Advent)

P Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

C O come, let us worship Him.

In the Magnificat the designation "I" is a line for the men to read, and the designation of "II" is a line for the women to read.

Magnificat

LSB 231

P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in
God, my Savior;

I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

II For behold, from this day all generations will call me
blessed.

C For the Mighty One has done great things to
me, and holy is His name;

P and His mercy is on those who fear Him from genera-
tion to generation.

- I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- P** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- C** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Offering

Offering:

- P** Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that we have been given by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You can drop your offering envelope off in the Offering Box in the Narthex as you leave today, mail us your envelope, give on-line at our website, or drop it off in the offering box in the lobby across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 AM -1 PM.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Please be seated

Prayer

Prayers of the Church are collected from the assembled congregation

Kyrie

LSB233

- P** Lord, have mercy;
- C** **Christ, have mercy;**
- Lord, have mercy.**

Introduction to Collects

LSB 233

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

Prayers Collected from the Congregation

Collect for Advent

P Blessed Lord, You made Yourself known in many and various ways in the days of old, but now in Your Son, You have fulfilled Your promise to dwell among Your people as Savior and Redeemer, calling us to new life in His name. Grant to us Your Holy Spirit that we may rejoice in Your presence, be moved to repentance and faith, and remember our Savior, whose voice speaks in Your Word and whose gracious acts continue to fill us with Your grace in the Holy Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Pandemic

P Almighty God, You have been our help in ages past and you are our hope in the years to come. Be with our nation as we continue to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Be with our leaders and grant them godly wisdom to make good decisions on behalf of all. Be with all who gather here for worship in this Sanctuary as your assembled Church. As we do your will protect us from infection and sickness. Be with all those who worship with us through the blessing of social media. Grant to us all faith that replaces fear. Use this time of uncertainty and worry in our society as an opportunity for us to shine the light of your love and your mercy. Move us to confess with our mouths and our lives that you are the Rock to whom we cling, even though the earth gives way. Grant us continued grace to stand in faith toward you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

P 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.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Close of Service

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus [stanzas 1-2, 4-6]
A Lamb of God Favorite



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
 5 A - bide with Your pro - tec - tion A - mong us, Lord, our strength,
 6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, A - mong us with Your love;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.
 Lest world and Sa - tan fell us And o - ver - come at length.
 Grant stead-fast-ness and help us To reach our home a - bove.

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Closing Blessing

[P] Let us pray:

O LORD, our God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your Holy Spirit is leading us, and Your hand is supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all

[C] **Amen**

Closing Peace

[P] Go in peace, serve the Lord

[C] **Thanks be to God**

Children's Christmas Service



Sunday,



December 12, 2021

10:00 am

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Notes

Following the Service, on December 12th, join us in the Fellowship Hall for the *Children's Christmas Café*.

JOIN US FOR CHAIR
YOGA WITH
MARY ANN FILKA
THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 9 & 16,
2021
AT 10:00 AM.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL.



Poinsettia orders!

Time to sign up for the Poinsettia plants
that decorate our Altar for Christmas.

Cost is \$10.00 per plant (red only) and
can be taken home for your enjoyment
following the 10:00 pm service on
Christmas Eve.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Put money in **Poinsettia envelope** (that is
on the table in the hallway) and then put
in the offering plate.



And the Word
became flesh and
dwelt among us ...

John 1:14, ESV