

# *Light of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*We are thankful to God that you have been led to worship with us this evening. Your presence with us is a gift from our Lord!  
May He bless our worship together.*

## Welcome

## Announcements

*Stand*

### Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us then confess your sins to God our Father.

**People: Heavenly Father, our maker and redeemer. I confess all of my sins and failures to you. I have tried to find you in ways you never intended me to find you. I have gotten myself lost and I am in need of your help. I have neglected you in all areas of my life and I have been selfish and full of pride. I justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

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



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

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Sit

## Responsive Reading

- P** *I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.*
- C** **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**
- P** *Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.*
- C** **His anger lasts only a moment, his goodness for a lifetime.**
- P** *Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*
- C** **When the Lord's face was hidden from me, then I was filled with fear.**
- P** *"Hear, O Lord, and be gracious," I cried. "O Lord, be my helper."*
- C** **You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**
- P** *Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing.*
- C** **O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## First Reading

## Galatians 4:1–7

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Timothy 6:12–16

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

## Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

*Sit*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

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.

## Hymn

## The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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*Stand*

## Prayers

## Lord's Prayer

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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

## Closing Hymn

## Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

LSB 378



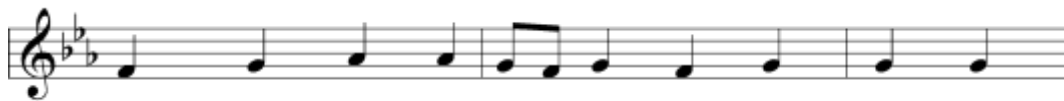
1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, And  
2 O dear - est Child, whom I a - dore, Whose  
3 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord



ush - er in the morn - ing. Ye shep - herds, shrink not  
grace sur - pass - es mea - sure, My Broth - er, whom I  
Je - sus Christ, be giv - en: Thou hast my Broth - er



with af - fright, The day of grace is dawn - ing. This  
cher - ish more Than earth with all its trea - sure: Haste  
deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heav - en. Help



Child, though weak in in - fan - cy, Our con - fi -  
from Thy man - ger to de - part, O come and  
me through - out this day of grace To praise Thy



dence and joy shall be, The pow'r of Sa - tan  
dwell with - in my heart; With joy will I re -  
love and seek Thy face; And when I stand be -



break - ing, Our peace with God now mak - ing.  
ceive Thee, A cra - dle there will give Thee.  
fore Thee For - ev - er to a - dore Thee.

