

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

The Second Sunday in Advent

Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

December 10, 2023

Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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Worship Christ

Grow with Others

Serve Christ



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!
May He bless our worship.**

CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

Stand

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God Our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

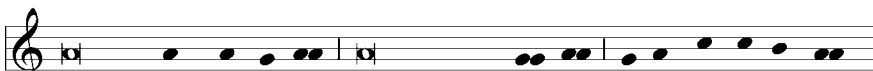
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



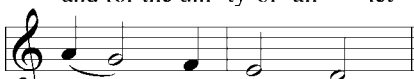
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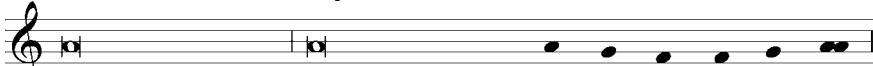
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



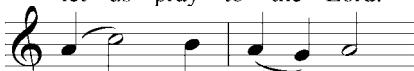
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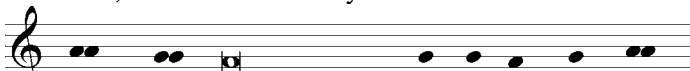
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



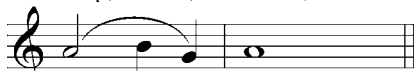
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain* Re - jice! Re - jice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending. The third staff includes a 'Refrain' marking above the notes for 'Re - jice! Re - jice!'. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

First Reading**Isaiah 40: 1-11**

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "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. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on 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 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading**2 Peter 3:8-14**

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

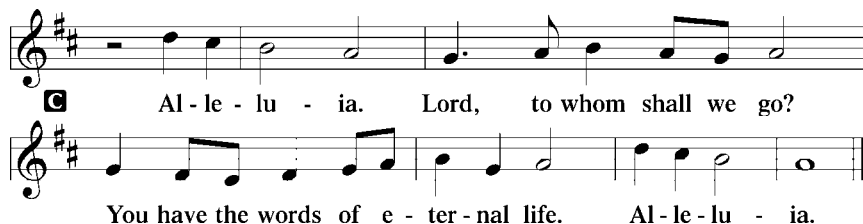
¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse




Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



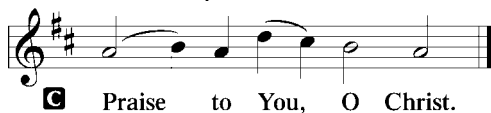
G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 Δ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the
 near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -
 works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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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.



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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Two Minute Ministry Update

Prayer of the Church

Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)
 Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)
 Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)
 Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)
 Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)
 Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)
 Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)
 Claire Fu (*preschool family*)
 Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)
 Al Nelson
 Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)
 Kim Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)
 John Otten (*student of Renee Ortiz*)
 Betty Bordeaux (*former preschool director*)
 Linda Wooten
 Pat Unger (*sister-in-law of Leigh Ann Unger*)
 Tracy Bremmer (*friend of Anderson family*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)
 Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)
 Paul Massmann
 Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)
 Robert Lingenfelter
 Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)
 Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)
 Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)
 Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
 Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)
 Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)
 Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)
 David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)
 Tom Johnson (*father of Ben Johnson*)
 Lindsey Schubert
 Joe Casey (*friend of Paul family*)
 Ruth Rosenau

Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)
 Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)
 Noel Hill (*preschool family*)
 Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)
 Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)
 Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)
 May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)
 Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)
 Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)
 Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)
 Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)
 Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)
 Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)
 Ed Wathen (*family friend of Giron*)
 Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)

Shirley Vogel
Marilyn Schubert
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Dimaris Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)
Barbara Manske
Rita Schaus
Renate Kuntz

Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Pastor Graeme Rosenau
Mark Shurtleff
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)
Jeff Pierini (*cousin of Kandie Schmehr*)
Laura Malone (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Courtney Hensman (*gr-daughter of Marilyn Byrne*)
Joy & Rohry Mangan (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)
Samantha Baron (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)
Liam Brutocao (*great nephew of Renee Ortiz*)

Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)
Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

Mission Trip

Sam Held is traveling with Concordia Around the World this semester

Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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

Christ Be My Leader

LSB 816



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Participants in Today's Service

Lector: Kirk Butz

Children's Message: Jan Massman

2nd Service Nursery: Kelsey Vanhorn

For more information about our ministry and weekly announcements please visit our website at www.locirvine.com or scan the QR code below.



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