

Concordia Lutheran Church

December 4, 2022 9:15 a.m.

Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ~arranged by Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Psalm 72:1-7

~Pastor will read the regular print verses; the congregation will read the bold print verses.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

LSB Hymn 357 "O come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]*

*O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height*

*In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]*

*O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]*

*O come, Thou 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]*

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. [Refrain]*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir

EPISTLE READING

Romans 15:4-13 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

LSB Hymn 345 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

***Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!"***

***Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.***

***See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv'n:***

***So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.***

***Honor, glory, might, dominion
to the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!***

Sermon

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe, according to the Word and promise of Christ, that, in the Holy Communion, under the form of bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of Christ and the blessings that Christ gained for us by His suffering and death on the Cross. We also believe that in the Holy Communion we celebrate and strengthen the oneness of those who believe that the crucified and risen Christ is our Lord and Savior. We invite those who share this faith to participate in the celebration of the Holy Communion with us.

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LSB Hymn 344 "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!*

*Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.*

*We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.*

*Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free.*

*Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.*

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POSTLUDE

"Noel 1" ~Louis Claude Daquin

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