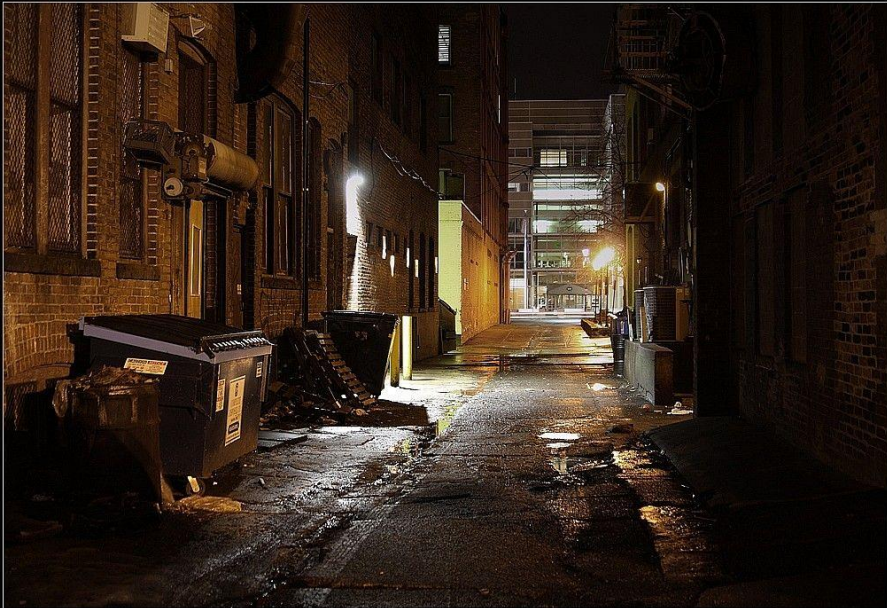


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# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT    December 4, 2022

## WHERE HOPE TAKES YOU

### PRESERVICE MUSIC    “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (arr. Line)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

### 357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

*sts. 1, ref, 2, 5–7*

- 1    O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**
- Refrain**    Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
              Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2    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**
- 5    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**
- 6    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**
- 7    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**

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
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### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.    *John 3:16*

### INVOCATION

- P**    In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G**    Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P**    If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**G**    **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**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.**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

## 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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SOLO** "How Great Thou Art" Karen Hassey

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1–12*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>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.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>"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 with fire. <sup>12</sup>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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets Your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.

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**SERMON** “Where Hope Takes You” Romans 15:4-13

**CREED** Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service –Apostles’ Creed  
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Late service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer & Benediction***

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## + DISTRIBUTION +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement  
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

### 347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;  
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."

- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many\_a day, Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.
- 3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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## 342 WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESED

- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,  
A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:  
The fruit of God's design.
- 3 As banner of God's love unfurled,  
Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world  
Would rally to the cross.
- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven's door.

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- P** 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.

**G** Amen.

## 344 ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY

- 1 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!
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- △ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. Behnke)

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## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Isaiah 10:12-27a, 22-23; 2 Peter 1:1-21

Monday: Isaiah 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22

Tuesday: Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18

Wednesday: Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14

Thursday: Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29

Friday: Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24

Saturday: Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21

### *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Herb, health issues

Kathy, cancer

Diane, recovery

Jack, ongoing health issues

Lauren's mother, Phyllis

Shirley, health issues

Kent, recovery

Georgia, recovery

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Aimee, healing and strength

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues Lauren, cancer

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For the family of Ezra, a 3-month old who died of SIDS

For those affected by Hurricane Ian.

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.

For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.

For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Wayne, Greg & Holly, Donald, Mark & Liz, Richard & Denise

William, a child with leukemia

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Pierce, an infant with leukemia

Georgia, recovery

Margo, health issues

Duane, cancer

Blake

Dave, health issues

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

**Hymn of the Week** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**