

The First Sunday in Advent

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfill the promise.



Sunday, December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

December 2, 2018 • 7:45, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Our Lord’s contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

PRELUDE

Overture from ‘The Messiah’

G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may stand or kneel.

To you, O God,
we lift up our souls.
You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy
and draw water from the well of salvation.
Remember the gift of baptism:
your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.
Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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GREETING

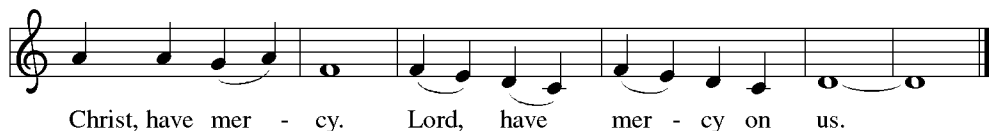
Grace and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



KYRIE

(Please sing twice).



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light

and to seek your ways of justice and peace,

for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep,

that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

and welcome him into our hearts and homes,

for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

The first Advent candle is lit as the Assembly sings verse one of **Light One Candle**:

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16

(Please turn to page 821 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

(Please turn to page 218 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse. *Repeat alleluia*

Stand up and raise your heads. Your redemption is draw -ing near. (Luke 21:28)

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25–36

(Please turn to page 87 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

My Lord, What a Morning

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Congregational refrain: "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first line. It also ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational refrain: "Wait for the Lord"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

(7:45, 11:00)

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Nicolai

(9:30)

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing

**Walther
Emmanuel Choir**

Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her Star is risen, her Light is come. Ah come, Thou blessed One, God's own beloved Son: Alleluia! We follow till the halls we see, where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two phrases: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff has two phrases: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one phrase: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one phrase: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
That we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
Almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ,
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
Through whom you will also make all things new
In the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so with all the choirs of angels,
With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God fills the hungry with good things.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

*Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.** Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward.*



Holy Communion

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



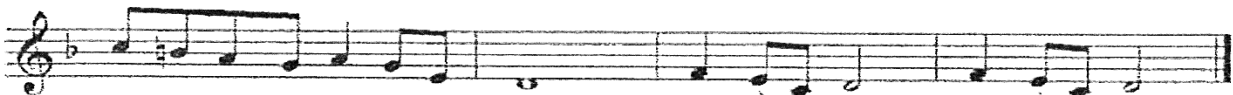
mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God. you



take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace,

grant us peace.

Setting by D&S Denisen

COMMUNION HYMNS:

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

(tune: O Little Town of Bethlem)

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,
your lamp within my breast
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

- 2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all love excelling,
our lost and fallen race.
- 3 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
who sit in deepest gloom,
who mourn your joys departed
and tremble at your doom.
All hail the Lord's appearing!
O glorious Sun, now come,
send forth your beams so cheering
and guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
The King Shall Come***

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The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Soon and Very Soon

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

arr. Hughes

7:45 Service

Greeters: *Julie & Jerry Kerr*

Assisting Minister: *Clayton Blomseth*

Lector: *Joyce O'Neill*

Acolyte: *Resident Pastor Will Kittinger*

Ushers: *Marcia Piipponen, Marilyn Thomack, Rosy Myers*

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

Hospitality: *Maria Wigdahl and Mike Maslowski*

9:30 Service

Greeters: *Dan & Amy Lyberg*

Assisting Minister: *Sally Johnson*

Lector: *Dave Cole*

Acolyte: *Resident Pastor Will Kittinger*

Ushers: *Dave & Janet Pedersen; John & Marit Granskog*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Maria Wigdahl and Mike Maslowski*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Rick & Maridee Boe*

Assisting Minister: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *Norine Petruzelli*

Acolyte: *Jola Boe*

Ushers: *Tom & Norine Petruzelli; Dick & Vera Hynes*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Maria Wigdahl and Mike Maslowski*



*Today
in Worship*



*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given
by Shelley Naugle in loving memory of her parents
Shirley and Dick Naugle.*

VOICES OF NAPLES
presents its
8th ANNUAL CONCERT

"Home for the Holidays"
Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 7:00 pm

In Emmanuel's Sanctuary

No ticket necessary

Free Will Offering

Half of the proceeds go to the Emmanuel Music Fund, and half will go for scholarships from Voices of Naples to college vocal majors. (Sarah O'Brien, one of our favorite soloists, was a recipient of this scholarship in 2007).



(There are several Emmanuel Choir members in the Voices of Naples)

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Emmanuel Choir will be singing *Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing* at the 9:30 sanctuary service.

This tune was written by Philipp Nicolai in the 16th century, and was used by composers J. S. Bach and Johann Walther for cantatas during the Advent season. The song encourages the listener to be ready and awake for the coming of the blessed Son of God, our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ.