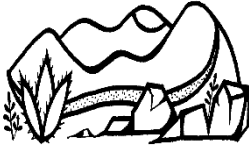


Luke 1: 68-79

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people
and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who
hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."



The Second Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

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

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophesy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

PRELUDE

Advent Reflections

arr. Dew

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:

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264

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.

KYRIE (Sing twice).

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Let us pray.

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

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness

welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

*The **second** Advent candle is lit as the Assembly sings **verse two** 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

(Please open your pew Bibles to page 995 in the Old Testament).

The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) shall prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 3-11

(Please open your pew Bibles to page 209 in the New Testament).

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

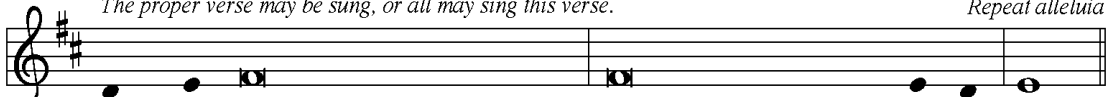
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Prepare the way of the Lord.

All flesh shall see the salva- tion of God.
(Luke 3: 4, 6)

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6

(Please open your pew Bibles to page 61 in the New Testament).

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Resident Pastor Ian McMichael

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

ELW 256

NICENE CREED

**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 for the congregational refrain. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The music 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 congregational refrain. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The music 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)

Creator of the Stars of Night

Latin plainsong/arr. Catevine

OFFERTORY

When Will We See the Little One

Althouse

(9:30) Emmanuel Choir

(11:00) Emmanuel Ensemble

When will we see the little one's face? When will we see the child full of grace? Will He look like a king? Will He wear a golden crown? When will we see the little one? When will we see the little one? When will we hear the little one cry? When will we hear the song in the sky? Will the angels sing as the trumpets sound? When will we see the little one? When will we see the little one? Will He come at the break of day with the dawn's early light? Will He come as the sun goes down or in the dark of night? When will we know the strength of His life? When will we know the pain and the strife? Will we feel His love? Will we know Him when He comes? When will we see the little one? When will we see the little one? When will we see the little one? When will we see God's Son?

The assembly stands.

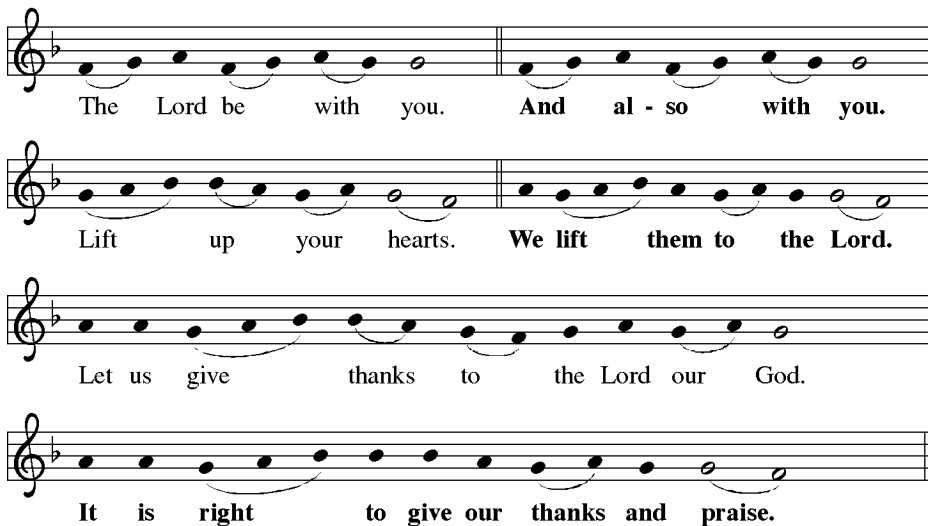
OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

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.

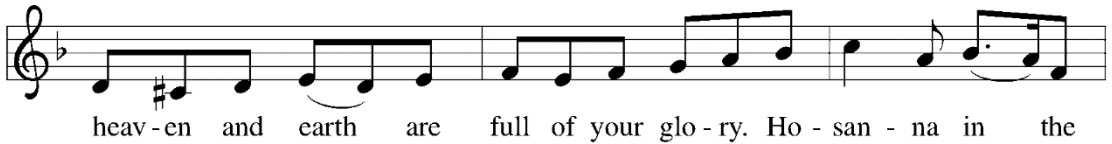
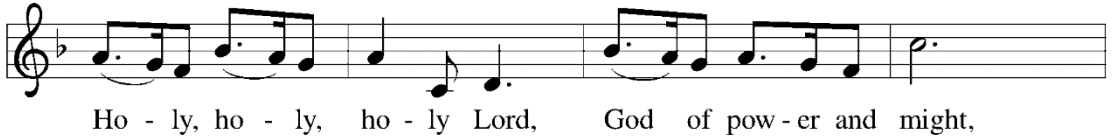
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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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.

*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. Gluten-free wafers are available. Simply ask the person serving you Communion.*

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.

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 MUSIC:

The Advent of Our God (tune: *This Is My Father's World*)

- 1 The advent of our God
Shall be our theme for prayer;
Come, let us meet him on the road
And place for him prepare.
The everlasting Son
Incarnate stoops to be,
Himself the servant's form puts on
To set his people free.

2 Come, Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly king,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.
As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And all his scattered saints unite
With him on high to reign.

3 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.
The advent of our God
Shall be our theme for prayer;
Come, let us meet him on the road
And place for him prepare.

***Come, Now, O Prince of Peace
Savior of the Nations, Come***

**ELW 247
ELW 263**

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:

Fling Wide the Door

ELW 259

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Savior, of the Nations Come

arr. Sobaje

**ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC**

The Emmanuel Choir and Ensemble will be singing today at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. The anthem, "When Will We See the Little One," asks many anxious questions as the people pray fervently for the arrival of Jesus, God's beloved Son.

7:45 Service

Greeters: *Dick & Joan Spangler*
Assisting Minister: *Clayton Blomseth*
Lector: *Marilyn Thomack*
Acolyte: *Ray Schrader*
Ushers: *Marilyn Thomack, Jill Weber, Rosy Myers*
Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*
Hospitality: *Kerstin Beitzel and Jan Donnell*

9:30 Service

Greeters: *Dave & Kerstin Beitzel*
Assisting Minister: *Carolyn Heier*
Lector: *Edie Cole*
Acolyte: *Gussie Paulson*
Ushers: *Dave & Janet Pedersen; John & Marit Granskog*
Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*
Hospitality: *Kerstin Beitzel and Jan Donnell*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Rick Boe*
Assisting Minister: *Nance Rosevear*
Lector: *Bill Rosevear*
Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*
Ushers: *Tom & Norine Petruzelli; Dick & Vera Hynes*
Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*
Hospitality: *Kerstin Beitzel and Jan Donnell*



*Today
in Worship*



*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given
by Bev Haas in loving memory of Wilma and Rudy Schmidt.*