



Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up *the lowly*;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Fourth Sunday of Advent





Sunday, December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

December 23, 2018 • 7:45 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. Services

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Aaron Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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:	(7:45, 9:30)	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	(verses 1-5)	ELW 257
	(11:00)	<i>Born Cry</i>	(Projected)	

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the refining fire of the Holy Spirit,
and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding,
be with you all.
And also with you.

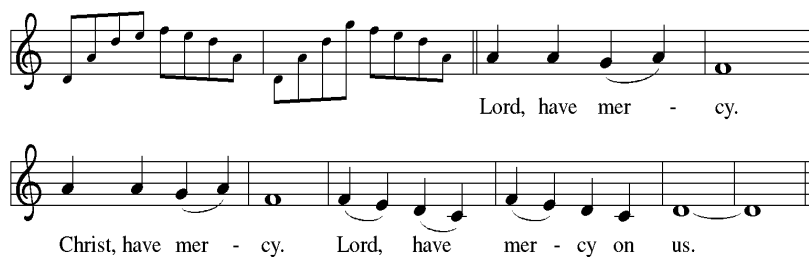
(11:00) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR HANS POWELL MCMICHAEL

Parents: Resident Pastor Ian and Corrin McMichael

Sponsors: Connor and Sydney McMichael

(Please turn to page 227 in the front of your hymnals).

KYRIE (sing twice)



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 4

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the candles on this wreath,
open our eyes to see your presence
in the lowly ones of this earth.

Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may sing of your advent among us
in the Word made flesh.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.


Amen.

*The **first, second, third, and fourth** Advent candles are lit as the Assembly sings **verse four** 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.
With your abundant grace and might,
free us from the sin that binds us,
that we may receive you in joy and serve you always,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2–5a

(Please turn to page 966 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5–10

(Please turn to page 240 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

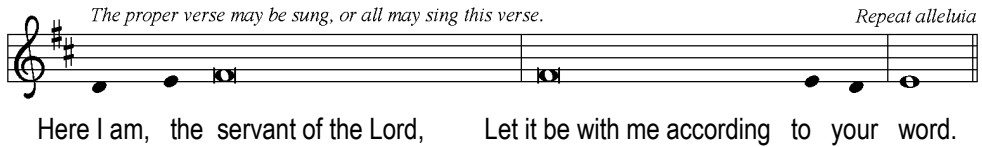
The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 1:39–55

The holy gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

We are presented with Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

ELW 251

(7:45, 9:30) 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Congregational refrain: "Wait for the Lord"

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and ends with a double bar line. The second line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' and also ends with a double bar line. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

(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.*

Lost in the Night **Finnish Folk Tune/arr. Kyle Haugen** **Instrumental (7:45) Emmanuel Choir (9:30); Ensemble (11:00)**

Lost in the night do the people yet languish, longing for morning the darkness to vanquish. Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish. Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon? Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow? Shall those who have light no light let us borrow? Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow? Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon? Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling, dawned has the day of a radiance excelling. Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling. Christ is coming soon, Christ is coming soon! Will not day come soon? Come and save us soon! Christ is coming soon!

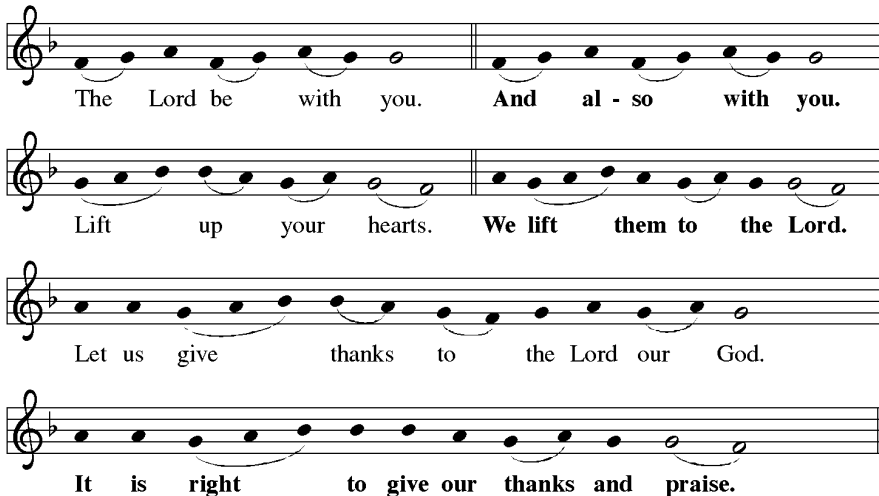
The assembly stands.

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.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music.

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.

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.

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

(11:00)	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	(verses 1-5)	ELW 257
	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace</i>		ELW 247
	<i>What Feast of Love</i>		ELW 487

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

Joy to the World

ELW 267

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The King of Glory Comes

arr. Wayne Wold

You are invited to attend one of our Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24

CANDLELIGHTING AND HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 P.M.--Paper Bag Pageant—(Family-friendly)

7:00 P.M.-- Traditional (*Music begins 30 minutes before the service*)

9:00 P.M.-- Traditional (*Music begins 30 minutes before the services*)

7:45 Service

Lector: *Jill Weber*

Acolyte: *Ray Schrader*

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

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Pat Goodyear*

9:30 Service

Assisting Minister: *Sally Johnson*

Lector: *Tom Jackson*

Acolyte: *Gussie Paulson*

Ushers: *Bruce & Kay Philp, Hal Williams*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Pat Goodyear*



*Today
in Worship*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Rick Boe*

Assisting Minister: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *Carol Hartman*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

Ushers: *Tom & Norine Petruzelli; Rick Boe, Karen Carlson*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell and Pat Goodyear*