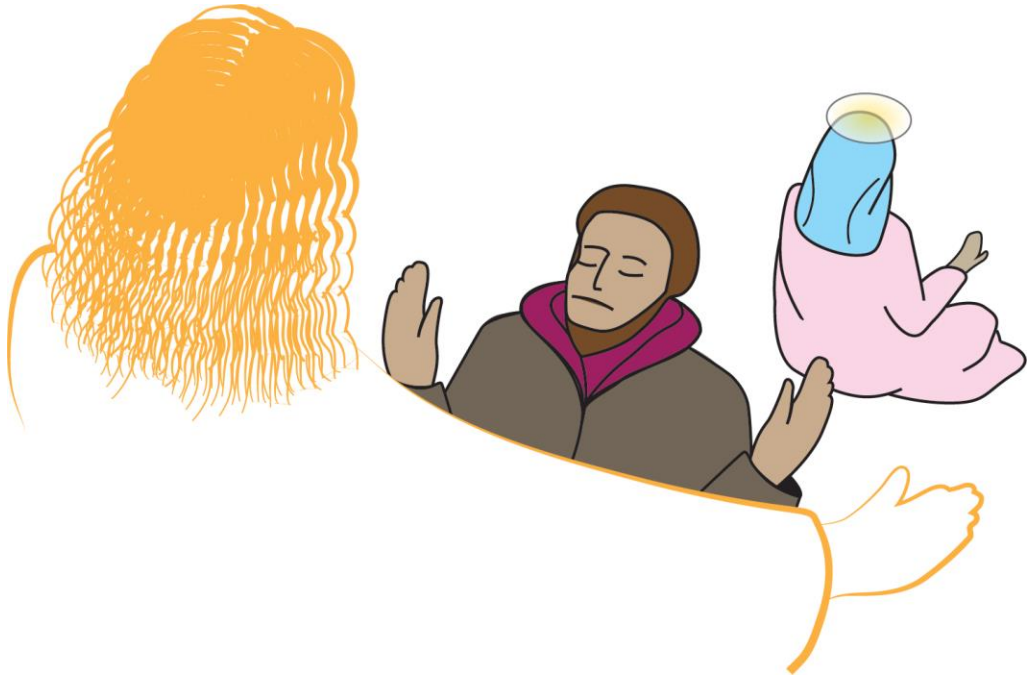


Connected Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

8:30 AM



But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:20-21

Connected: *adj.* – brought together or into contact so that a real link is established. Worship is what draws the people of God together. We come from different places and stages of life's journey to focus together on the Cross of Christ. We gather to be nourished in the liturgy of Word and Sacrament and to receive the Grace of Christ and the fullness of God's promises. All are welcome at the Table! You are welcome here.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

Masks are optional inside all Augsburg facilities. Please be mindful of those who wish to remain distanced.

While we worship in the sanctuary, our youngest children explore in “Little Church” the things we do here in “Big Church.” The kids will rejoin their families in the sanctuary at the Offering. Parents are encouraged to sit near the front of the church so that their kids can easily find them and can see up close what they are learning about!

We’re so glad you’re here today! Let us know by filling out the Friendship Register at the end of the pews and returning it to the center aisle for the ushers to collect after the sermon.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Hal Hopson

Handbell Choir

ACCLAMATION

Text: Michael Morgan
Music: William Stevens

O Love of God, beyond all bound of life and earth and space;
With warmth the coldest heart surround, and tenderness embrace.
Let ev’ry symbol, ev’ry sound be tokens of your grace.

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 263 Savior of the Nations, Come (*Stanzas 1-4*)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

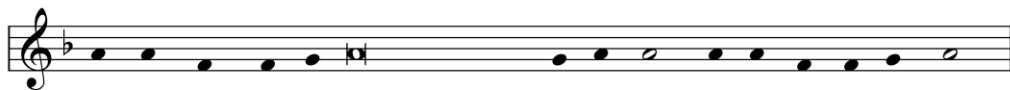
KYRIE



In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

VENI, EMMANUEL

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

ELW Tone 13



¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph [|] like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- [|] on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, [|] and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and [|] come to help us.

³Restore [|] us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we [|] shall be saved.

⁴O LORD [|] God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your [|] people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the [|] bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of [|] tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision [|] of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh [|] us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O [|] God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we [|] shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at [|] your right hand,
the one you have made so strong [|] for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- [|] way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- [|] on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD [|] God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we [|] shall be saved.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the Assembly:



Sung by the choir:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

All repeat Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

Rev. Joe Yucha

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 258 Unexpected and Mysterious

ST. HELENA

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the Assembly. Sung by all after each petition.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, we pray for a world that yearns for new hope. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. We pray and sing... ***Wait for the Lord...***

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those in distress. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially...*). We pray and sing... ***Wait for the Lord...***

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting and your mercy endures for all generations. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. We especially remember... We pray and sing... ***Wait for the Lord...***

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

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.**

We sit.

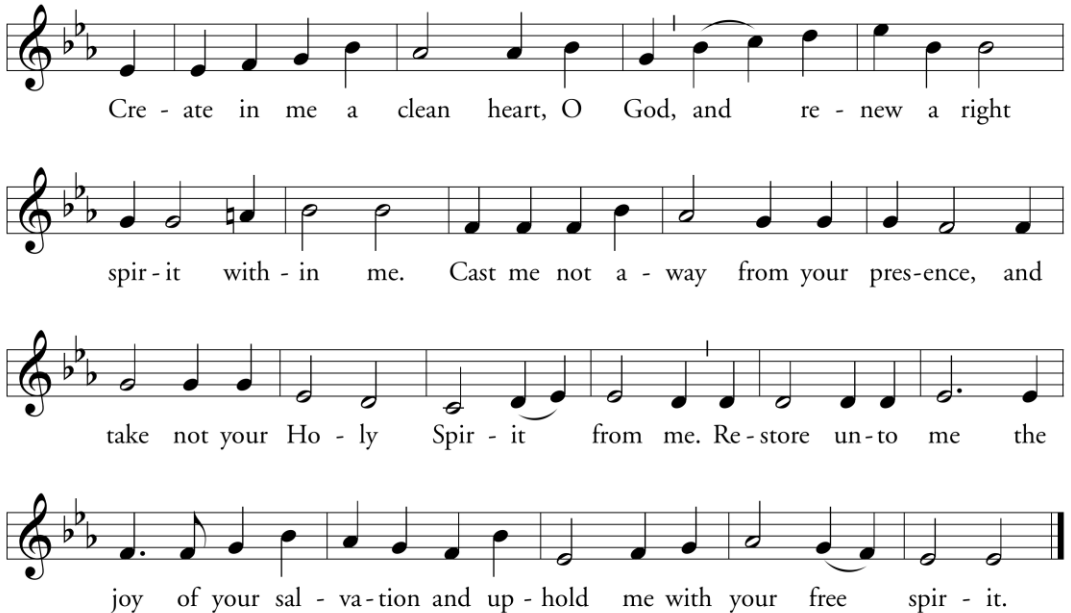
CHILDREN'S SERMON

We stand.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

Let us pray.

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world

signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "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.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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. A - men.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Text: St. Ambrose, tr. J.M. Neale

Music: PUER NOBIS, arr. Mark Schweizer

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.
Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, The promised Fruit to man displayed.
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never intervene.
Praise, eternal Son, to Thee; Whose Advent sets thy people free,
With whom the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost forevermore.

HYMN 265 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

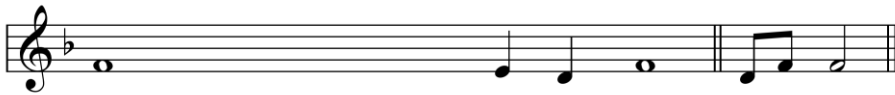
We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. **A - men.**

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 260 The King Shall Come

CONSOLATION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL

Adolphus Hailstork

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Upcoming Services at Augsburg

—The Nativity of Our Lord—

December 24 – **Christmas Eve Children’s Worship Service
with Holy Communion**

1:30 PM

Outdoor Gathering Space

December 24 – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion**

7:30 PM and 10:30 PM

Prelude music begins at 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM

Sanctuary

December 25 – **Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion**

10:30 AM

January 1 – **First Sunday of Christmas—Service with Holy Communion**

10:30 AM

—The Epiphany of Our Lord—

January 8 – **Baptism of Our Lord—Services with Holy Communion**

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Chili Cook-off

5:00 PM

Epiphany Vespers

6:00 PM



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