

Concordia Lutheran Church & School

Our Mission: To know Christ and make Him known.



**Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024
5:00 pm**

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Greeting

Call to Worship *"Emmanuel"* Praise Singers

(lyrics for reflection)

Wonderful Savior, Son of forever, from age to age You are the same!
Glorious Jesus, sent to redeem us, we delight to speak Your holy name;
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Glorious Jesus, sent to redeem us, we delight to speak Your holy name.

Blessed Redeemer, Covenant Keeper, Your song of love will ever reign!
Precious Jesus, faithful to heal us, forever we will sing Your praise;
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Precious Jesus, faithful to heal us, forever we will sing Your praise.

Invocation

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Confession of Sins

L: Called to worship, we pause to reflect upon our situation and our sin as we would praise God and hear from Him. *(Silence for Reflection)*

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, the evil we have done and the good we have left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in His goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20, p. 1004

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–7, p. 1250

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

"Emmanuel"

Praise Singers & Congregation

Emmanuel, Emmanuel His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel. Repeat

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 7:18-35, p. 1098-1099

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Songs of Praise Praise Singers & Congregation

"Holy Child"

Holy Child, we look for Your coming
Holy Child, Your coming brings peace.
Light to our darkness, joy to our sadness,
Holy Child, Your coming brings peace. Repeat

"Glorious Is Your Name"

Glorious is Your name, O Lord, glorious is Your name!
Glorious is Your name, O Lord, glorious is Your name!
Singing Your glory, I magnify; Your name is exalted and lifted high!
Singing Your glory my heart proclaims the splendor of Your name!

Glorious is Your name, O Lord, glorious is Your name!
Glorious is Your name O Lord, glorious is Your name!
Singing Your glory the earth resounds with jubilant praises in joyous rounds!
Singing Your glory my heart proclaims the splendor of Your name!
Glorious is Your name, O Lord, glorious is Your name!

Message

Offering

Anthem ***"With Empty Hearts, We Wait"*** Praise Singers

(lyrics for reflection)

With empty hearts the world awaits the Promised One from heav'n above.
O come! O come!
The One who floods our empty hearts with endless peace and lasting love.
O come! O come!

Chorus: Come, O come, Immanuel into this broken world.
Come, free us as God once did, His captive people, Israel.
For we are captive to our sins and long to be set free.
Come, O come Immanuel. Live in our hearts eternally.

With empty hearts the world awaits the One who comes to make things new,
O come! O come!
Our empty hearts will overflow with joy and hope; with life anew.
O come! O come!

Chorus
O come! O come!

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen**

The Words of Our Lord

Invitation to Commune

Distribution of Holy Communion

"Isn't He" Praise Singers & Congregation

Isn't He beautiful? Beautiful, Isn't He
Prince of Peace, Son of God, isn't He?
Isn't He wonderful? Wonderful, Isn't He
Counselor, Almighty God, isn't He, isn't He?
Isn't He, isn't He? Repeat

Blessing

Hymn #341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*, v.1-4

Go in peace † Serve the Lord!