

# Celebrate

Contemporary Worship Service



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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 • 8:45 A.M.



## GATHERING

**Gathering Song** – “Come Lord Come,” Harmony Smith and Nigel Briggs

1. There's a cry in us  
An ancient anthem of longing  
For Your kingdom to come.  
Show Your glory.
2. There's a hope in us  
The promise of Your returning  
King of heaven, come  
In Your Glory

Chorus 1: We join with the tribes all nations and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the earth that is groaning and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the church through the ages and say

Come Lord come  
We join with the angels and worship the Lamb  
Come Lord come

3. There's a hope in us  
The promise of Your returning  
Risen Savior come  
We are waiting

Chorus 2: We join with the tribes all nations and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the earth that is groaning and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the church through the ages and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the angels and worship the Lamb  
Come Lord come, come Lord come  
Come Lord come, come Lord come

Chorus 3: We join with the tribes all nations and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the earth that is groaning and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the church through the ages and say  
Come Lord come  
We join with the angels and worship the Lamb.

### **Gathering Words**

For God, change can be small,  
evolutionary, atomic.  
A crumbled resistance,  
a slightly different direction,  
a fresh idea in the middle of the night.

For God, change can rain down like a tempest,  
a flood in every street  
that sweeps into our lives  
with energy that does not yield  
or listen.

**God is urgently waiting  
to finally arrive.**

God, we have been waiting for you, too.  
**Yet you often arrive before we notice:  
in the place we did not expect,  
in the word we did not hear.**

Do not be afraid,  
your angels always say,  
right before you change a life.  
**You are here to change this place.  
We are not afraid.**

### **Invocation**

## Sharing the Peace

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

“God of the Starlight and Moon,” *st. 1*

1. God of the star-light and moon, mys - ter - y God of the  
2. Beau - ty be - yond what we know, shap - ing a world that we  
3. Out of the blue you ar - rive, weav - ing our lives with your

mid-night blue skies. Love draw - ing near, dream - ing new  
can - not quite see. Form of a child, reach - ing to  
con - stant sur - prise. Flick - er - ing flame, spark - ling with

fu - tures: fire of our hearts, a - rise.  
greet us: time in e - ter - ni - ty.  
prom - ise: God of the star - lit skies.

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### Candle Lighting and Prayer

“God of the Starlight and Moon,” *st. 3*

## WORD

### Kidtalk

**Reading** – Malachi 4:1–2

**Gospel** – Luke 21:5–19

### Sermon

**Song of the Day** – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” arr. Nicole C. Mullen

1. O Come O Come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear,  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.
2. O Come O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh  
In strength and beauty come and stay, teach us your will and  
guide our way.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.
3. 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  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.

### Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of Intercession

### Confession and Forgiveness

God is here,  
And God sees through every defense  
that fools the world.

Since we cannot hide from God,  
there is nothing left to do  
but to be honest with each other  
and humble before God.  
So, in humility,

we confess our sins.

**God, we have acted helpless,  
even when you called us to action.  
We have resisted your truth,  
even when our lies were exhausting.  
We have behaved as though we were alone,  
even when you were beside us.  
God, we have believed we were dying,  
even when you helped us grow.**

God knows

we can never undo our sins.

We cannot ignore painful history  
as though it does not affect us today.

Yet before our first mistake,  
God perfected the plan for salvation,  
and that salvation comes to each of us today.

Receive God's forgiveness.

This forgiveness is total.

No sign of your old life remains,

And if God has moved beyond your sin,  
you have no reason to return to it again.

**We are healed.**

**No blemish remains.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## MEAL

### Offering

Invitation

Offering

Offering Song – "Light of the World," Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan,  
and Paul Mabury

1. The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come O come Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
O come O come Emmanuel  
And can you hear the angels singing

Chorus 1: Glory to the Light of the world  
Glory the Light of the world is here

2. The drought breaks with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry is the sound of love come down  
Come down Emmanuel woh  
He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah the Prince of peace has come  
He has come Emmanuel oh

Chorus 2: Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world

Bridge: For all who wait for all who hunger  
For all who've prayed for all who wonder  
Behold your King behold Messiah  
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Chorus 3: Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Behold your King behold Messiah  
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Ending: The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come O come Emmanuel

#### Offering Prayer

Please pray with me.

**God, we have labored and toiled  
for our money  
and our time  
and our families  
and our freedom.**

**We have cherished  
what we thought was ours.**

Yet in a moment,  
we recognize  
that every truly good thing  
was a treasure  
we had taken  
from your open hand.

**We give you these gifts  
as a sign of your love and faithfulness.  
Use them to grow  
more hope in this world.**

#### Holy Communion

##### Dialogue

Holy Jesus, be our guest.  
For you are already here.

God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in praise.  
**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks  
to the God of our salvation.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Communion

Communion Song – “Above All,” Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

1. Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began
2. Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth

Chorus: Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all (*verse 2, then chorus*)

Communion Song – “Messiah,” Larry Olson

1. Someone's shouting from the desert  
Someone's shouting from the sea  
Someone's shouting from the mountain  
Someone's shouting from the valley

Chorus: Messiah  
Come and be our King  
Messiah  
Come and be our King

2. Someone's shouting from the city  
I am young I am cold  
Someone's shouting from the country  
I am lonely I am old (*chorus*)
3. Someone's shouting I am broken  
Someone's shouting make me whole  
Someone's shouting come and change me  
Someone's shouting save my soul (*chorus*)

Prayer after Communion

The meal has ended.  
Now let the remembering begin.

Remember you have met God in this place.

Remember that no person who meets God  
can ever be the same.

We pray:

**You have called us.**  
**We have listened.**

**You invited us.  
We took our place at the table.  
You have sat with us  
so we might follow you.  
Now there is nowhere else we can go,  
because you alone have the words of life.**

## SENDING

### Announcements

#### Sending

God, we do not know the end  
to which you call us.

**God, let us be your servants,  
wherever this road goes.**

God, you could have judged us,  
but you chose us.

**You have made us worthy  
so we might speak your words.**

You alone guide us  
down the path that leads to life.

**Every other path  
is no longer a path for me.**

Go in peace.

Serve the lowly.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Song** – “We Will Wait,” Julie Hennies Clark, Larry Olson,  
and David Lee Brown

1. We will wait with ever watchful eyes  
We will wait with ever serving lives  
We will wait with ever open hearts  
We will greet You
2. We will greet You with ever thankful tears  
We will greet You with ever lessening fears  
We will greet You with ever hopeful joy  
We will welcome You

Chorus: We will welcome you! We will sing!  
We will welcome you! We will sing!

3. We will welcome You as prophesied  
We will welcome You into our lives  
We will welcome lessons that You teach  
We will sing for You
4. We will sing while we wait here on earth  
We will sing to greet You at Your birth  
We will sing to welcome You the gift  
We will follow You (*chorus 2x*)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Randy Gehring

**Preaching Minister:** Pastor Justin Kosec

**Celebrate Band:** Gretchen Starnes, Gene LeVasseur, Jake Lemme, Steve Kuper, Dave Hofstad, Denny Gale, and Beth Boyens

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