



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

"This is where I belong!"

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Advent 4

December 20, 2020

Welcome – Pastor Len Hoffmann

Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

***Confession of Sins**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: *Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: *Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

People: ***Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed
the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.***

Pastor: *People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.*

*May you be strengthened in God's love,
☩ comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Amen.**

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ ELW Hymn #257, st.1**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Litany

Pastor: *At every beginning there is a yearning
for the one who is coming.*

O Emmanuel,

People: ***Surprise us by your coming.***

Lector: *We gather together to let God's good news
reorient our lives.*

O Emmanuel,

People: ***Surprise us by your coming.***

Pastor: *We wait for the day
when all the world will see the sign
that God is with us.
O Emmanuel,*

People: ***Surprise us by your coming.***

Lector: *We are shocked by how God comes close,
even at this very moment.
O Emmanuel,*

People: ***Surprise us by your coming.***

Pastor: *Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of these candles,
whose flames bring warmth to winter
and fill this place with the glow of hope.*

People: ***Amen.***

Lighting of Second Candle ~ ELW Hymn #257, st.5
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI, EMMANUEL

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

***Prayer of the Day** (*pray together*)

Pastor: *Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might,
free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear
your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: ***Amen***

WORD†

First Reading

A reading from 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Lector: *Word of God, word of life.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,
⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:
⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.
⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,**
from generation to | generation. R
⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,
⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones**
and lifting | up the lowly.
⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.
⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,**
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,
⁵⁵the promise made | to our forbears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector: *Word of God, word of life.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: *Alleluia. Here I am, the servant | of the Lord;* let it be with me according | to your word. Alleluia. (Luke 1:38)*

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Lector: *The Gospel of the Lord,*

People: *Praise to you, O Lord.*

The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann

***Hymn of the Day ~ *Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #254**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

JEFFERSON

1. Come, thou long-expect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo-ple free;
4. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child, and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Born to reign in us for ev-er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

Dear De-sire of ev'-ry na-tion, Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
By thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to thy glo-ri-ous throne.

The 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

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: *Hear us, O God,*
People: *Your mercy is great.*

Lector: *Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*
People: *Amen.*

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: ***And also with you.***

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

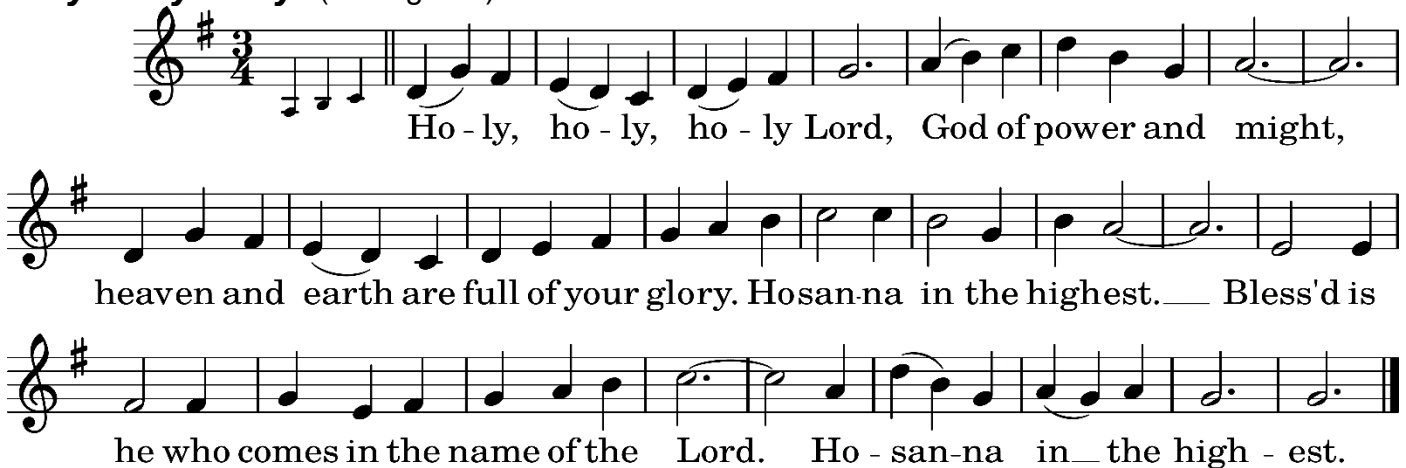
Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Preface

Pastor: *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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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! (setting one)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan-na in the highest. — Bless'd is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Pastor: *We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,*

*born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
In the same way 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.
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and cup;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

***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.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: *Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.
Come, eat and drink.*

Distribution Special Music

"The First Nowell"

Mack Wilberg

Pastor: *May the body & blood of of our Lord and savior,
Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. Amen.*

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: *Gracious and abundant God,
you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us
and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

People: **Amen**

*Blessing

Pastor: *The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✠ now and forever.
Amen.*

***Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #263**

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

***Dismissal**

Pastor:

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadlffLHnDxG>

And they are linked to the church website.

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Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



Please add to your prayer list:

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Mert Ingvaldstad

Paul Ingvaldstad

Sumaya Alvillar

Synod VP Paul Gryniecicz

Sonja Dunn

The family of Scott Schlievert at his death on November 12, 2020

The family of Chuck Jonaitis at his death on November 25, 2020

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Christmas 1

Isaiah 61:10--62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

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