



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Growing Family of Faith
December 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PASTOR BRANDON SCROGGINS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (please rise as you are able)

Micah 5: 2 ²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

P. Let us pray, ***C. Holy One, you are the source of our faith. You call us to repentance, and you grant us forgiveness. Instill in us a faith that makes us willing to have you rule our hearts and lives; that your Word would refine us like the refiner's fire purifies silver and gold. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.***

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C: Amen!***

P. Lord Jesus Christ, we await Your coming.

C. We wait filled with hope,

P. Knowing Your light will shine in the darkness.

C. We wait with faith,

P. Trusting that Your word of promise is true.

C. We wait with joy,

P. Believing that one day it will fill our world.

C. We wait embracing Your love,

P. May we reach out to share it with our neighbors.

All: Lord, we wait. Come soon and fill us with Your life.

GATHERING SONG "Emmanuel (Advent Hymn)"

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

P: The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. (Malachi 3:1)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: God of grace,

C: we confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we

pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of Jesus, God's only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ's holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

WORSHIP SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1 & 3)

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of Malachi 3: 1-7:

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and

purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and

silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.[a] 4 Then the

offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and

as in former years. 5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift

witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear

falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the

fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says

the Lord of hosts. 6 "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of

Jacob, are not consumed. 7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside

from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,

says the Lord of hosts.

R. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 66: 1-12:

R.¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C.² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

R.³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

C. ⁴ All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

R.⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

C.⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,

R. ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

C. ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

R. ⁹ who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

C. ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

R. ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

C.¹² you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter, verses 1-20:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” ¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the

Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

MESSAGE Pastor Brandon Scroggins

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARE THE PEACE

P. May peace of the Lord be with you always, **C. And also with you**
(congregation is invited to greet others while remaining in their seat)

OFFERING (special video)

“Doxology” (please rise as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray.....**C. God of Grace, in the midst of a season so focused on shopping and finding the right gift, we give our gifts now to You. May what we give today, and in the days to come, be bathed in the knowledge that Yours is the most perfect gift and the one we need the most. We pray in the holy name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace.**
Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain standing as you are able)

Following general prayers you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".

HOLY COMMUNION

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We practice open Communion here at Living Word. If you believe and are baptized, we invite you to participate. Communion wine is WHITE, juice is RED. Please bring young children to receive a blessing.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" (please rise as you are able)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "You are Emmanuel"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

12/5/21 worship helpers: Reader: Donna Pederson

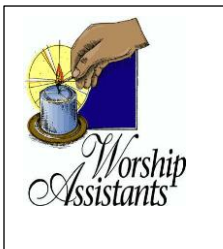
Communion Assist: Alice Jensen

Fellowship treats: Donna Pederson

12/12/21 worship helpers: Reader: Rosie Freeman

Communion Assist: Donna Ferguson

Fellowship treats: Alice Jensen



NEED FELLOWSHIP TREAT VOLUNTEERS FOR 12/19 AND 12/26!!

CAN YOU HELP??



COMING UP:

December 7-Council Meeting, 5:30 @ church

December 8, 15, 22: Midweek Advent worship, soup suppers and devotion, Noon and 6 PM

December 19-Christmas Food Box items due

December 24-CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, 2 SERVICES, 6:30 AND 9:30 PM. CELEBRATE WITH US!

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Chorus

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'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that He is with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Chorus x 2

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Emmanuel (Advent Hymn)

Expectantly we wait for You
You're a faithful God in all You do
Your promises have been fulfilled
When a baby boy was born to us
Was born to us Lord Jesus Christ

Chorus Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Our God has sent His only Son
Awake our hearts to sing Your praise
Our Lord has come to change the world
To change our hearts

They waited long for the Messiah
They were longing for their King to come
Keep our hearts and minds awake
For when our King will come again
Will come again Lord Jesus Christ

Chorus

In darkness and in quiet we hear
The sound of Your salvation near
Repentantly we bow the knee
For Christ has come in glorious light
In glorious light Lord Jesus Christ

Chorus

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You Are Emmanuel

Intro

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel

Verse 1

You are the Rock that will not fall

You are the God above us all

Oh Lord You are Emmanuel

You are Messiah who has come

You are the long awaited One

Oh Lord You are Emmanuel

Chorus Emmanuel among us and within us

Emmanuel to earth You freely came

To overcome our evil

To dwell among Your people

Emmanuel (we praise Your name)

(Rejoice)

Verse 2

You are the Bright and Morning Star

You are the Healer of our hearts

Oh Lord You are Emmanuel

You are the song the angels sing

You are the mighty King of kings

You are Emmanuel

Ending

Oh Emmanuel we praise Your name

Emmanuel

Rejoice

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