



WORSHIP SERVICE
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
PEACE



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

GATHERING

♫ **PRELUDE**

† **WELCOME**

P: We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light;
 + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit,
 the Light who illumines our path.
C: Amen.

♫ **ADVENT SONG ~ Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**

Verse 2:
 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
 let the light banish darkness.
 He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
 gently lead them homeward.

† **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ Second Candle ~ Peace**

♫ **ADVENT SONG ~ Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**

Verse 2:
 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
 let the light banish darkness.
 He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
 gently lead them homeward.

† **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light. [Silence.] God of Love and Light,

C: We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. We inflame others by lashing out in anger. We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt. We let our witness become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely. Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

P: God is light, and in God there is no darkness as all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

C: Amen.



ELW #240

Debbie Losey

ELW #240

🎵 **GATHERING SONG ~ Emmanuel**

Praise Songbook #21

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of life, Lord of all.
Prince of Peace. Mighty God. Holy One.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of life, Lord of all.
Prince of Peace. Mighty God. Holy One.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of life, Lord of all.
Prince of Peace. Mighty God. Holy One.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Rejoice, rejoice,
Rejoice, rejoice,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Rejoice, rejoice,
Rejoice, rejoice,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

✠ **GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

✠ **RESPONSIVE READING: Luke 1:68-79**

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

✠ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

✠ **LESSONS: Malachi 3:1-4**

Philippians 1:3-11

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

🎵 **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ King of Kings**

King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, Hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, Hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, Hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, Hallelujah!



Praise Songbook #36

✠ **GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

♪ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ King of Kings**

King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, Hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, Hallelujah!

† **SERMON**

Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Creator of the Stars of Night**

ELW #245

Verse 1:
Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.

Verse 2:
When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blessed mother mild. *Refrain*

Refrain:
Come, O Lord, and bring your light,
O radiant star and heart's delight,
O God with us, Emmanuel,
with your love the dark dispel.

Verse 5:
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. *Refrain*

† **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **PRAYERS**

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.



† **PEACE**

♪ **SPECIAL MUSIC ~ The Rebel Jesus by Jackson Browne**

Earth Tones Praise Band

(Offering plate will be passed.)

MEAL

† **OFFERTORY**

P: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

† **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**



†WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†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.



†LAMB OF GOD

O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive__ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re- joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra - el.

†THE MEAL IS SHARED

*All are welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion.
The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts.
You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor.*

Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).



†COMMUNING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

†COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Light of the World* by Lauren Daigle
Not That Far From Bethlehem by Borders

Earth Tones Praise Band

†TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

†PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper.
May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your love, justice and peace. We ask this in your holy name.
C: Amen.

SENDING

†BENEDICTION

P: Be people of peace. Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet. Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear. Share peace by listening to all sides of the story. Share peace by praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share peace and hope with those you meet.
C: Amen.

🎵 **SENDING SONG** ~ *Waiting Here for You* by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Martin Smith

Wall

Verse 1:

If faith can move the mountains,
let the mountains move.
We come with expectation,
waiting here for You,
waiting here for You.

Verse 2:

You're the Lord of all creation,
and still You know my heart;
The Author of salvation,
You've loved us from the start.
Waiting here for You,
with our hands lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore, singing: Alleluia.

Waiting here for You,
with our hands lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore, singing: Alleluia.
Waiting here for You,
with our hands lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore, singing: Alleluia.
We're singing: Alleluia.

Verse 3:

You are ev'rything You've promised;
Your faithfulness is true.
We're desp'rate for Your presence;
All we need is You.
Waiting here for You,
with our hands lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore, singing: Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Singing: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Waiting here for You
with our hands lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore, singing: Alleluia.
Singing: Alleluia.

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

🎵 **POSTLUDE**



Glory of God Lutheran Church

12200 W 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, 303-421-2721
www.gloryofgodchurch.net • www.facebook.com/gloryofgodchurch

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Glory of God Lutheran Church is committed to bring people to Jesus and His love in a way that is accepting, compelling, creative and inspiring.”

Ministers: Members and Friends of Glory of God

Parish Administrator: Alison Bray, pa@gloryofgodchurch.net

Music Coordinator: Roz Kueter

Choir Director: Colleen Turner

Accompanist: Jessica Sweet

Technology: Michael Taggart, Taylor Garcia, Rob Maruyama, Rick Johnson, Bonnie Taggart,
John Pattison, Jeremiah Ware, Brenden Hawes

Reader: Fred Behnken

For **office** concerns, please contact: **Parish Administrator ~ Alison Bray, pa@gloryofgodchurch.net**

For concerns/comments regarding **online services**, please contact: **Michael Taggart, tech@gloryofgodchurch.net**

©Used by Permission
CCLI #767854 & OneLicense #A-714602