

Order of Worship

Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025 – 10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

CHORAL MAGNIFICAT IN Bb *(Charles Villiers Stanford, 1918)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

*He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.*

He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

WELCOME

OPENING SONGS

“Joy Of The Lord”

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You.

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You.

God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light; I feel alive with You.

In Your presence now, I come alive; I am alive with You.

There is strength when I say: “I will praise You Lord!”

Chorus:

The joy of the Lord is my strength!

The joy of the Lord is my strength!

In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing,

The joy of the Lord is my strength! *Repeat*

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me.

Always, You remain, like courage in the fight.

I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming,

Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light! *Chorus Twice*

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for He brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

arr. Joshua Chai

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

SONG

"Emmanuel"

Holy, holy. I will bow before my Lord and King.
Hallelujah, You have come to us. You make all things new.

Chorus:

**Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, You'll never let me go.
My Shepherd King, You're watching over me, Emmanuel.**

So amazing, You have named the stars of the deepest night.
Still You love me You have called my name. I will follow You. *Chorus*

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You. *Chorus*

Holy, holy, God Almighty. There is none like You.
Holy, holy, God Almighty. There is none like You. *Chorus*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

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THE EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Oh Come, Thou Rod of Jesse Free"

vs 2 – Isaiah 11:1-10

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

CHAPEL CHOIR

O Magnum Mysterium

(Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1592)

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepe:*

*Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia.*

*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,
that animals might see the Lord's birth, lying in the manger:
Blessed Virgin, Whose flesh was worthy to carry
the Lord Christ. Alleluia.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Chorus:

**Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well;
No tongue can tell! Joy, unspeakable joy!
It rises in my soul, never lets me go!**

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love. *Chorus*

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by the **Birner family** in celebration of **Rev. Charles Birner's** birthday. Also, flowers are placed on our altar to the glory of our Lord by **Don and Erica Wichmann** in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Flowers are also dedicated to the glory of our Lord in loving memory of **Barbara Lyons**.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Alexander Hernandez

Brad Morton

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly