

# *10:45 Celebration Worship Service*



*November 28, 2021*



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.

- ◆ If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Welcome Lobby.
- ◆ ***At our 10:45 service:*** words for the contemporary hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- ◆ ***For the hearing impaired:*** hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.
- ◆ ***Restrooms:*** To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.
- ◆ ***Holy Communion at ELC:*** We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. **Gluten free options and Grape juice are available.**
- ◆ We strongly recommend that everyone wear a mask during Worship. This isn't a mandate, but we hope that out of love for those who are unable to get vaccinated (including the children), that everyone will wear their masks on Sunday morning.

**\*Criminal Background Checks have been done for  
all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.**

## ***November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent***

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

## ***GATHERING***

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

In this season of Advent, we long for God’s presence.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

In this season of Advent, we search for God’s truth.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

In this season of Advent, we seek God’s guidance.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

In this season of Advent, we remember God’s promise.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

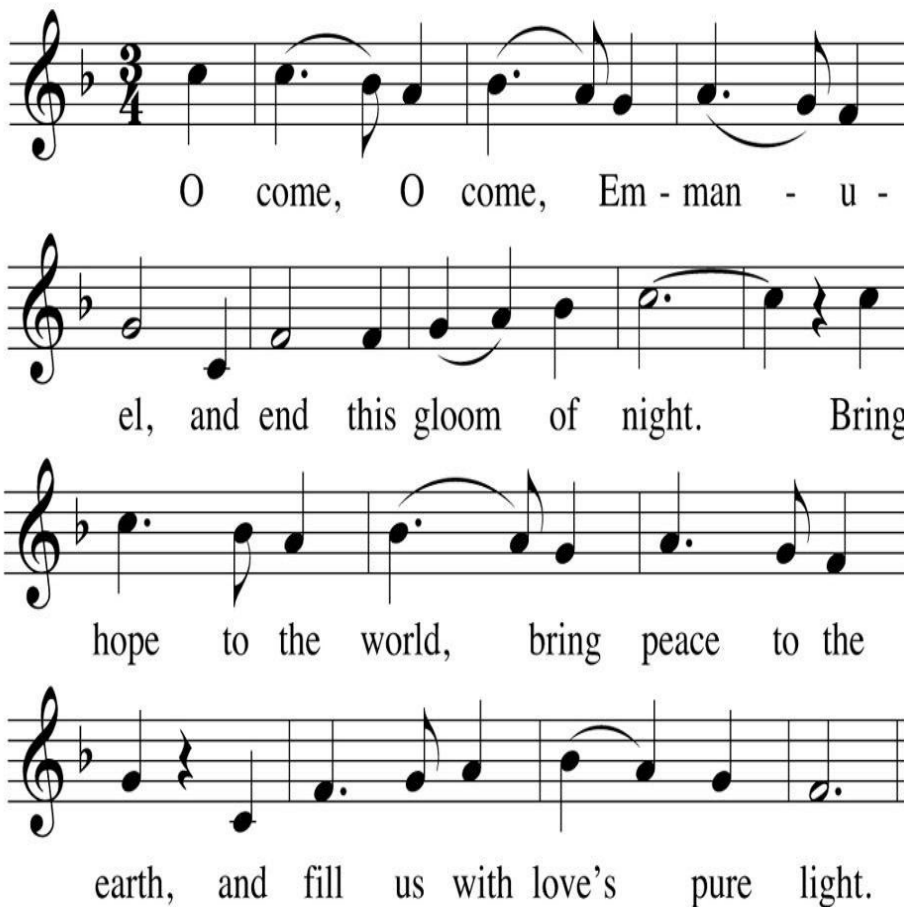
This morning, we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This candle reminds us that God’s promises give us reason to be filled with hope – hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

# Love's Pure Light

## Congregational part

*"Gesù Bambino"*  
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by  
JOEL RANEY



O come, O come, Em - man - u -

el, and end this gloom of night. Bring

hope to the world, bring peace to the

earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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*Please stand*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** God for whom we wait,

**C** in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.

**P** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN**      *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*      **ELW 244**

## **GREETING**

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

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

*In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.*

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL

## Luke 21: 25-36

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror; but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

**P** The holy gospel according to St Luke the 21st Chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Donkey**

## **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**

*After the children’s message, the children are welcomed to be a part of the Children’s Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #105. Children return from Children’s Worship during the sharing of the peace.*



## SERMON

Pastor D

*Confirmation Sermon Notes available in Narthex and Cross Lobby Entrance.*

*Please Stand*

## HYMN

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Verses 1-4**

**ELW 257**

## THE APOSTLES CREED

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

**I 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.**

**I 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 OF INTERCESSION



***Members of Our Congregation:*** Megan, Fletcher & Sadie Carey, Don Cool, Virginia Hair, Ellen Hess, Janeen McChesney & Daughters, Karla Oller and Darla Tornow

***Friends of the Congregation:*** Vickie Banaska, Ron Byers, Jack Campbell, Jane Hearn, Sara McCracken, John Mowen, William Shupe, Michaeline Srsic, Tracey Stoops and Trudy Stum

*(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)*

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated*

## **ANTHEM**

**Creator of the Stars of Night**

**Plainsong**

*Please stand*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

**C** Amen.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, 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.

### **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

**P** Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Lamb of God  
Come to Us  
In to the Darkness*

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

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**C** Amen.

## ***SENDING***

*Please stand.*

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN** My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

**ELW 251**

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild	Pat Radtke & Janey Jenkins
Children's Message	Donkey
Children's Worship	Kelly Michalsky & Leah McDannell
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