

Advent 04

12-18-2022

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew’s account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel,’ a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 239 – Hark, the Glad Sound](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

[Prayer for Israel’s Restoration](#)

To the leader: on Lilies, a Covenant. Of Asaph. A Psalm.

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might,

and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us the scorn^[a] of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn of Praise – Choir Anthem: [“The Annunciation and the Magnificat” by Marty Haugen](#)

Advent Prayer – Lighting of the Fourth Candle: The Candle of Peace

Praise to you, O God, who shared flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, as we light these candles. May the radiant of these four candles make you dearer than all else we seek. Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose good. We pray in the name of Emmanuel your promised child and our Savior. Amen

The Advent Hymn: [ELW 257 \(v1-4\) – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

2nd Reading: [Romans 1:1-7](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Hymn: [ELW 272 – Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The ELCA World Hunger Campaign is underway, and you may choose to give an additional offering to the World Hunger Campaign and add an angel to our Angel Tree.

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially the Pam Ash, Bob and Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, the

McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 267 – Joy to the World](#)

Announcements

- Christmas Nativity Village is Open to the Public, Sundays 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Please contribute to the World Hunger Campaign to add angels to our Angel Tree
- Please contact Debbie Fultz if you would like a Christmas Poinsettia (\$10) - **TODAY**
- **Night of Caroling and Hot Chocolate**, Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Saturday, 12/23/2022 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day Service**, Sunday, 12/24/2022 9:30 am

*Offering to be sent to

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Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291

