

Zion St. John Lutheran Church  
*Being the Body of Christ*

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December 1, 2024 9:00 am 1st Sunday of Advent

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*Emmanuel*

ZSJ Praise Team

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one god, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory; a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen**

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, + forgiven in Christ and freed to respond in joy. **Amen**

**OPENING SONG**

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

1. O come o come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appears

**Refrain:** Rejoice rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

2. Oh come thou day-spring come and cheer,  
Our spirits by thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

3. Oh come desire of nations bind in one the hearts of all mankind  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease and be thyself our king of peace.

**Refrain**

4. Rejoice rejoice, Emmanuel has come. 4X

Vs 1 **Refrain**

5. He's coming towards us now (3x) He always will

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen**

*Sit*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*see insert*

*Leah Cruz & family*

Congregation response: **We wait in hope for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Word of God speak, would you pour down like rain wash-ing my eyes

5  
to see Your maj - es-ty to be still and know that you're in this place, please let me stay

9  
and rest in your ho - li - ness Word of God speak.

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the twenty-first chapter.  
**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Even So Come*

All of creation, All of the earth, Make straight the high way  
A path for the Lord, Jesus is coming soon  
Call back the sinner, Wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout of your fame yes, Jesus is coming soon

**Refrain:** Like a bride waiting for the groom,  
We'll be a Church ready for you  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing "Even so come", Oh Jesus come  
"Even so come", Oh Jesus come

There will be justice, all will be new, Your name forever  
Faithful and true, Jesus is soon. **Refrain**

So we wait, we wait for you, God we wait you're coming soon (2X)

**Refrain**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## THE PRAYERS

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*After each petition:* Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### *Sit* OFFERING

*King of Kings*

- In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

**Refrain:** Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of

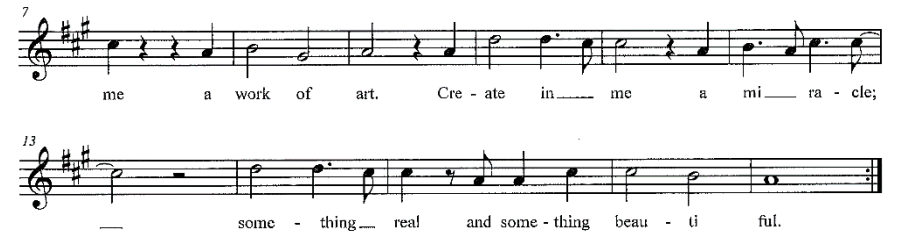
Kings

- To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died.

### **Refrain**

- And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good,  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored.
- And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who

### *Stand* OFFERTORY



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **God our provider, by your merciful hand, abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

## PREFACE/ SANCTUS



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

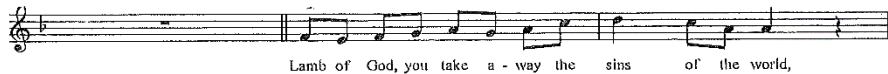
## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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



1,2 Have mer- cy up- on us.  
3 Grant us peace, O Fath- er

## *Sit*

## COMMUNION

*Holy Forever*

1. A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

2. Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all, All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions, Your name stands above them all

**Refrain:** And the angels cry holy, All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy, Holy forever

3. If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen. **Refrain**

4. Hear Your people sing holy, To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy, Holy forever

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all, All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

6. Jesus Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all (oh, stands above)  
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all. **Refrain**

7. Hear Your people sing holy, To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy, Holy forever  
You will always be holy, Holy forever

## *Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING/ PRAYER

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

Let us pray. Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory, for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

**BLESSING** (*sung 2x*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**SENDING SONG**      *Blessed Assurance*

1. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His spirit, washed in his Blood.

**Refrain:** This is my story, This is my song  
Praising my Savior, All the day long (2x)

2. Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His Love. **Refrain**
3. My King is coming soon, He will roll the clouds away  
Light of Heaven bursting through, Oh what a glorious day! (2x)  
**Refrain**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

**POSTLUDE**

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**Stewardship**

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us**

**Our Selves...**

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...ZSJ Praise Team Lector...Dacia S

Greeters/ Fellowship...Julie G

Acolyte...Jameson O Crucifer... Lillian W

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

**Our Time...**

November 24...50 LSV...18 SS...26

**And Our Possessions...**

November 24...\$4,713.75 SS...\$18.35

**...signs of your gracious love**