

Call His Name Jesus

Today we will celebrate that in Jesus, God is with us! That is the meaning of his wonderful title, Emmanuel. He is the promised, virgin-born Son, God in human flesh.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.


Sunday School and Bible Classes: 9:45 a.m.

Evening Prayer Service

Advent 2023

Stand as you are able

Leader or Assistant



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



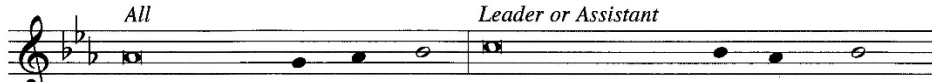
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All *Leader or Assistant*



and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All

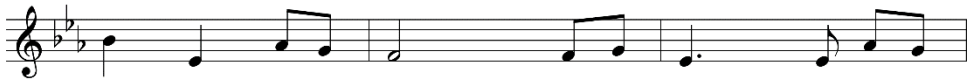


and shine within your peo-ple here.

Carol at the Manger



1. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Long a -
 2. Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— How your
 3. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Lead us



go yet ev - er near; Come as friend to ev - 'ry
 love for us was shown, When the Im - age of your
 ev - er in your way, So we see in ev - 'ry



stran - ger, Come as hope for ev - 'ry fear. As you
 glo - ry Wore an im - age like our own. Come, en -
 stran - ger How you come to us to - day. In our



lived to heal the bro - ken, Greet the
 light - en with your wis - dom, Come, and
 lives and in our liv - ing Give us



out - cast, free the bound, As you taught us love un -
 fill us with your grace, May the fire of your com -
 strength to live as you, That our hearts might be for -



spo - ken, Teach us now where you are found.
 pas - sion Kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
 giv - ing And our spir - its strong and true.

Leader or Assistant *All*

May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

Leader or Assistant *All*

Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All

A - men.

Lessons

Colossians 1:15-20

The Preeminence of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.



Matthew 1:18-23

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us).

Message “Don’t Forget”

Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

LSB 341 vss. 1,2,5



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

Litany and Prayers

P Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God,

C You are Emmanuel, God with us.

P Lord and Savior, through your birth, life, death and resurrection, by God's grace through faith in your name, we have forgiveness and eternal life. We love your precious name, Jesus, the name of our salvation. Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God,

C You are Emmanuel, God with us.

P Lord and Savior, as we prepare to celebrate your birth in Bethlehem, fill us with the wonder and joy of your birth. Lead us by your Spirit to share that joy with others so that they too will come to know and worship you as Lord. Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God,

C You are Emmanuel, God with us.

P Lord and Savior, through this Advent season, into Christmas and beyond, turn our hearts to repentance and to a joyful anticipation of your Second Advent, when we will live and rejoice in your presence forever. Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God,

C You are Emmanuel, God with us.

P Amen.

Please respond

All
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

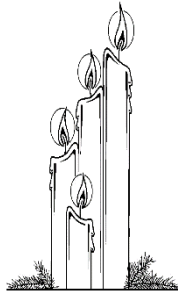
Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Benediction

Sung by cantor



Closing Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 verses 1,4,5



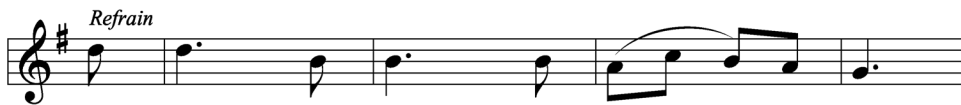
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.



Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Dismissal

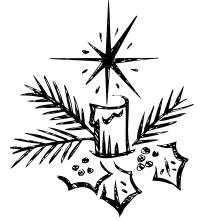
An offering plate is stationed in the back of the sanctuary.
Your Advent gift may be placed there.

Evening Advent Service

Wednesday, December 20

Preschool Christmas Program

6:00 PM



Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Morning Worship with Holy Communion

5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Service for Families with
Small Children (No Communion)

8:00 PM & 10:30 PM

Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

11:00 AM

The Nativity of our Lord

Worship with Holy Communion

