LUTHERAN CHAPEL



CHRISTMAS CANTATA "O COME, EMMANUEL"

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023

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BOLD indicates congregational responses.

* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER

WELCOME

Who are you? We are children of God (1 John 3:2). What is our mission? The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.

PRELUDE

"The Wexford Carol"

Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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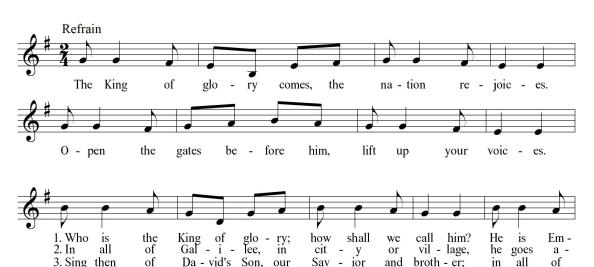
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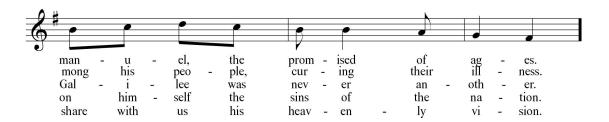
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"The King of Glory"





Words: Willard F. Jabusch Music: Israeli Traditional

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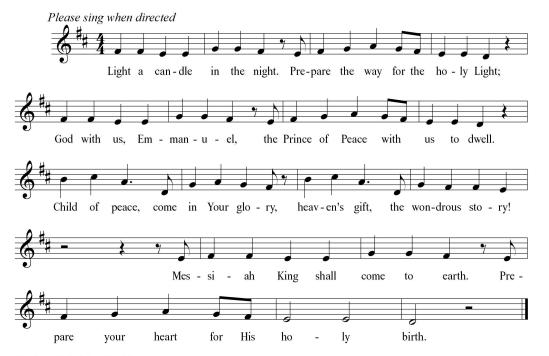
"Light a Candle in the Night"

LEADERS

Bram Comer, Jordan Hoffman

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6)

He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And His people shall dwell secure, for He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace. (Micah 5:4-5)



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*APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10. Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme"

J. S. Bach

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51



*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: 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.

CANTATA

MUSICAL OPENING

"A Child is Born in Bethlehem"

"O Come, Emmanuel"

Offered by Crown Hoffman and Roger Myers Raymond H. Haan

INTRODUCTION Wesley Baker

A Child is born in Bethlehem, therefore rejoice Jerusalem. Come, join the angel throng in songs of joy!

ANTHEM CHANCEL CHOIR

"Joy to the World"

Jonathan D. Campbell

Joy to the World! Christ is coming soon.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-17, 9:2-4,6-7 Lily Baker & Katelyn Baker

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

Isaiah also said, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom."

ANTHEM LUTHER CHOIR

"Will You Be Ready"

Mark Patterson

People who walk in darkness have seen a great light.

The light will shine upon them; may it shine brightly tonight.

Will you be ready for the light to shine upon you?

Will you be ready for the light to shine?

Will you be watching? Will you be listening? Will you hear the angels sing?

Will you be waiting? Will you be searching for a Savior and a King?

People keep watching, true light is coming, look for a bright star in the East.

Look for the Christ Child, born in a manger, there you will find the Prince of Peace.

Will you be ready?

SECOND READING

Luke 1:26-58

Bram Comer

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

ANTHEM CHAPEL RINGERS

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Sandra Eithun

THIRD READING Luke 2:1-7 Elena Hoffman

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. Joseph went to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

"The Hands That First Held Mary's Child"

Dan Forrest

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood.

From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.

This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,

But cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
And gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name,
The angel's words he once had dramed navged down from heaven's hair

The angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,

And like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

"This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone." The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,

And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.

The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift And use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today, But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

FOURTH READING

Luke 2:8-16

Luke Hoffman

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

"All The Sky is Bright"

Robert Buckley Farlee

All the sky is bright, filled with joy, a new joy.

Waiting for the night, we will talk of wonders.

Never was a feast like this! Born is Jesus Christ,

Born the Child-God given to us!

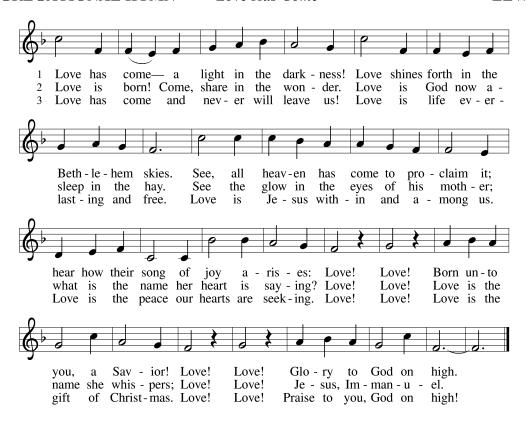
Now the Light appears, Word of God eternal. All the universe knows the Father's goodness. God the Lord of heaven and earth comes to show the way, Guides our feet to endless day.

Not alone they come, simple shepherds, wise men: All the human race wants to make him welcome, Wants to look upon the face of the Lord of bliss, Who becomes a child for us.

Glory sing to Christ, Son of God the Father; Glory sing again to the loving spirit. Brilliant is the mystery all the bright skies tell: God dwells with us. Sing Noel!

FIFTH READING Hebrews 1:1-12 Renwick Royston

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors (of) a Son, He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."



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SIXTH READING

John 1:1-18

Pastor Michael Comer

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Offered by ALL Mark Hayes

"Sing Joy!"

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

For unto us a Child is born, and His name shall be called:

Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

(All) Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let all their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

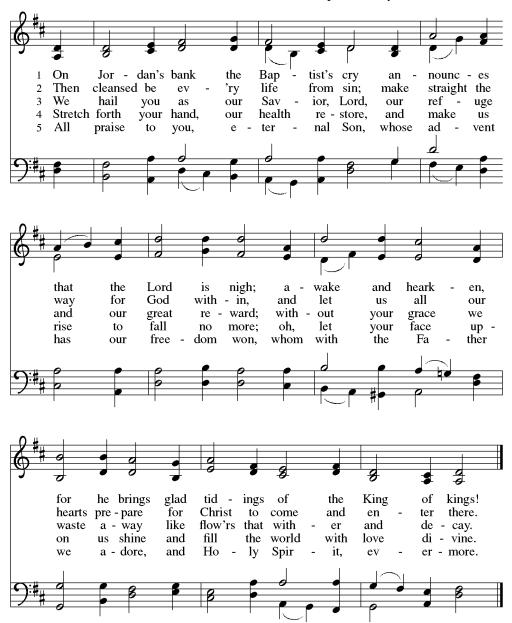
(Choir) Sing joy! Repeat the sounding joy!

SENDING

*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

P: 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.

C: Amen.



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Mark Hayes

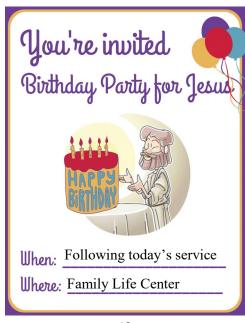
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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music	Kathie Riebe
Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries	Juan Vizcarra
Acolyte	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Tammy Royston
Council Members of the Month	Steve Ritchie & Nancy Witman

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made today's service possible!



PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES: Advent is a season in the church calendar dedicated to the hopeful anticipation for the arrival or "advent" of Jesus. During the four week period leading up to Christmas, we will engage in prayer, meditation, and scripture study that emphasizes hope, peace, love, and joy. Join us <u>Wednesday evenings in December: December 6, 13th, and 20th at 17pm in the Sanctuary as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas.</u>

STAFF GIFTS: As the end of the year approaches, traditionally we present Church Staff with a "thank you" gift. There are several ways you can give your gift. You can drop your it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it by the Church office; or you can hand it to one of the Executive Council members or church treasurer – Crown Hoffman, Jason Sanders, Debra Hoffman or Ken Obenauf, Treasurer. Please note "Staff Gift" on your contribution. *Cut off for contributions is Sunday, December 10*.

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will be gathering for a Christmas dinner in the <u>Family</u> <u>Life Center</u> on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 12</u> at <u>6pm</u>.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>**R.O.'s BBQ**</u> on **Thursday**, **December 14** $(2^{nd}$ *Thursday of month*) at **11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

BABY SHOWER: Please join us for a <u>baby shower</u> honoring *Fabiola and Bill Carroll* on **Sunday, December 17** in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. The proud parents are expecting a baby boy in January. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS: It's time to get your 2023 pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by Sunday, December 31 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2024 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found on the table next to the stairs leading up to the balcony. For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to donate altar flowers in 2024 the following Sundays are still available: February 11, April 7 & 14, June 30, July 7, September 29, October 20, and November 3. Please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 to sign up.

DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms +Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns +Prayers + Blessing**.

FEAST OF PSALMS: Advent

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	Saturday
AM	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
PM	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 50 December 10 to December 17, 2023

12/10 Morning Reading: Revelation 1—Evening Reading: Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4

12/11 Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8

12/12 Morning Reading: Revelation 3—Evening Reading: Hosea 9, 10, 11

12/13 Morning Reading: Revelation 4—Evening Reading: Hosea 12, 13, 14

12/14 Morning Reading: Revelation 5—Evening Reading: Joel

12/15 Morning Reading: Revelation 6—Evening Reading: Amos 1, 2, 3

12/16 Morning Reading: Revelation 7—Evening Reading: Amos 4, 5, 6

12/17 Morning Reading: Revelation 8—Evening Reading: Amos 7, 8, 9

Morning: "Song of Zechariah" (Luke 1:68-79) **Evening:** "Song of Mary" (Luke 1:46-55)

Traditional Song: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW #249 **Sing a New Song:** "Canticle of the Turning" W&P #26

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Steve Clark, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Carlton Peacock, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Alfred Helms, Joyce Hoffman, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Joyce Lowery, Pastor Charles McManus, Sherry Meek, Scott Moore, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, and Anthony Wynn

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

Wednesday, December 13 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Mark 13:14-31 "On the End Event - Coming of the Son of Man"

Thursday, December 14 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 Peter 5 "On Spiritual Warfare"

Sunday, December 17 ~ Service of the Word ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

1 John 3 and John 1:6-8, 19-28

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

Sun-10	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Birthday Party for Jesus (Family Life Center)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	12:45 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-11	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle (Family Life Center)
	7:00 pm	CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-13	8:30 am	Preschool
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	7:00 pm	Advent Evening Service (Sanctuary)
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Thur-14		Preschool
	10:00 am	5 (5)
	11:00 am	OWLS @ R.O.'s BBQ
Fri-15	9:00 am	CBS (Fellowship Hall)
Sat-16	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)