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Midweek of Advent 1



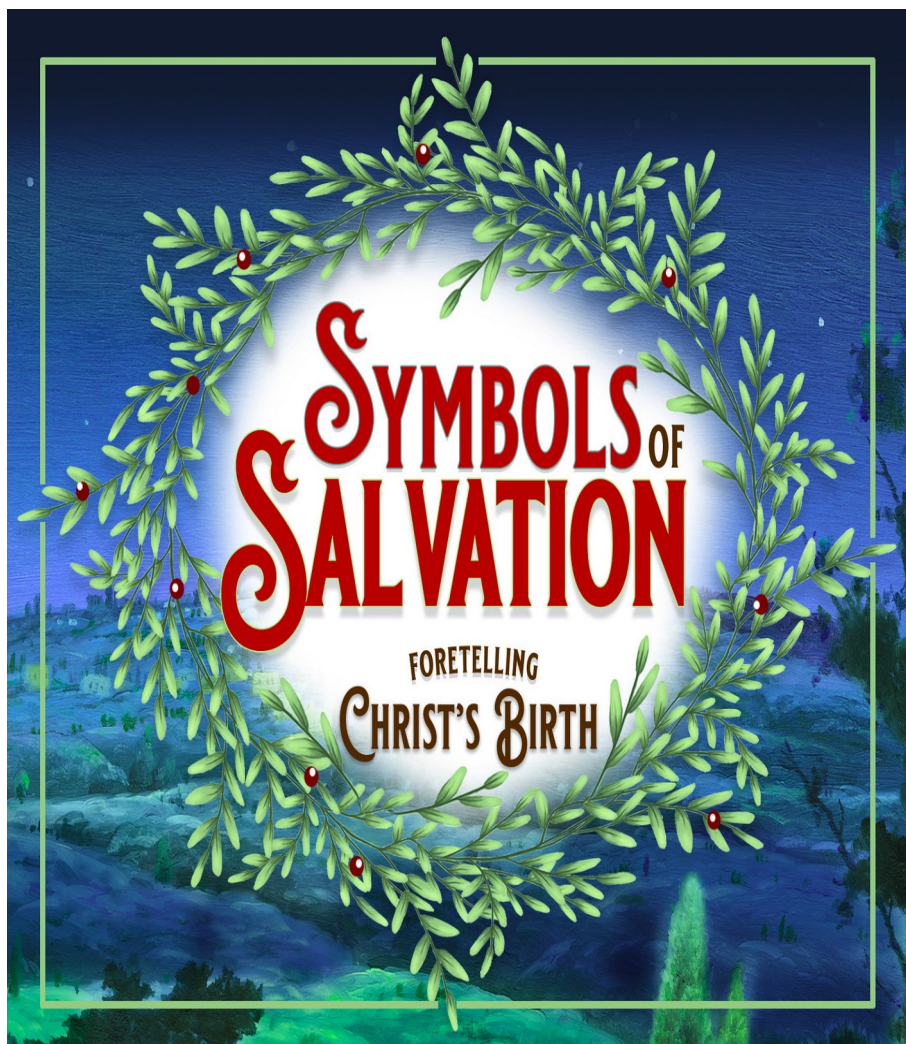
“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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As We Gather

One custom of the Advent and Christmas season in years gone by was the setting aside for a period of days of a room in the house as a special place that would be seen again on Christmas Eve, when it was revealed to the family, having been beautifully decorated. There was a palpable sense of wonder to the Christmas room. It was a fitting place for the celebration of the Savior's coming to earth as Emmanuel in His birth at Bethlehem. Emmanuel means "God with us." The presence of Jesus among us makes every room in every Christian home a special place. It also blesses this space where we bring our prayers and praise to Him in this holy season.

[Tonight's hymns are printed on pages 8-10 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 124:8

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P In this season of penitence and reflection, let us think of our unworthiness and confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, asking for His merciful forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son, our Emmanuel, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world, the kingdom of heaven now is open to all who believe in Him. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may believe in Him with our whole heart and serve Him in our daily lives, so that when He comes again in glory, we may, by Your mercy, be gathered into His eternal courts with all the faithful. This we ask in His blessed name.

C Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:9-12

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. ¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Psalm of the Day

Psalms 105:1–11, 39–42

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C **tell of all his wondrous works!**

P Glory in his holy name;

C **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;

C **seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

P O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

C **children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

- P** He is the LORD our God;
C **his judgments are in all the earth.**
P He remembers his covenant forever,
C **the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**
P the covenant that he made with Abraham,
C **his sworn promise to Isaac,**
P which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
C **to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**
P saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan
C **as your portion for an inheritance.”**
P He spread a cloud for a covering,
C **and fire to give light by night.**
P They asked, and he brought quail,
C **and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**
P He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
C **it flowed through the desert like a river.**
P For he remembered his holy promise,
C **and Abraham, his servant.**

Gospel Reading

John 1:14-18

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ”)
¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the



Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

WS 705 – Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Sermon Text

Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

¹⁷ In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸ Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹ And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰ He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.



Sermon

The Lord Sets Up His Tent Among Us

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Offering Hymn

TLH 443 (1, 8)

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| 1. O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be.
How shall we show our love to Thee,
Who givest all? | 8. To Thee, from whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give.
Oh, may we ever with Thee live,
Who givest all! |
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General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

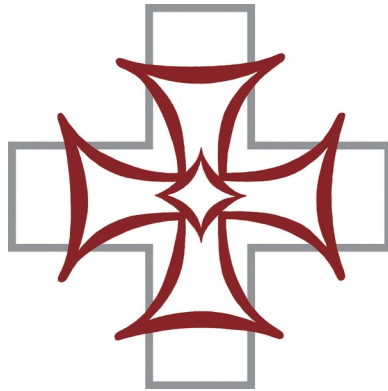
Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 362 – O Sing of Christ



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TLH 62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

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Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Veni, Emmanuel

Latin author unknown, c. 1100

Plain-song melody, c. 1200

Tr., John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.



1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy
 4 Oh, come, Thou Key of Da - - vid, come And o - pen wide our



Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here Un -
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night And
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high And



til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el. A-men.



WS 705 – Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Your
2 Born Your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and
3 By Your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our

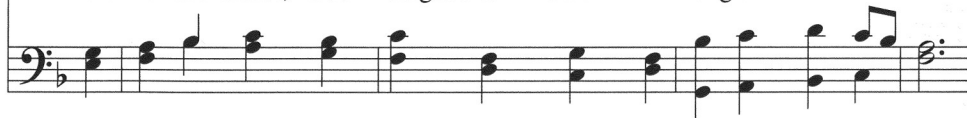
peo - ple free; From our sins and fears re - lease us
yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
hearts a - lone; By Your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it

By Your death on Cal - va - ry.
Now Your gra - cious king - dom bring,
Raise us to Your glo - rious throne.

LSB 362 – O Sing of Christ



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full - ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp - tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!



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John 1:1, 4, 10–14; Col. 1:15–20

