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A North American Lutheran Church Congregation

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The Lord has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives. Isaiah 61:1

▶ 1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free.
▶ 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness
A lower setting may be found at No. 309

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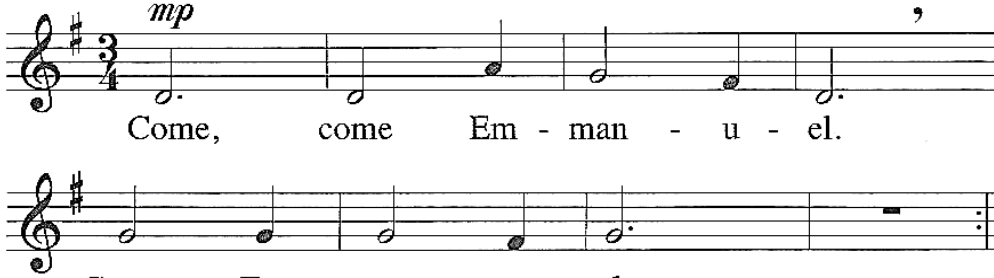
The cantor will sing the refrain once. The congregation will join in singing the refrain and continue until the cantor is finished.

GATHERING RITE

ADVENT GATHERING SONG

James J. Chepponis

Gently
mp



Come, come Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.

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Cantor:

1. Oh give comfort, my people, and come.
2. Oh prepare the way, and come.
3. Like a shepherd God feeds us, so come.
4. For the day of the Lord will come.
5. Oh make ready his way, and come.
6. He will baptize in the Spirit and come.



BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Most Merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Stand. The congregation and choir sing the refrain during the Kyrie.

KYRIE

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Cantor:

Lord, have mercy upon us and come.

Christ, have mercy upon us and come.

Lord, have mercy upon us and come.



Stand

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

ADVENT HYMN: VS. 2

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

9:00 Rudy and Nancy Oliver
10:30 Pastor Phil and Julie Hohulin


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Pastoral Prayer

C **Amen.**

 **FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16**

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’”

⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

 **PSALM 89:1-8**

R ¹ I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

C ² **I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,

⁴ **I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations."**

⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, LORD,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

⁶ **For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?**

⁷ In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;
he is more awesome than all who surround him.

⁸ **Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?
You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

 **SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27**

²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors.”


⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Be seated

 **SERMON** “Songs of the Season: Mary’s Song”
Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

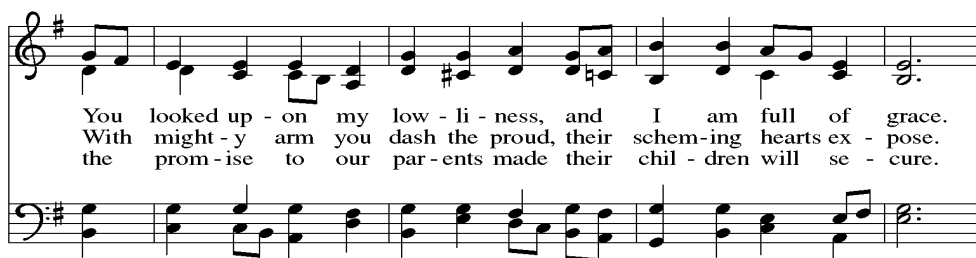
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HYMN OF THE DAY (9:00 Vs. 1 Only)

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



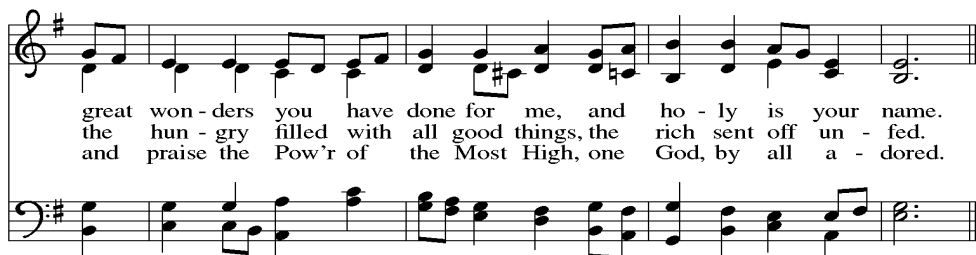
1 My soul pro - claims your great - ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A Faithful God, like Mary, help us believe all the promises that you have made to us, knowing that they are “Yea and Amen in Christ Jesus!” Be with all the baptized, that we would continue to be strengthened through Word and Sacrament, attend to our relationship with you, and be bold in our proclamation of your saving love and desire for all people to know you. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Creator God, all things wither and perish, but you are the source of life. Remind those who sit in deepest gloom and despair that they are not beyond the reach of your love. Speak your word of hope and reconciliation to those people in your world who abide in dark valleys of division, despair, and tyranny. Bring all people to the light of your joyous peace. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

God of all comfort, strengthen all those who are weary and suffering that they might be renewed by your Holy Word, [especially those we name to you now. . .] Guide your church to speak words of grace, mercy, and hope into a world wracked with pain and angst. Help us to trust that your Word endures forever and can be relied upon for the truth. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, we pray for all whose lives have been touched by Covid-19. We ask that you would halt the spread of this pandemic, prevent further loss of life, hasten the development of an effective vaccine and use this mortal danger to draw many to the only One who can raise us immortal. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of all nations, grant wisdom, integrity, and courage to our elected representatives. Help them ensure the rights of liberty and justice for all citizens from first heartbeat to last. Grant all the opportunity to lead peaceable lives and freedom to worship, pray, and work in your service. Through the faithful proclamation of your word, turn our nation back to you. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, Enlarge Kingdom influence of all who serve you. Bless our church, our bishop Dan Selbo, his assistants Mark, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, Andrew, our seminary president, Eric, those preparing for ministry, and all pastors in the NALC. Enable the work of our ministry partners at home and abroad. Particularly today we ask you to prosper the ministry of India Transformed. May those they serve experience great joy in knowing you. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen



Stand

 **PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Be seated

OFFERING

Special Music

***In order to reduce the risk of infection, our ushers will not pass the offering plate during the offertory. Please use this time to engage in silent prayer, reflection, and worship. Later in the service, as you approach the altar for communion, please drop your offering in the offering plate located near the front of the sanctuary.*

Stand

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE (9:00 In Spoken Word)

Presider: Cong:
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider: Cong:
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong:
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Music: John Scheusner


Give Thanks and Praise

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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

C **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.**



Be seated

COMMUNION

**Grape juice and/or gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*

(9:00 Sung by cantor during distribution)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn our hearts to yours, and nourished us at your table with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE

Emmanuel 243

They will call Him Immanuel—which means, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23

Unison

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

His name is called Em - man - u - el;

God with us, re - vealed in us;

His name is called Em - man - u - el.

Optional segue to “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.” No transition is needed.

TEXT: Bob McGee
MUSIC: Bob McGee

EMMANUEL
Irregular meter

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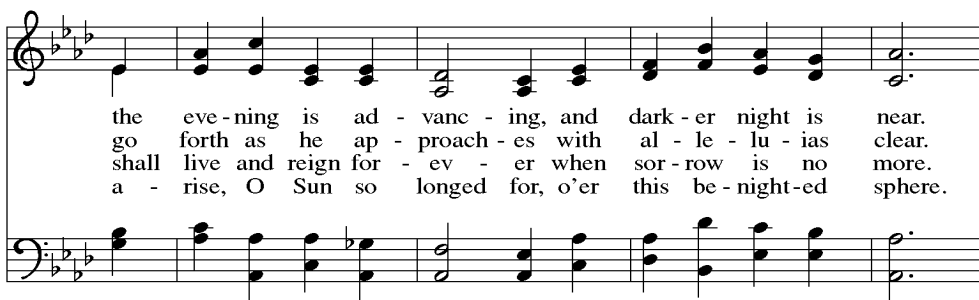
BLESSING

- 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.

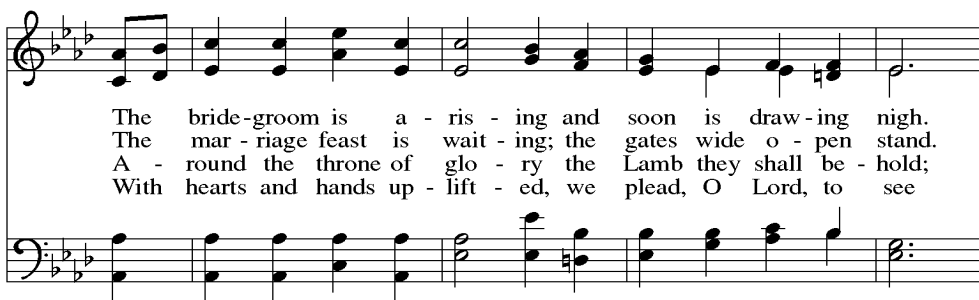
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



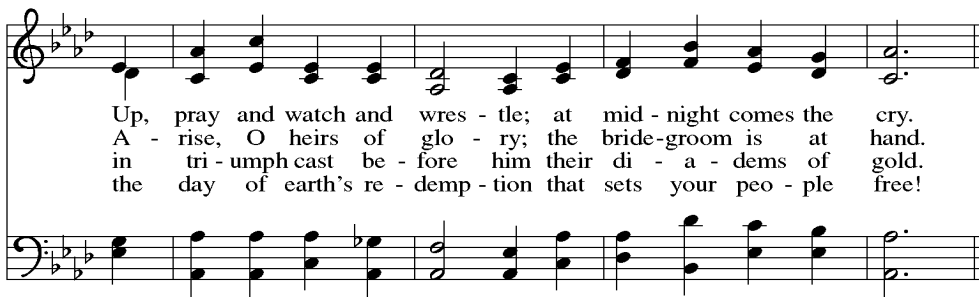
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

 **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

December Servant Schedule

 9:00 service

Cantor: Kyleene Terhune

Assistant Minister

Dec 6	N'Anne Knight
Dec 13	Sandy Rice
Dec 20	Joe Costantino
Dec 27	N'Anne Knight

Lector

Aaron Mood
Shirley Schryver
Samee Mood
Donna Tucker

Cantor

Roseann Costantino
Cynthia Michael
Erika Wattrick
Roseann Costantino

Nursery

Dec 6	Wanda & Kyleene
Dec 13	Lexi & Deb
Dec 20	Wanda & N'Anne
Dec 24	Rachel & Lexi
Dec 27	Lexi & Rachel





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As a congregation of the
North American Lutheran Church
we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused

