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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 22, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Advent Liturgy 2022 by Nathan McDonald

***How does the Song of Mary speak to us today in times of anxiety?
How does her song bring hope in times of unrest?***

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Gathering Song
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
– No. 257

Vs. 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Remembrance of Baptism

This Advent we gather, renewing our baptism.
Creator, guide us in a time of waiting for Christ to
return, filled by the Holy Spirit.

We keep watch, waiting for Jesus to return in the
fullness of time. **Come, O Christ, renew our
baptism.**

We look to the stars and fig trees, portents in the heavens.

Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We wait for Christ to come, in the darkness, in the beauty of night. **Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.**

We wait for Christ to come, in the rain and mist, renewing creeks and lakes. **Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.**

We long for the dominion of God to usher in justice
and love.

Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We who are weary long for comfort and rest.

Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

Creator, renew our faith and lead us forth in
love. **Amen.**

Wait for the Lord – No. 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Kyrie Eleison – Christe Eleison – Kyrie Eleison

**Creator have mercy – Christ have mercy –
Creator have mercy**

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah- No. 240

Vs. 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Vs. 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

Vs. 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

Vs. 4 Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining!

Luke 1:46b-55

You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness ¹ of the Lord,

⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in ¹ God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ **for you, Lord, have looked with favour on
your ¹ lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will ¹ call me
blessed:**

⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great ¹ things for
me and holy ¹ is your name.

**⁵⁰ You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation.**

Refrain: ***You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.***

**⁵¹ You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,
⁵² casting down the mighty | from their
thrones and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³ You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your | servant
Israel, to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**
⁵⁵ the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

Refrain: ***You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

***No Wind at the Window* – No. 906**

Vs. 1 No wind at the window, no knock on the door;
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear:
just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.

Vs. 2 "O Mary, O Mary, don't hide from my face.
Be glad that you're favoured and filled with God's
grace. The time for redeeming the world has begun,
and you are requested to mother God's Son."

Vs. 3 This child must be born that the kingdom might come: salvation for many, destruction for some; both end and beginning, both message and sign; both victor and victim, both yours and divine.

Vs. 4 No payment was promised, no promises made; no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed. Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess, replied with conviction, "Tell God I say yes."

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering Song
***No Wind at the Window* – No. 907**

Vs. 1 Filled with hope and gratitude and filled with
very God,
I sing with soul and spirit exultation,
for God has smiled upon the humble
servant who will give
her own sweet milk to Christ, the world's salvation.

Vs. 2 God's eternal mercy, meant for all of humankind, is given as deliv'rance from oppression. The powerful and haughty find that they are now cast down, the lowly raised beyond this world's derision.

Vs. 3 Hungry people eat good things and find an honoured place;
the rich are sent away though they are hungry.
The promise to our forebears
God renews for us today:
the world is filled with God's abundant mercy.

Vs. 4 Filled with hope and gratitude and filled with
very God,
I sing with soul and spirit exultation,
for God has smiled upon the humble
servant who will give
her own sweet milk to Christ, the world's salvation.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

We give thanks to the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

Hark, the Glad Sound! – No. 239

Vs. 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.

Vs. 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

Vs. 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

Vs. 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

He Came Down – No. 253

Vs. 1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

Vs. 2 He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

Vs. 3 He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

Vs. 4 He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

Magnificat - J. Rawson - solo

Sending Song
Soon and Very Soon – No. 439

Vs. 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the
King, Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the
King, Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the
King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

Vs. 2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the
King, No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the
King, No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the
King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

Vs. 3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the
King, No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the
King, No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the
King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

Vs. 4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the
King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Assisting Minister: Ben Lukenchuk

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Gathering Rite: Thanks to all the kids!

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Wednesday, December 25 at 11 AM PST
The First Sunday of Christmas, Dec. 29, 10 AM PST***

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