

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021



ELW SETTING 4
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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please come forward by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by way of the center aisle. The bread is received in your hand, and you may drink the wine from the cup or dip the bread into the wine. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All page and hymn numbers refer to the "red" ELW hymnal.

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Nila Bilstad & Kathy Roderer

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

ELW #254

Hymn is printed on page 12 of this booklet.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ADVENT HYMN

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah Verse 1



- 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!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P At the very beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,
C **Wake us up to your coming.**

A We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God's promises.
O Emmanuel,
C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated
on our fear. O Emmanuel,
C **Wake us up to your coming.**

A We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and
relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it. O Emmanuel,
C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose
flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope.
C **Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (repeat verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Be seated.

FIRST READING**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**Luke 21:25-36**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King Shall come” (verses 1,2,5)
Hymn is printed on page 13 of this booklet.

ELW #260

Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Thomas Menter (grandson of Louise Menter), Kimberly Koblas (daughter of Wendy & Jim Koblas), and Alex Fink (grandson of Carolyn Raymond).** Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. We especially pray for **Ethan Cloonan, Lois Wass, Marian McBride, Shirley Crandall, Don Bally, Bill Lynn, Allison Wittich, Shirley Lease, Inge Ohnona, Jerry Swanson, Anna Labellarte, Ken Simonson, Brenda Cathcart, Michael Ungari, Robert & Donna Oliver, Juli Pykelny** (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), **Judy Duprey** (sister-in-law of Carol), **Kristen Mellem** (friend of the Saydaks), **Claudia Ester** (friend of Lisa Ayers), **Glenn Adams** (father of Michael Adams), **Andy Sullivan** (friend of Eileen Hoffman), **Dana Imlah** (daughter of Mary Lou Gilliam), **Fiona & Sonia Odisho** (friends of the Weglarz), **Joan Mahoney** (friend of the Bilstads), **Kathy Roehl**, (sister-in-law of Rex), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of Joanne Schwarcz), **Chase Peterson family**, (friends of Amy Dohler). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

OFFERING is received.

OFFERTORY "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

ADULT CHOIR

Stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness
and so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels
and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, the Beginning and the End,

our Salvation and our Hope,

we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,

you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love

and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.
Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

**C 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1,2,4) ELW #257
Hymn is printed on page 14 of this booklet.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PRELUDE “Fling Wide the Door”

Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Duprey’s in celebration of Thomas’s 6th birthday.

FOOD FOR THE MONTH for COOL Food Pantry is tuna.

SUNDAY WEEKLY WORSHIP

Everyone is required to wear a mask when inside the building. If you are unable to attend in-person, we encourage you and your family to join us live at 10:45 AM on Sundays via Facebook or on our YouTube Channel (Church in the Woods-Holy Spirit Lutheran). Our weekly recorded service is available on our YouTube channel. Sunday’s worship bulletin is emailed, and for now, a separate e-mail providing you with the link to the video recording of the service. Please use these and other resources to stay in the rhythm of weekly worship during these unprecedented times, and invite others to worship with us by sharing the links.

EXPOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—December 14 at 12 PM

Due to COVID restrictions, this year’s luncheon will be a catered boxed lunch from Sunset Foods. Please sign up and place your sandwich order using the form in the narthex by 12/12. Bring a wrapped ornament for the ornament exchange. Contact Mary Giampietro at maryg61563@yahoo.com or 847-508-5619 or Louise Menter at 847-215-7928 with questions or to place your lunch order.

FLUTOPIA—December 18 at 3 PM

Back by popular demand! Another Festive Flutopia: the sounds of angels will float through the air and settle in your hearts and souls at LCHS. Covid protocols will be followed – so you will be safe. All are welcome. Free concert, but donations accepted. Join us for Music of the Season to soothe, inspire, reminisce and sing along! For more information contact the director: Laurel Kaiser at 847-902-4235.

NEW MOBILE APP IS HERE

Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please call 800-675-7430.

PRAYER GROUP— Thursdays at 9:30 AM

Join us every Thursday morning at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. Face masks are required and social distancing is observed.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Weekly 10:15-11:30 AM

The Thursday Bible study will resume on December 2nd. We're currently studying the book entitled, "The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming a Vision of Global Community". In this study, five prominent church leaders and Luther scholars will invite us to consider the new shape of global mission in today's world. The book reflects on Luther's largely forgotten social and economic reforms that flowed from the central doctrine of justification by grace through faith, and addresses the systemic causes of hunger, poverty, and injustice. Order the book, begin reading, and join us for a spirited conversation! We always close our time together in prayer.

Seasons of Advent & Christmas

TODAY—Hanging of the Greens— We will be getting the church ready for Advent and Christmas by putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the church. This event is fun for the whole family.

TODAY at 10:30 AM— Advent Wreath Making—A favorite tradition! Families make their own Advent wreaths to celebrate the season at home.

December 1, 8, 15—Mid-week Advent Worship—Wednesday evenings— In the midst of the rush of preparing for Christmas, take time to also receive Christ during the Taize service at 7:00 PM. This half-hour contemplative service will bring peace and focus as we center on Christ, the light of the world, who comes to heal us, redeem us, and dwell with us.

December 12 at 9:45 AM—Christmas Program & Sing-A-long

December 24—Christmas Eve Worship Schedule:

3:30 PM - Service of Candles and Communion with special music.

5:00 PM - Family worship with Candles and Communion with the Youth Choirs

10:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service with Special music plus Adult & Bell Choirs

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-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;



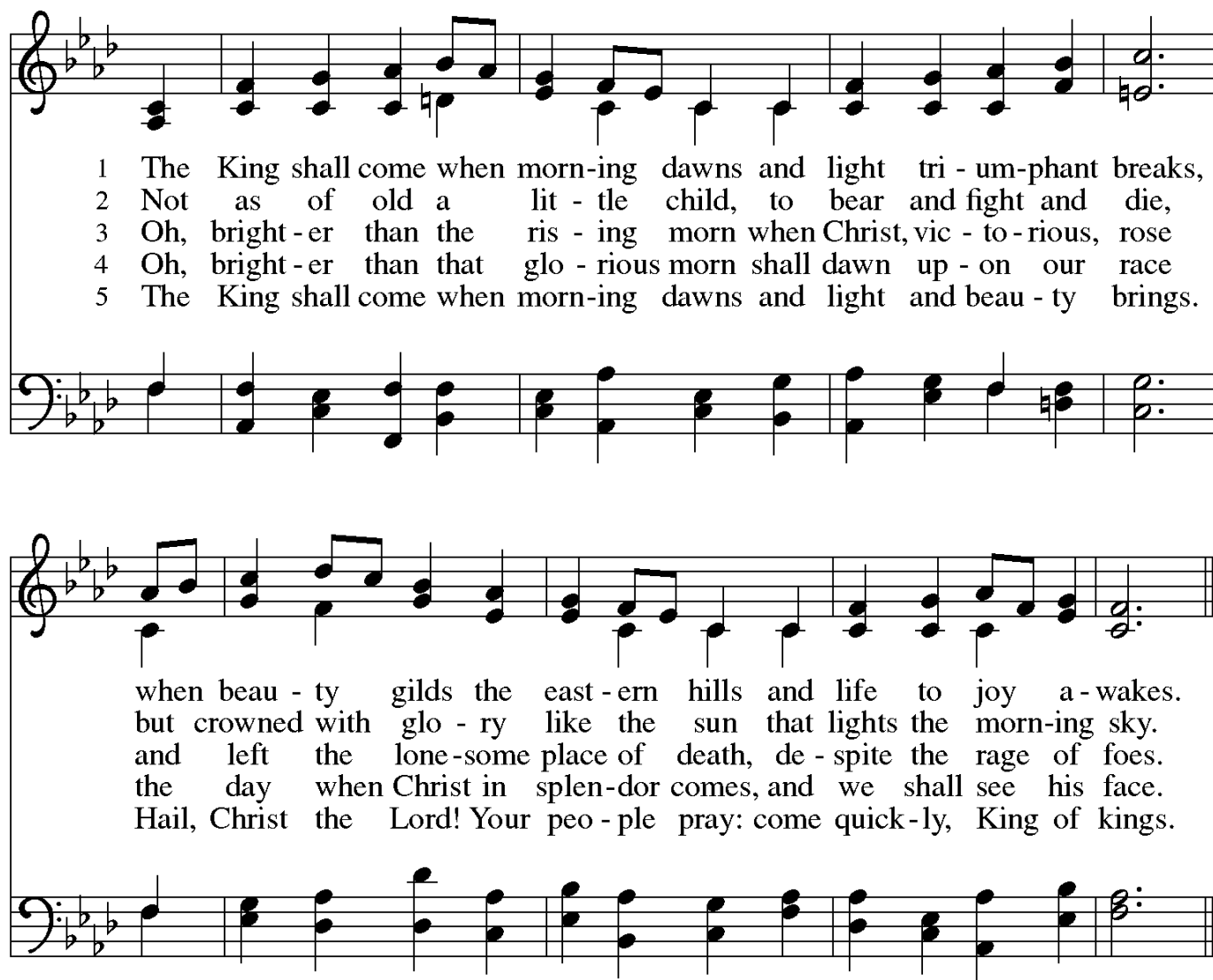
dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The King Shall Come

Verses 1,2, 5



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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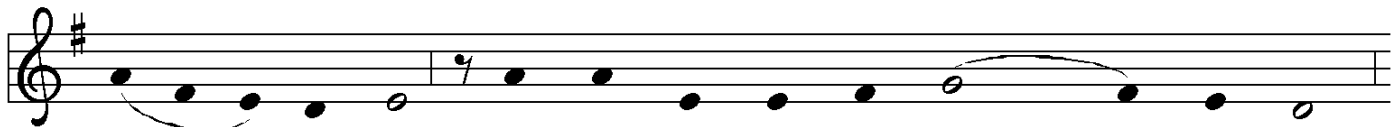
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1,2,4



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
- 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Poinsettias for Christmas

You are invited to place donations of poinsettias to the glory of God or in honor or memory of someone special to you this Christmas season. Cost is \$20.00 per plant. Checks may be made payable to *Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*. Please complete the form below and return it along with your check to the church office by Dec. 12th.

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ @\$20 each

Phone _____

Given to the Glory of God and in memory\honor of:

Poinsettias may be picked up following the 10:00 PM service on Christmas Eve or any time during the following week.

ANGEL TREE

One of the most rewarding Christmas activities around Holy Spirit is the sharing of gifts with inner city children. Each year, we receive the names of children from Lutheran Day Nursery/After School Program for whom we purchase gifts at Christmas. Many times, these are the only gifts these children will receive. These children have come to be called our “angels”.

Sign up for a child/children at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0944ABAF22A7F49-angel>. If you are unable to do so, contact Kari Davenport and she will assign you a child.

Drop Off—gifts are due to the church by Sunday, December 12th. You can drop off during office hours or take advantage of the contactless drop off on Sunday, December 12th from 1:00-3:00pm. Pull up and we will be happy to take the packages right out of your car! If these options do not work for you, please contact Kari to make other arrangements.

Appropriate items—We strive to provide each child with an age appropriate toy, an article of warm clothing (like a hat, mittens, sweater, etc.) and a new or gently used book. However, if there is ever a time to spoil a child, this is one of those times.

Label gifts with the child’s name when you return them so that they are delivered to the right child.

Gift Cards-Lutheran Day Nursery has 6 families that are in need this year. We are collecting \$25 Target Cards to help these families purchase food, clothing and toiletries. Please drop off gift cards to the office by Sunday, December 12th. Label the envelope “LDN Gift Cards.”

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Davenport, kari@davenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, Nov. 28	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Advent Wreath Family Event Deck the halls & decorate the tree
Tuesday, Nov. 30	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	LYFE
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Wednesday, Dec. 1	7:00 p.m.	Mid-week Advent Service
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:10 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal
Thursday, Dec. 2	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, Dec. 5	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:45 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion

Pastor:	Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom
Office Manager:	Laurie Papini
Music Ministers:	Mike Duffy, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo, Nancy Fencil and Darlene Neumann
Organist:	Kathy Roderer
Children's Ministry Director	Jennifer Williams

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