

Lessons and Songs

Fourth Week of Advent

December 19, 2021

10:00 AM

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's. We value your participation in our worship service and feel truly blessed by your presence today. Everyone is invited to fill out a welcome card. Please note any prayer requests on the back of the card. They may be placed in the offering plate.

Today we celebrate the service of Lessons and Carols. The O Antiphons are the central piece. Each invokes the Messiah under a different title derived from the Old Testament. This title is then amplified and followed by an appeal to "come and save us." Around the twelfth century, they were collected into a Latin verse hymn, which was later translated by John Mason Neale to become, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

L = Leader C = Congregation ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (*red hymnal*)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center} (Pastor Rob)*

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Nick, Gina, Jada & Luke)*

L: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy. (Light Hope, Peace, Joy Candles). Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Scripture tells us "There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God's love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God's love is there. We light this candle in Love. (Light Candle)

C: On this day, we remember God is Love.

With Permission: Rev. Will Ryan, First Christian Church (DOC), Burlington, Iowa. Liturgy Links - 2016

CANDLE LIGHTING

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptized: Brynlee Dae Ness; Sponsors: Alex and Sara Peck

Baptized: Remi Mae Ness; Sponsors: Nick Tourville & Annie Pollen

Baptized: Sienna Storm Ness; Sponsors: Robby Fisher & Christa Chapman

Parents: Dylan and Nicole Ness

+THE APOSTLES' CREED

L: Do you believe in God, the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

C: We welcome Brynlee into the body of Christ. Amen!

C: We welcome Remi into the body of Christ. Amen!

C: We welcome Sienna into the body of Christ. Amen!

(music played while child walks down the aisle)

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Emily*)

+OPENING DIALOGUE (*Mark Roberts*)

L: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

C: Go through the gates, build up the highway,

L: clear it of stones, remove any obstacles.

C: Prepare the way of the Lord.

L: Come, let us journey to the Bethlehem manger.

C: Hear God’s promises, witness God’s faithfulness,

L: sing with Mary, rejoice with Elizabeth.

C: Prepare our hearts for Christ’s coming.

+OPENING PRAYER (*Mark Roberts*)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O Lord our God, you break into our world with messages of comfort, peace, and joy. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Establish your peace throughout the earth. Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all.

C: Amen.

LESSONS AND SONGS

SONG

“Glory, (Let There Be Peace)”

Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, Rachel Popadic/arr. Erik Foster and Dan Galbraith

Verse 1

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel
One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel

Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

Chorus

Bridge

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless

Chorus 2x

Ending

Let there be peace let it start in me

LESSON {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

Isaiah 40:3-5

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Latin hymn/Thomas Helmore,
arr. Don Chapman*

Verse 1

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

LESSON (*Mark Roberts*)

Exodus 6:2-7a

SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Latin hymn/Thomas Helmore,
arr. Don Chapman*

Verse 2

O Come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Dispense the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

LESSON (*Pastor Rob*)

Isaiah 11:1-10

SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Latin hymn/Thomas Helmore,
arr. Don Chapman*

Verse 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

LESSON (*Mark Roberts*)

Isaiah 42:5-9

SONG

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Prichard, Wesley, and Henderson/
Brad Henderson*

Verse 1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us.
Let us find ourselves in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou Art.
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

LESSON (*Pastor Rob*)

Luke 1:46b-55

SONG

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

*Chris Tomlin & Daniel Carson/
arr. John Wasson*

Verse 1

Good news of great joy
For ev'ry woman ev'ry man
This will be a sign to you
A baby born in Bethlehem

Come and worship
Do not be afraid

Chorus
My soul my soul
magnifies the Lord

My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me
Great things for me

LESSON (*Mark Roberts*)

Luke 1:68-79

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all you nations rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

LESSON (*Front Center*) (*Pastor Rob*)

Isaiah 7:14

SONG

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see!
Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

+THE PRAYERS (*Mark Roberts*)

After each petition:

L: God of love,
C: **we wait in hope.**

+THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Front Center*) (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Be people of love. Let love live in your heart and share the love of Christ with all you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You”

*John Francis Wade, et al./
D. Galbraith*

Verse 1

Oh come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye
Oh come ye to Bethlehem

Born the King of angels

Chorus

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

Come and behold Him

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exaltation
Oh sing all yet citizens
Of Heaven above

Glory to God
Glory in the highest

+DISMISSAL (*Mark Roberts*)

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

Chorus**Bridge (4 times)**

We adore You
We adore You
We adore You Jesus