

## Confession

*L: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:*

**C: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

*L: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Opening Hymn No. 257 (vs 1-4, 8) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

### Greeting

*L: 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.**

### Kyrie

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

### Hymn of Praise

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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



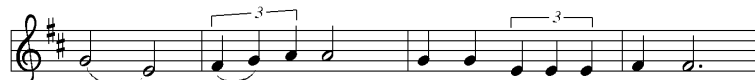
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

#### First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4 — Page 778

#### Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11 — Page 953

### The Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -



lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



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

### Gospel Reading

*L: The holy gospel according to Luke.*

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

Luke 3:1-6 — Page 834

*L: The gospel of the Lord.*

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

### Hymn No. 249

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

### Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

### Hymn No. 264

"Prepare the Royal High"

C: 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.

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Response "Create Me a Clean Heart"

Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Receive our prayer.

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn No. 244 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

4th Week of Advent Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24th

- 4:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary.
4:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service w/ Praise Band in Celebration Center
7:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary
11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary

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Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.
Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

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Welcome to Worship



2nd Sunday in Advent - Saturday, December 7, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Advent Candle Lighting

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
L: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
L: We look to the One who forgives our sins.
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
L: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
L: We look to the One who has come to set us free.
C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Congregation: JOEL RANEY
Musical notation for the hymn 'Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther, Prince of Peace, Won-der-ful Coun-se-lor, Al-might-y God. Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el. God with us, Em-man-u-el.'

Prayer

L: Gracious Lord, remind us of your power throughout this Advent season. In times of weakness, remind us that you are the One who gives strength. In times of confusion, remind us that you are the One who reveals truth. In times of doubt, remind us that you are One who gives hope. We thank you for being our Mighty God. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.