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Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For closer access, parking is available in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. The nursery is open and staffed.

LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
- Visit us online at www.luthermem.org or Facebook

PRELUDE

Hosanna to the Son of David | Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Beata Dei Genetrix Maria | Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)

Personent Hodie | arr. John Atteberry

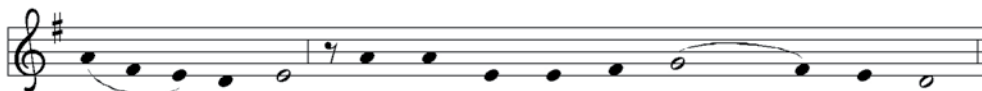
Please rise.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1–4, 8)

The congregation receives candlelight from the torchbearers and ushers. When passing the light, tip the unlighted candle.



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.

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

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, be it this Advent our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the Magi adore the Child lying in his Mother's arms.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this place, glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity within the Church he came to build.

And let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the loving kindness of God.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**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.**

Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and in communion with all the saints, may the king of angels bring us all.
Amen.

Candles may be extinguished.

Please sit.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8–14

CAROL Adam Lay Ybounden | Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter thought he not too long;
And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady ybeen heavene Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:
Therefore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40:1–11

CAROL “Comfort, Comfort,” Says the Voice | Claudia Drews (b. 1953)

“Comfort, comfort,” says the Voice,
“My people that they may rejoice.”
The weight of sin, the judgement rod
Removed by Christ the Son of God.

Gladness, gladness let them heart,
With God’s own peace the weary cheer.
The prisons open, slaves are free,
Forgiven their iniquity.

Even, even out God’s path,
Set straight what might invite his wrath.
The Voice calls out, “Repent today.
The King of Kings is on his way.”

Witness, witness to the world,
The glory of the Lord unfurled.
The hour now strikes the dawn light breaks.
God keeps the promises He makes.

Withered, withered human might,
Its bloom cut off by frost and blight.
All flesh like grass, wilts to the core.
But God’s Word lives forevermore.

Lift your voice, speak words of power
That none may fear the awesome hour.
Now comes the Lord your God is here.
His grace and might rule far and near.

THIRD LESSON Jeremiah 31:31–34

Please rise.

CAROL #272 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Please sit.

FOURTH LESSON Baruch 4:36—5:9

CAROL Light One Candle | Traditional

FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1–9

CAROL As the Dark Awaits the Dawn | arr. Christopher Aspaas (b. 1973)
The text may be found at hymn #261

SIXTH LESSON Zephaniah 3:14–18

Please rise.

CAROL Rejoice, Rejoice Believers | arr. Ron Mallory (b. 1973)

Please sit.

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 1:26–38

Please rise.

CAROL #261 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming, grant that we, who with joy receive your only-begotten son as our redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our judge, even your son our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please sit.

OFFERING Gaudete Omnes | Hieronymus Praetorius (1560–1329)

Tonight's offering will benefit the Off the Square Club sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan. This ministry provides support and resources for adults with severe and persistent mental illness living in Madison. Should you wish to write a check, please make it out to Luther Memorial Church with "Off the Square Club" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Please rise.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #239 Hark, the Glad Sound!

POSTLUDE Savior of the Nations, Come (BWV 661) | Johann Sebastian Bach

AFTER THE SERVICE

All are invited to a reception in the narthex.

SERVING THIS EVENING

OFFICIANTS	Pastor John Worzala Dumke, Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
CRUCIFER	Randy Raasch
LECTORS	Lynn Washington, Deb Raasch, Rev. Seminarian Christopher Beaver, Margaret Miner, Susan Berggren, Heidi Notbohm
AUDIO	David Heins
USHERS	Phyllis Pleuss, Kathy & Rick Miller

Our thanks to the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir and Recorder Ensemble for sharing their gifts this afternoon.

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