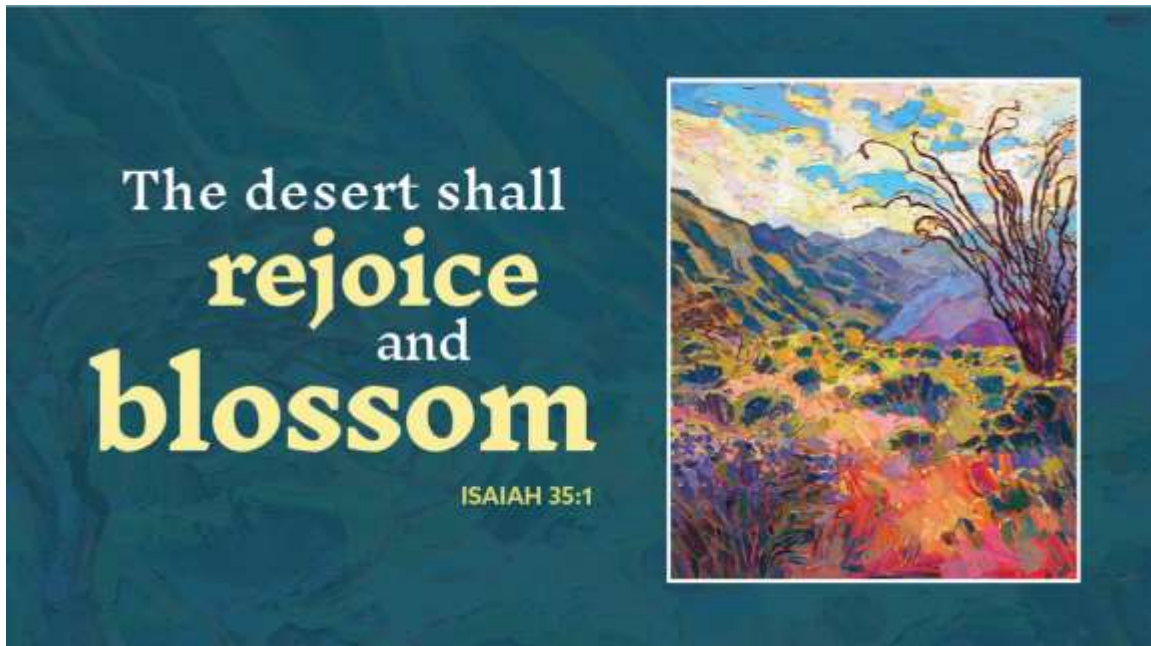


Third Sunday of Advent

14 December 2025

9:30 AM- Livestream



Worship Team- 9:30 AM

Presiding Minister- Pr. Ben Colahan

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Equipping Minister- Margaret
McMillan

Healing Ministry- Faye Johnson

Lector- Raquel Krach

Musicians- FLC Contemporary Team,
FLC Handbell Choir, FLC Sanctuary
Choir, & Kim Bruder, *cello*

Parking Lot- Bob Bay, Steve Hall, Mark
Kimmelshue, & David Longaker

Ushers- Travis Johnson & Joan Palmer

Welcome Table- Devlin Gillespie &
Char Miller

Cantor- Luke Nicolay

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Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J. S. Bach

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Welcome

Pr. Ben Colahan

The PRESIDING MINISTER welcomes everyone.

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ELW 266 All Earth Is Hopeful

v. 1-3

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

Greeting

Lead the Greeting and Prayer of the Day from the front center of the assembly.

The PRESIDING MINISTER and assembly greet each other.

**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.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.
Amen.**

**Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.

**L: God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.**

**✝ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

The PRESIDING MINISTER leads the prayer in these or similar words.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

**Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in
your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

Josh Edwards

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Children's Response

ELW 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

v. 1

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Raquel Krach

[Camera- Lectern Center (8)]

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.]]
- ³ Strengthen the weak hands
and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

O Come, Emmanuel

Elaine Hagenberg (ASCAP)

FLC Sanctuary Choir and Kim Bruder, *cello*

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Please stand now for the reading of the gospel.

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gospel Acclamation

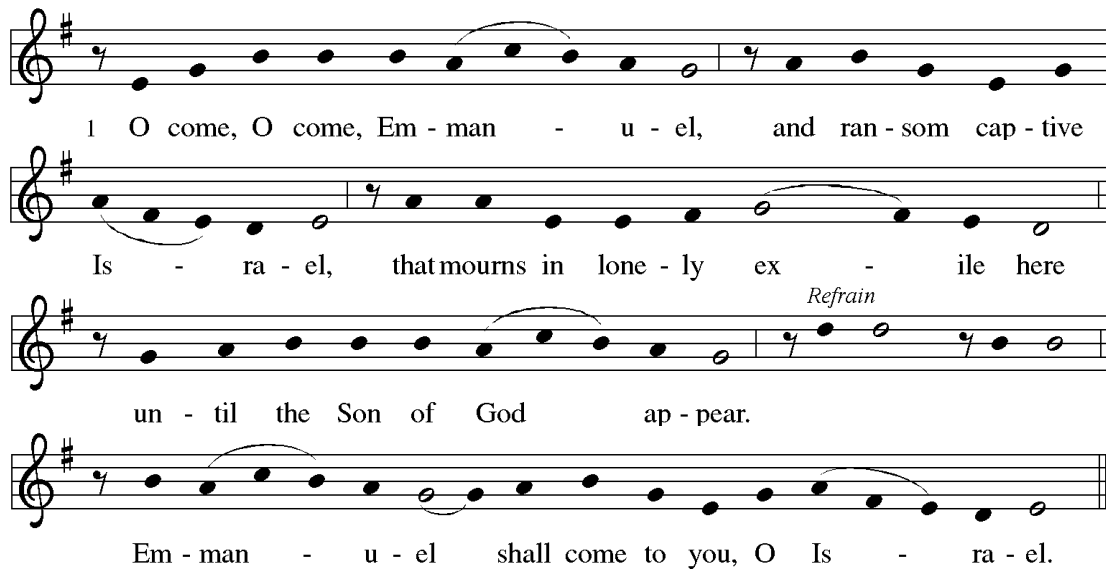
ELW 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

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Congregation stands before the gospel acclamation.



Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims the gospel.

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴ Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Hymn of the Day

ELW 248 People, Look East

Text: Eleanor E. Farjeon, 1881-1965

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People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Prayers of Intercession

Tod Kimmelshue

Response: ELW 262 Wait for the Lord

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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[Camera- Lectern (8)]

Lead the Prayers of Intercession, Peace, and Welcome from the front center of the assembly.

The ASSISTING MINISTER invites the assembly into prayer.

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Lead us to proclaim the good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you. Give your bold spirit of servant leadership to all who guide the church, especially for our bishops, Yehiel and Jeff.

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

When lands are parched and dry, bring rain and snow; where wilderness is barren, sow seeds of life. Fill the lands with trees that grow, plants that flower, and creatures that thrive, as nature proclaims the wonder of your works.

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

When there is injustice or corruption among nations and leaders, root it out. Turn their attention to inequity and the cries of the poor. Instill a deeper sense of compassion and care in all who govern. Grant fear of the Lord to all in authority that they may govern with wisdom, especially our president, Donald, and our governor, Gavin.

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

When bodies weaken and hearts grow fearful, speak your blessing. *We pray especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

In uncertain times, remind us of the promise spoken to our ancestors in faith.

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

When people are imprisoned or held captive, break the chains and offer release. Strengthen the work of the church in restorative justice, breaking cycles of poverty, and welcoming the immigrant.

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

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

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

As we await your coming, we give thanks for the faithful who have lived and died in faith *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

May their boldness of faith inspire our witness and work.

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

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pr. Ben Colahan

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Welcoming of Visitors

Pr. Ben Colahan

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

In the Bleak Midwinter

Arr. by Mark Longfield

FLC Handbell Choir

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[Camera- Processional (3)]

Great Thanksgiving

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now I invite you to join me in celebrating the mystery of communion, the revelation of Christ physically with us. Please hold your bread and your cup and repeat after me the words that Jesus command us to use in remembrance of him.

**On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
Gave thanks, blessed it, broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Again after supper,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, blessed it
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.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

Remembering him therefore, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

Agnus Dei

ELW Setting 9, p. 201

[Camera- Lectern (8)]



Communion Songs

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, 2014.

[Camera- Processional (3), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Chorus:

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.

Truly our hope is in you,

truly our hope is in you.

O Lord of life, our only hope.

Your radiance shines on all

who look to you in the dark.

Emmanuel come, come light our hearts. Chorus

O joy above all other loves,

in you we find more than enough;

we come as we are,

O heal and restore, come light out hearts.

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.

Truly our hope is in you,

truly our hope is in you,
truly our hope is in you.

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, and Jason Ingram; arr. by Grant Wall; orch. by
Shane Ohlson

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<p>All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let ev'ry nation shout of your fame. Jesus is coming soon.</p> <p>Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our king, we sing "even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."</p> <p>There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true. Jesus is coming soon.</p> <p>Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our king, we sing "even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."</p> <p>So we wait, we wait for you. God, we wait; you're coming soon. So we wait, we wait for you. God, we wait; you're coming soon.</p>	<p>Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our king, we sing,</p> <p>Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our king, we sing,</p> <p>"even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.</p> <p>God, we wait, we wait for you. God, we wait; you're coming soon. So we wait, we wait for you. God, we wait; you're coming soon. God we wait; you're coming soon.</p> <p>Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our king, we sing,</p> <p>Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our king, we sing "even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."</p>
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Prayer after Communion

Tod Kimmelshue

God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God's Work, Our Hands

Pr. Ben Colahan

Sending Song

ELW 723 Canticle of the Turning
v. 1-2, 4

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

Blessing

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Narthex (15)]

The assembly stands. The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Receive God's blessing:

A brief silence is kept.

**May God who comes among us,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.
Amen.**

Dismissal

Tod Kimmelshue

The ASSISTING MINISTER sends the assembly into mission.

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Antiphon: 'Send forth your light'

Christopher Tambling

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

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