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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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First Sunday of Advent



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Gathering Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - No. 257

Vs. 1

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

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 3

O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 4

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Remembrance of Baptism

This Advent we gather together, renewing our baptism.
Creator, guide us in a time of waiting.

We keep watch, waiting for Jesus to return
in the fullness of time.
Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We look to the stars and fig trees,
portents in the heavens.
Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We wait for Christ to come, in the darkness,
in the beauty of night.
Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We wait for Christ to come, in the rain and mist,
renewing creeks, lakes, and seas.
Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We long for the dominion of God to usher in
justice and love.
Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

We who are weary long for comfort and rest.
Come, O Christ, renew our baptism.

Creator, we renew our faith and lead us forth in love.
Amen.

Kyrie With Asperges

Creator, have Mercy - O Christ, have Mercy –
Creator, have mercy - upon us

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Vs.1

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

3 Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD | God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R

5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

17 **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand, the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**

18 And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

19 **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Gospel Reading

…Glory to you, O God
…Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying– No. 436

Vs. 1

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

Vs. 2

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

Vs. 3

Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

Prayers of the People

God in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ
be with you always.
And also with you.

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Offering Song

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts - No. 1078

Vs 1

For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs 2

For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs 3

For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Vs 4

Lord, save us, take pity,
light in our deepest night.
We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

We give thanks to the Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, O God of Hosts,Heav'n and Earth are full of your Glory.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion Songs

Violin solo

Communion Songs

Come Now, O God– No. 902

Vs. 1

Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.
Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.
Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 2

Come, when we squander the freedom you gave us.
Come, break the systems of sin that enslave us.
Come, though we wonder if you can still save us.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 3

Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.
Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.
Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

This Is Christ's Body– No. 967

Vs.1

This is Christ's body, broken and blest.
Feed us with mercy and love. (with mercy and love.)
We are Christ's body, broken and blest.
Heal us and make us one.

Sending Song

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper– No. 901

Vs 1

Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:
seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frostline,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.

Sending Song

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper– No. 901

Vs 2

Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day.
Christ, the morning star of splendor,
gleams within a world grown dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.

Sending Song

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper– No. 901

Vs 3

Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast, hid from view;
Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.

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