

**Clairemont**  
Lutheran Church  
Iglesia Luterana

## Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 7, 2025

**Prelude**     *Wachet Auf* – J. S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Advent Litany**

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

**C: for he has shown favor and redeemed his people.**

P: He has raised up a Savior in the house of his servant David,

**C: as spoken on the lips of his holy prophets of old.**

P: He has shown mercy to us and remembered his holy covenant.

**C: We will serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.**

P: The tender mercy of God will dawn on high and visit us with salvation.

**C: It will shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

P: Christ is coming to guide our feet in the way of peace.

**C: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

**Gathering Hymn**     *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* – ELW 256 (V.1-3)

**Confession and Forgiveness**     *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure. **C: Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: 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.**

P: 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.  
C: Amen.

### **The Kyrie – ELW 157**

*At the end we go directly to Now the Feast*

### **Hymn of Praise**

### **Now the Feast and Celebration – ELW 167**

### **Song O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1) – ELW 257**

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

*Refrain*

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Peace**

The light of peace is in the midst of Advent. In a world where the fragmentation of pieces is more frequent than the wholeness of peace, and hostility of clatter seem to fill every waking moment, this candle brings us again to the longing of our hearts – to our God who says: “Be still and know Peace.”

Song

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 6) – ELW 257***

6 O come, O Day-spring come and cheer,  
 O Sun of jus - tice, now draw near.  
 Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 and death's dark sha-dow put to flight. **Refrain** Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you, **C** and also with you. P Let us pray.

**C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and

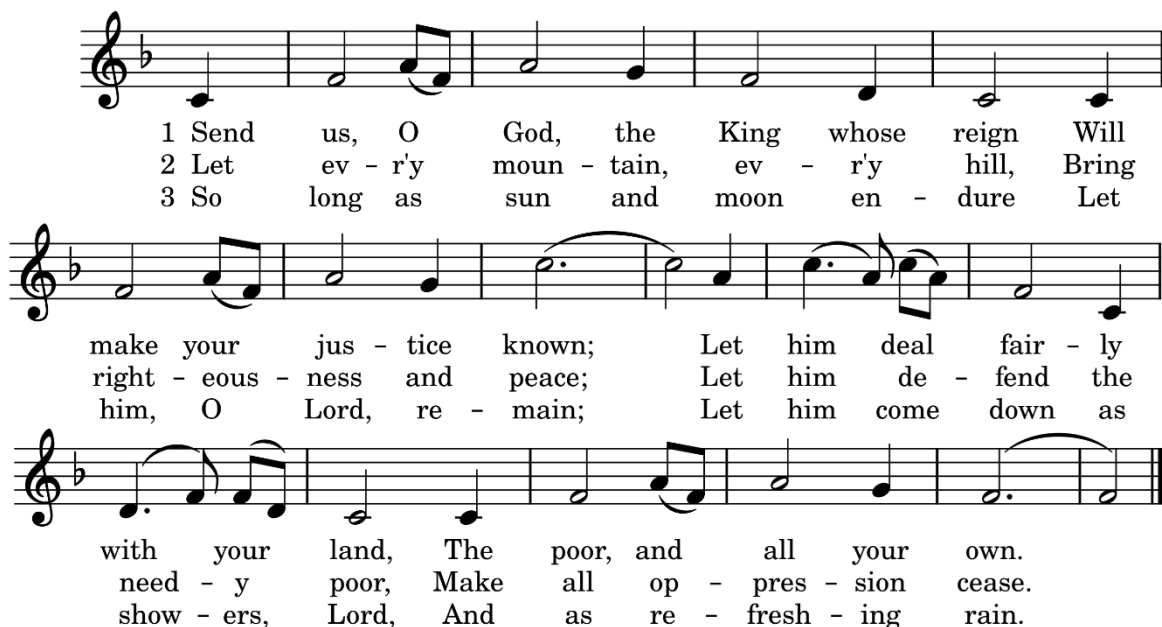
faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 72 – sing ELW 779



1 Send us, O God, the King whose reign Will  
2 Let ev - r'y moun - tain, ev - r'y hill, Bring  
3 So long as sun and moon en - dure Let

make your jus - tice known; Let him deal fair - ly  
right - eous - ness and peace; Let him de - fend the  
him, O Lord, re - main; Let him come down as

with your land, The poor, and all your own.  
need - y poor, Make all op - pres - sion cease.  
show - ers, Lord, And as re - fresh - ing rain.

### Second reading: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of

God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia – (please stand)*

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

You have the words of e-ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia!\_\_\_\_ (Repeat optional)

### Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees;

therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Pastor Manuel Borbón *(please be seated)*

**Anthem:** *A Morning Star Will Rise* – Joseph Martin *Sanctuary Choir*

### ***Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Blessings of the Bibles (Evangelism Team)**

#### **Prayers**

P: 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.*

P: God of Grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

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

### Sharing of the Peace

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

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

### Offering

**Offertory Hymn**      *As the Grains of Wheat* - ELW 465

**The Offering Prayer**      *(please stand)*

**C: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving from *Now the Feast & Celebration*

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The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.. Lift up your

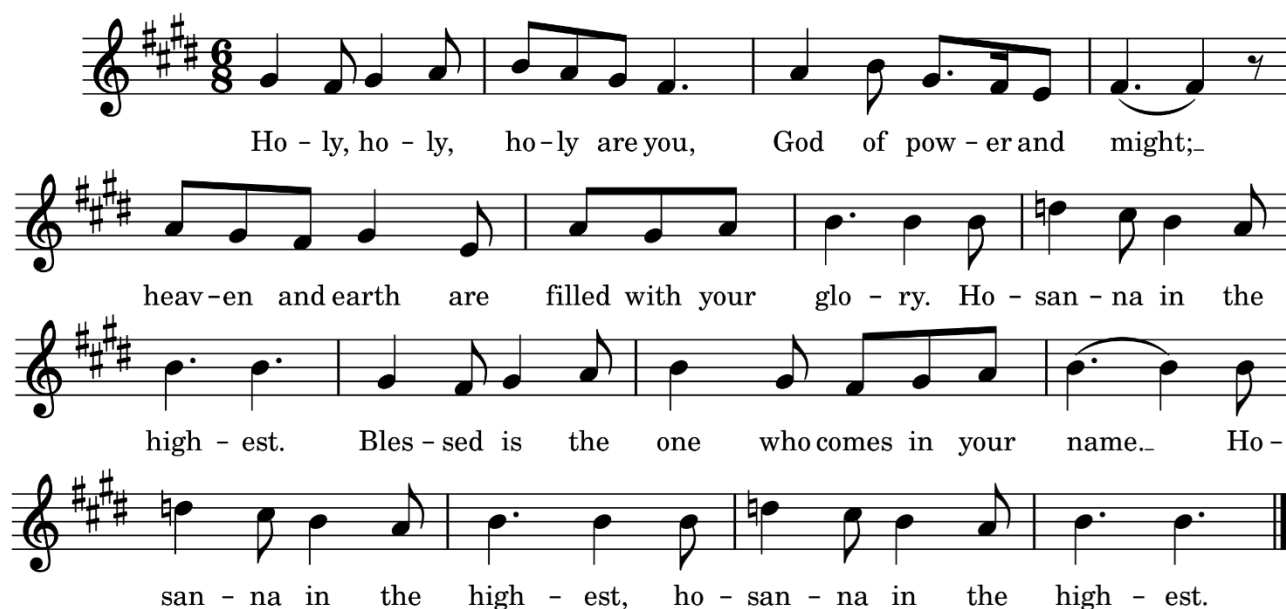
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hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the

Congregation

Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## Sanctus from *Now the Feast & Celebration*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;\_

heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bles - sed is the one who comes in your name... Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, Our Maker, Redeemer and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin has scarred the world you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.



**Presider**

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

**Congregation**

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.



P: On the night of his betrayal... Remembering therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river, to enjoy the Tree of Life. Amen.

Presider

Congregation

A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus. A men. Come, Lord Je-sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus.

P: Send your Spirit upon us and this meal. As grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of Life, your Son.. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider

Congregation

A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it. A men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it. A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it. A men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

### ***Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ***

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the u-ni-ty of the Spir-it, all glo - ry and hon-or is yours, O God, now and for-ev - er.

A men.

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray

### 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.

### Invitation to Communion

*(please be seated)*

**The Agnus Dei**     *Lamb of God* – ELW p. 154

### The Communion of Christ's People

**Communion Voluntary**     *O Come, O Come Emanuel* – Hal H. Hopson

### Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### Prayer after Communion

C: 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.

### Announcement

**Sending Hymn**     *Fling Wide the Door* - ELW 259 (vs.1-4)

### Blessing

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Keep awake. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**     *Con moto maestoso Sonata III in A major* – Felix Mendelssohn

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### **Serving Us Today**

Pastor Manuel Borbón & Pastor Elena Enriquez

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles F. von Gunten

Reader: Lorri Carlsen

Communion: Pam Allen, Harriet Carmona

Welcome Team: Pam Allen, Curtis Cline, Thomas Knepple

Offering Couriers: Heidi Acosta, Teresa Munoz

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen & Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

**All are Welcome!** As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

**FIRST TIME HERE?** Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED** If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

**Remember in Prayer:** Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lee Shigley, Maria Medrano, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Emilie Lauchmen, Renée Shepherd, Bob Logan, Peggy Ritchie, Carol Nicholes, Jack & Jean Shirley, Velta Fox, and all the homebound members.

**Next Week's Lessons:** Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, and the Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11.

**The Zoom studies for the** for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks will resume on Monday, November 24, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. You can contact Bill at [william.h.fredericks@gmail.com](mailto:william.h.fredericks@gmail.com)

**IFS: We are once again hosting here at CLC/ILC!** Our date this season covers three weeks; 31 Jan - 22 Feb 2026. We will need overnight chaperones and cooking teams for each day. Also, we'll need to rebuild our supply of bed sheet and towel sets (16 - 20 each) and have hygiene kits (M/F) ready. If you are willing to provide any part of these needed supplies or can sign up to support with your time to cook or chaperone, or just need further information please see James Acosta at the back of the church after service. Donations to any of the supplies or food are also needed. Please mark your check with IFS Support and make the check payable to CLC. Your time, talent, treasure and prayers are needed and I thank you in advance! Three weeks is a challenge, and we will need all hands!

## ***Come share Christmas Events with us!***

**Sunday, December 7th:** 3p.m Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 14th: Advent 3** -Worship: 09:30 AM (English) | 11:30 AM (Español)

**La Posada:** 5:30pm La Posada commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made.

**Thursday, December 18th:**

Longest Night Service (Grief during the holidays) 7:00 PM (English)

**Christmas Eve Services –**

**Servicio de Adoracion 5:30 PM (Español) | 8:00 PM Worship (English)**

**Charles' Music Notes:** The choral anthem, *A Morning Star will Rise*, is part of the Christmas concert scheduled for the afternoon. The prelude is a classic Advent chorale prelude, “*Wake Up, Calls the Voice*” by J. S. Bach. You might remember Pastor Manuel’s sermon for the first Sunday in Advent, where he advocated we all ‘wake up’ and notice. This is a musical setting of that text. The communion voluntary, *O Come, O Come Emanuel*, is a setting of the *Veni, Veni Emanuel* we sang both last week and this week. The postlude, *Con moto maestoso Sonata III in A major*, is an early romantic work by Felix Mendelssohn.



### **Monday December 8**

12:30pm Patience Bible study

4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom

5:30-6:30pm Glee Choir,

6:30-7:30pm Esperanza Youth Choir,

7:30-9pm Sanctuary Choir

### **Tuesday December 9**

4:30pm Evangelism Team

6:30pm Executive Team

7:15pm Council meeting

### **Thursday December 11**

10:00am Ruths Bible study

### **Friday December 12**

8am-12pm Food Distribution

1:00pm Bunco

### **Saturday December 13**

10:00am Bible giveaway



Please return the completed form with dedication **PRINTED LEGIBLY**  
to the church office by Wednesday December 14th

Poinsettia donation is \$15.00. \_\_\_\_  
Gifts of music of any amount are welcome. \_\_\_\_  
Whatever is needed. \_\_\_\_

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Poinsettias may be picked up on December 26th.





Join us Sunday Dec. 7th, 2025 3:00pm

Clairemont Lutheran Church Adult and Children's Choirs  
and Guests Tell the Story of Christmas in Drama and Song

Featuring  
Joe Martin's "Rhapsody in Bluegrass"



And other songs, including Carol of the  
Bells, Happy Birthday Jesus, I Will Shine  
The Rose, Christmas Lullaby, The  
World's Smallest Shepherd, I'll Give My  
Love, and A Bumpy Camel Ride!



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