

Clairemont  
Lutheran Church  
Iglesia Luterana

## Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 10, 2023

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hal Hopson

Welcome and a moment of silence

Gathering Hymn

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness* – ELW 255

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -  
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high - way, a high - way for our God!  
peo - ple the com - ing of their king.  
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.

The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like  
Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the

loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
lamb so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

plac - es where God, our God, may go!  
na - tions shall and pass like a dream a - way.  
lead them, and bring them to your fold.

## The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Everlasting God,

**C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

**C Amen**

## Song O Come, O come, Emmanuel (vs. 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-joice! Re-joice!

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

### Advent Litany

P At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**C prepare us for your coming.**

P We gather together to get ready for what? Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

**C prepare us for your coming.**

P We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth,  
and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel,

**C prepare us for your coming.**

P We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus,  
asking him to sort through all our mixed motives. O Emmanuel,

**C prepare us for your coming.**

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings  
warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope. **C Amen.**

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "6 O come, O Day-spring come and cheer,". The second staff continues: "O Sun of jus - tice, now draw near." The third staff: "Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,". The fourth staff: "and death's dark sha-dow put to flight. Re-joice! Re-joice!". The fifth staff: "Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el." The score ends with a double bar line.

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. 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.

**Lesson:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Reader:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God

**Psalm**

**Psalm 85 (sing to ELW 883)**

You bless'd your land, O most high Lord,  
To ev - ry - one who wor - ships him  
Mer - cy and truth at last have met,  
The Lord will grant pro - sper - it - y,

Re - stor'd Ja - cob's pro - sper - i - ty;  
His sav - ing help is ve - ry near;  
Jus - tice and peace are re - con - ciled;  
Our land will yield its full in - crease;

You re - mov'd all your peo - ple's guilt,  
His pur - pose is that in our land  
Truth has a - ris - en from the earth,  
Jus - tice shall go be - fore the Lord,

Par - don'd all our in - i - qui - ty.  
His ra - diant glo - ry may ap - pear.  
Jus - tice looked down from heav'n and smiled.  
The path - way for his feet is peace.

**Lesson:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Reader:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation**     *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go? – W&P 7*



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



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord***

*Response after the conclusion of the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

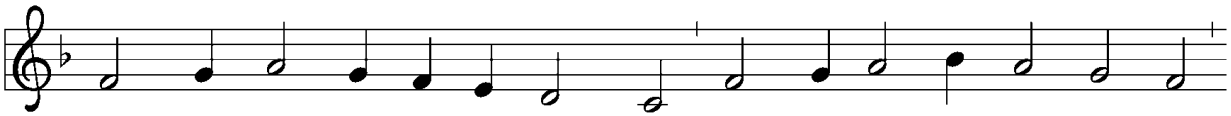
**Sermon**

*Pastor Cyndi Jones*

**Hymn of the Day      *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* – ELW 256**



- 1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
- 2 For the her-ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

**Apostles' Creed**

**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 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.**

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

P With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

*After each portion of the prayers*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**Congregation: receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **C Amen.**

**You are invited to come forward to offer your Time,  
Talent and Treasure Commitment to God.**

### 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. Please remain in your pews*

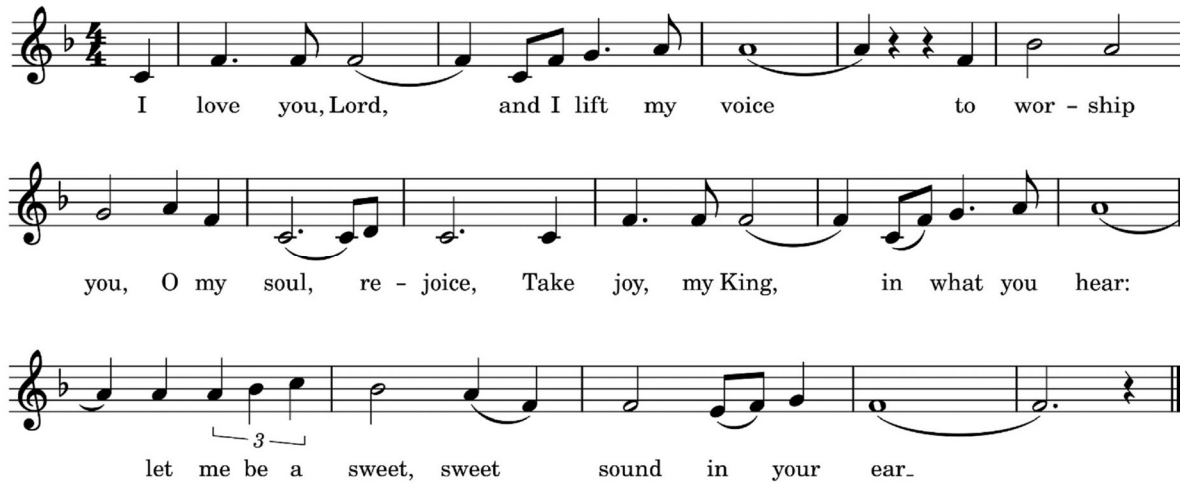
**Anthem**

*Every Valley* John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir

## Offertory Song

### *I Love You, Lord – W&P 67*



The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship". The second staff contains: "you, O my soul, re - jice, Take joy, my King, in what you hear:". The third staff contains: "let me be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear\_". There is a triplet of eighth notes under the word "sweet" in the third staff.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship

you, O my soul, re - jice, Take joy, my King, in what you hear:

let me be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear\_

## The Offering Prayer

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth.

Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you!

**C** And also with you!

**P** Lift up your hearts!

**C** We lift them up to the Lord!

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise!

## Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

### 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

**Distribution of Communion** we ask you to come to communion on the center aisle and return to your seat on the side aisle.



## Communion Hymn

*All Earth Is Hopeful – ELW 266*

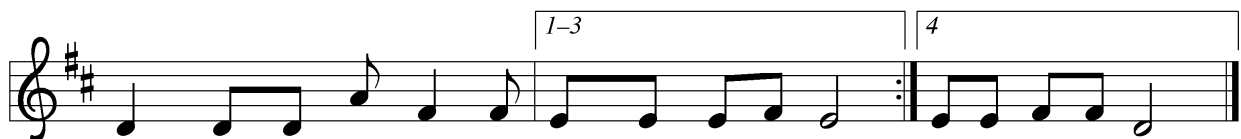
*To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor*  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



*y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el*  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



*mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -*  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



*cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.*  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

**Prayer after Communion**

P Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**Announcements****Blessing**

P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✝ remain upon you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**Soon and Very Soon – ELW 439**



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
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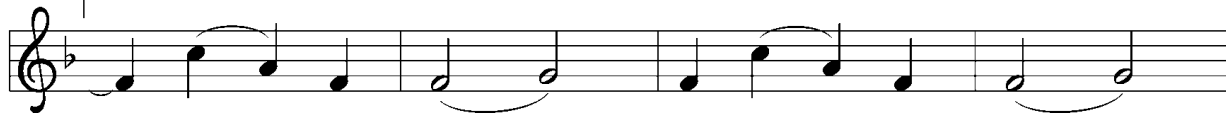


soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace. Keep awake.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**Serving Us Today**

Pastor Cyndi Jones

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles von Gunten

Reader: Arlene Riordon

Communion Assistants: Bev Covey, Pam Allen, Gary Lange

Welcome Team: Sandra Logan, Gary Lange, Kevin Collins

Offering Couriers: Lewis John TenHulzen and Harriet Carmona

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 6. Patience.

**Remember in Prayer:** Gaby Oregon, Myra Brandt, Julie Stivers, Elaine Erickson, Sandy McCauley, Bev Covey, Adrienne Lenhoff, Lauren Wolfe, Rebeca Hill, Barb Coolong, Stella Penyack, Betty Black, Gerald Flax, Deanna Belter, Mark Nickel, Emilie Lauchmen, Grace Holtz, Dan & Mary Brown, Linda Wolfenden, Kim Barnes, Joanne Miller, Christen Kyle, Jack Volkmann, Carole Leavengood, Ruth Andersen, Lizzy, Israel, Nicole, Sofia, River, Sue Brennecke, Elizabeth Cordial, Kathy Farrington, Dolores Russell, , Bob Maske, Frank Nixon and Jeff Archer .

**Lecturn Flowers are given to the Glory of God by** the Allen family in celebration of Phillip's Birthday and Blessings to Clairemont Lutheran Church.

**Soup and Sanctuary** Soup and Sanctuary on Dec 13, at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy some food and conversation!

**Next Week's Lessons:** Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> is **Lessons and Carols**. Come and enjoy!

**AgeWell Services (AWS) Annual Craft Fair**

Saturday, Dec.16th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Balboa Park, Casa de Prado Patios A, B, and Room 101

Harriet Carmona will be participating at the fair with her homemade “microwave bowls”, which you may have seen at our own Piece and Sew Fundraiser in October. If you want to carpool to this event, please contact Janet W. at: janmich6@aol.com or 858-334-8017.

**Thrivent Action cards needed!** We have many activities we can use them for before the end of the year. Contact the office if you would like to help out. Thank you!

**Africa Empowering children:** Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in high school, for food and boarding. All the donations will help make their Christmas meal a joyful one. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.



## Christmas Pointtsetia and Music dedications

Order forms are in the Narthex. Please fill out and return to the office  
by December 17th. Thank you!

**Music Notes:** The choral anthem is by a contemporary composer and is a widely performed setting of the text from Isaiah 4:4,5. The prelude is a setting of the Advent tune with which we started last week's, and this week's, services. The hymn has its origins in monastic life in Europe in the 8th and 9th centuries. The postlude is the closing movement of the sonata for which Charles played the first movement a few weeks ago. The 3 voices (each hand and the feet in the pedal) are independent, yet mesh into a beautiful whole. The two sections are in some ways 'mirror' images of each other—just one example of Bach's mastery of the mathematics of composition.

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Week of December 10, 2023

## ● SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. in English

11:30 a.m. en Español

## ● ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch LIVE during worship times on [clairemontlc.org](http://clairemontlc.org) or on YouTube.

## ● NEED TO CATCH UP?

Watch past sermons or worship gatherings on our website any time by going to the Faith Opportunities tab. An archive is also available on our YouTube channel.

## ● SOCIAL MEDIA



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## ● GIVING

We appreciate support of our ministries. Did you know that you can also give online? Click on the Home tab on our website, then click on Give to the Church.

## ● 12-Step Meetings

We have several 12 step meetings hosted in Luther Hall weekly. This is an important part of being a neighborhood church. We are glad we are able to help.

Monday, 1pm - AA, 8pm- AA /Tues., 1pm -

AA, 7pm Al-Anon

Thursday & Friday, 1pm - AA

Friday, 6pm - Al-Anon

Saturday, 7am - SA



## ON LINE & IN PERSON GATHERINGS

### Monday December 11

12:30pm Patience bible study

4:15pm Cherubs

4:00pm Gospel study on zoom

5:00pm Glee choir

6:00pm Esperanza youth choir

7:30pm Sanctuary choir

### Tuesday December 12

6:30pm Executive team

7:15pm Council meeting

### Wednesday December 13

6:00pm Soup and Sanctuary

### Thursday December 14

10:00am Ruth's bible study

### Friday December 15

11:30am Food distribution

### Saturday December 16

9:30 Handbell rehearsal

10-12pm choir practice

### Sunday December 17

9:30am Lessons & Carols

5:30pm Posada

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# VIVALDI GLORIA

Presenting the entire masterwork of Vivaldi's Gloria with orchestra

Clairemont Lutheran Church Sanctuary Choir

Soloists: Giselle Mendoza, Zineb Fikri, and Bonita Martinez

Followed By

Children's Choir Christmas Pageant with carol singing

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**3:00pm**

Freewill offering helps support the adult and children's choir program

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