



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. James Biery

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates” [LW 24, v. 1-2, 4-5]

## OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: We light the fourth Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God’s promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father’s love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

C: **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

P: Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: “Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

C: **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.**

P: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

C: **They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P: For with You is the fountain of life;

C: **in Your light do we see light.”**

## RESPONSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [LW 31, v. 6]

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

**C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

**C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to be born in our flesh, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

**C: stir up Your might and come to save us!**

P: Restore us, O God;

**C: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

**C: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [LW 22, v. 2]**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4 [ESV]**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **ALLELUIA VERSE**

R: Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

**C: Because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor Alleluia!**

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:16-21 [ESV]

R: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke:

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## STATEMENT of FAITH *from the Gospel of John*

R: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

**C: All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

R: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

R: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

**C: He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.**

R: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

**C: Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

R: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**C: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

## HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” [LW 82]

## SERMON “PROPHECY FULFILLED”

### OFFERING CONNECT

### OFFERTORY

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. Molly Ijames

*Piano Duet*

### PRAYERS of the CHURCH

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

### WORDS of INSTITUTION

#### THE PEACE

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Please remain standing for the Agnus Dei.*

### AGNUS DEI

**O Christ, the holy Lamb of God,  
Who takes away the whole world’s sin,  
Have mercy on us now, we pray,  
And grant Your heav’nly peace within.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head”

“Some Children See Him”

arr. Winston

arr. Winston

*Piano*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Christmas Eve Worship:**
  - **December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm**
  - **December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm | 5pm | 7pm**

*December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm & December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm will be available in-person & online.*

*All other events and opportunities may be found on our website at [www.peacechurch.org](http://www.peacechurch.org)*

## BENEDICTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**Lord, let Your servant go in peace,  
Your Word fulfilled within my sight.**

**Salvation comes for all to see.**

**For Israel, glory; Gentiles, light.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, with them one,**

**As was in the beginning, now,**

**And as the endless ages run.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## POSTLUDE

“Postlude on ‘GLORIA’”

arr. Jason Payne

*Organ*



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