

Communion
Hymn No. 257
Hymn No. 471

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

L: 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.

Closing Hymn No. 267

“Joy to the World”

Dismissal

L: Go in Peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel..

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



4th Week of Advent Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary.

4:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service w/ Praise Band in Celebration Center

7:00 p.m. - Traditional with Recorded Music in the Sanctuary

11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary

First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC November 30 & December 1, 2024

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Educational Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

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## Welcome to Worship



1st Sunday in Advent - November 30 & December 1, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace

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.

Advent Candle Lighting

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

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L: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

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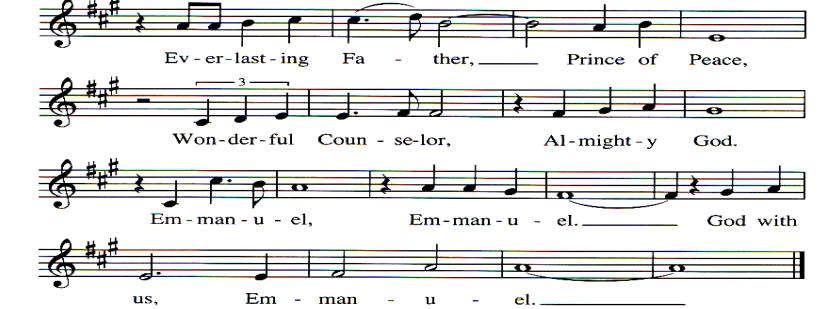
L: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Congregation: JOEL RANEY



Prayer

L: Gracious Lord, we thank you for being our Wonderful Counselor. As we begin our Advent journey, help us to know the abiding hope that comes from knowing you. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 770

“Give Me Jesus”

Greeting

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.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Confession

L: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

C: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16 — Page 645

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 — Page 960

Third Reading

Luke 21:25-36 — Pages 856-857

Hymn No. 254

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

by Pastor Chad Power

Hymn No. 439

“Soon and Very Soon”

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C: 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 and apostolic 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.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

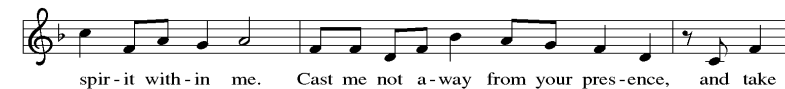
Offering

Offering Hymn No. 186

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



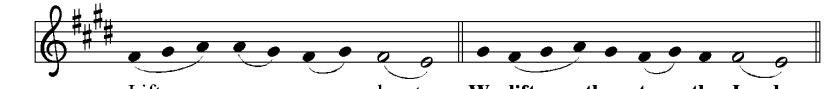
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

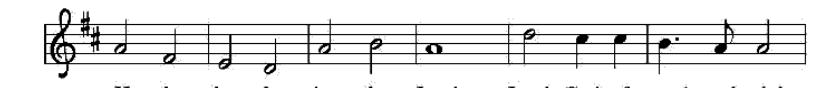


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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.