

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.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn No. 257 (vs 1, 3, 7, 8) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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

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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:

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Micah 5:1-4 — Page 756

Psalm 96:7-13 — Pages 479-480

Ephesians 1:3-10 — Page 949

The Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-14 — Pages 832-833

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

"Away in a Manger"

Becky Mohling

Hymn No. 277

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn No. 279

Pastors Joel Remmers and Chad Power

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Apostles' Creed

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C: 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 he 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.

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Response

"Create Me a Clean Heart"

Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn (WOW) See Insert "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

4th Week of Advent Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Wednesday, 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 Service w/ Communion in the Sanctuary

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

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Connections 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



3rd Sunday in Advent Saturday, December 13, 2025

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 Prince of Peace.

C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of conflict, we look to the One who brings harmony.

C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of confusion, we look to the One who brings clarity.

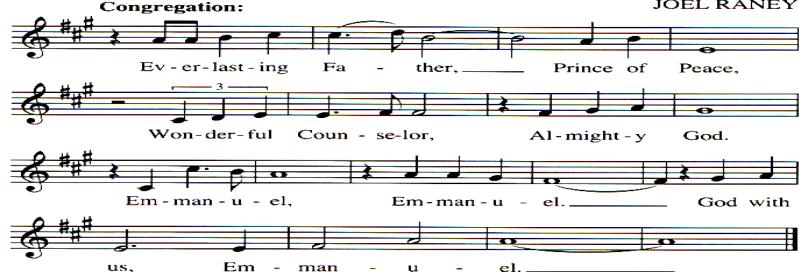
C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of division, we look to the One who brings unity.

C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.

L: In the midst of separation, we look to the One who restores the broken.

C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.



Prayer

L: Gracious Lord, as we continue our Advent journey, we acknowledge that our surroundings are often far from peaceful. By your Spirit, help us to be agents of peace in the world around us. Throughout this season continue to fill us with peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.