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2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8th 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*(Veni Emmanuel)*

Phil Lehenbauer

\*Call to Worship:

One**:** Listen! Do you hear what I hear?

**All: The Word of the Lord is calling us.**

One: Prepare the way; every valley, every mountain—listen!

**All: The Advent of God is at hand; behold, Emmanuel—God with us—comes!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** 211 O *Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,

and order all things far and nigh;

to us the path of knowledge show

and cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,

an ensign of thy people be;

before thee rulers silent fall;

all peoples on thy mercy call.

Refrain

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer

our spirits by thy justice here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

Advent Candle Lighting: Wendy West and Freida Wright

Reader 1: As hope sets us on our way, an ancient prayer we offer up.

Reader 2: The prayer for peace. That the work of our hands, our hearts, and our words might bring and build peace.

Reader 1: You come to us as the Prince of Peace; offering us peace surpassing understanding; you name your children peacemakers.

Reader 2: As we light this candle, remind us that light, like peace shines through the darkness. Let us live into our name as your people of peace. Amen.

*Lighting the Candle of Peace*

**Advent Hymn:** 198*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*MORNING SONG

From age to age, to all who fear,

such mercy love imparts,

dispensing justice far and near,

dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones,

promotes the insecure,

leaves hungry spirits satisfied,

the rich seem suddenly poor.

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
    for he has looked favorably on his

people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
    in the house of his child David,

as he spoke through the mouth

of his holy prophets from of old,  
 that we would be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy

promised to our ancestors  
    and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant usthat we, being rescued

from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,

in holiness and righteousness  
    in his presence all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give his people knowledge of salvation  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
    the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to shine upon those who sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death,  
    to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Children’s Moment

Music of Preparation *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Dan Forrest

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:59-66 and 3:1-6

Sermon Joy in the Journey:

The promises we raise Pastor Beth Rambikur

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

God who calls us by our name, in this season of preparation, we confess that we are not always ready to welcome you. You come at inconvenient times, challenging us to change. Instead, we cling to what we know. Yet, in your grace, you call us into the wilderness places where transformation waits. Remind us, hope changes everything. Use us as your peacemakers so that we might make the rough places smooth and the crooked paths straight. Amen

Pastor: Hear the Good News: God with us, Emanuel, has come to dwell renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen

Lord’s Prayer

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. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offering

Offertory *The Jesus Gift*

Martin/Boud

Grant Lange, flugelhorn

\*Doxology 70 *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn**  209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* MERLE'S TUNE

1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,

who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;

God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.

Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,

the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,

to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

**\*Benediction** 431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment

and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude *Deck the Halls*

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Grant Lange, trumpet

Liturgist: Tobin Sidles

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Golf Cart Driver: Michael Edwards

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“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

Words: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 (Lk. 1:46b-55)

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Words: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

“Blessed Be The God of Isreal

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