



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**10 AM Worship Service, December 22, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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## THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

### **Prelude\***

My Soul Magnifies the Lord  
Chris Tomlin  
CCLI 5601671

### **Welcome**

*Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church!  
You can find bulletins and ways to give online at [elcvienna.org](http://elcvienna.org). We invite newcomers to our welcome table outside the sanctuary after worship.*

### **Invocation**

Pastor: In this holy season of Advent, we are gathered in the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### **Gathering Song\***

Prepare Ye The Way

Chorus

Prepare ye the way  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Prepare ye the way  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse

Yeshua You reign on high  
You reign on high  
Almighty God Your love is like no other  
(REPEAT)

Interlude

Your love is like no other yeah

Ending

Prepare ye the way  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Michael W. Smith. CCLI Song #5286041.

## GOD'S WORD CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP

### Micah 5:2-5a

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Micah, chapter five.

Reader:

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews, chapter ten.

Reader:

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in  
sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are  
offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “See, I have come to do your  
will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God’s  
will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus  
Christ once for all.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Special Music\***

Mary Did You Know

Verse 1

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has come to make you new  
This Child that you delivered  
Will soon deliver you

Verse 2

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would give sight to the blind man  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would calm a storm with His hand  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod  
And when you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God  
Oh Mary did you know

Interlude

Ooh Mary did you know ooh ooh

Bridge

The blind will see  
The deaf will hear  
The dead will live again  
The lame will leap  
The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb

Verse 3

Oh Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb  
And the sleeping Child you're holding  
Is the great I Am  
Oh Mary oh

Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry. CCLI Song #839225.

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

*Children are invited forward for the lighting of the Advent candles.  
Afterward, Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel and  
will return to the sanctuary after the message.*

Pastor: Gracious God, give us your love. Where your children are hurt, sick, lonely and afraid—Lord, bless your people with your love. As we light this candle and watch for Messiah, we pray for the coming of your Son and the love he bears from you for your world.

**ALL: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

### **Advent Gospel Acclamation\***

Christ, Be Our Light  
ELW 715 (Chorus)

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957. One License 30148184.

### **Gospel Luke 1:39-46-55**

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Luke, the third chapter.

## **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor:

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

<sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Message**

"Blessed" based upon Luke 1 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

## Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
ELW 254

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.
  
- 2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Public domain.

## Apostle's Creed

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**All: 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

Leader: God of hope, send forth your faithful people with words of promise and forgiveness, revealing your good news in word and in deed. Merciful God,  
**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: God of creation, reveal your majesty in mountain peaks, flowing rivers, and blossoming wilderness roads. Heal the earth where it longs for renewal. Merciful God,  
**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: God of peace, increase cooperation for justice between countries, commonwealths, political parties, and diplomatic leaders. Merciful God,  
**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: God of love, comfort your children in need. We pray for... Merciful God,  
**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: God of encouragement, grant holy patience to all who are waiting this season: those seeking employment, awaiting new diagnoses or treatments, expectant parents, and those who keep bedside vigil. Merciful God,  
**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: God of life, bless the memory of the saints from ages past. Inspire us to live with faith as we await your new heaven and new earth. Merciful God,  
**All: receive our prayer.**

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

## **Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Lord be with you always!

**All: And Also with you.**

Leader: Let us share signs of peace.



## Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at [www.elcvienna.org/give](http://www.elcvienna.org/give) or mailed to the church. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters!

## Offering Music

"Coventry Carol" sung by Larry Lilly, Bob Thomas, Ron Baker, & Kurt Hayes.

### THE LORD'S MEAL GIVES US GRACE AND LIFE

## Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Setting 3)

S 144a

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: "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.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

*The Preface portion of the Great Thanksgiving follows and is chanted by the presiding pastor.*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
 al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
 and by his glorious resur - rec - tion  
 opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## Sanctus

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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."

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

**The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: 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.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the children of God—come, all are welcome!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Communion Instructions**

*All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.*

### **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, Setting 4

ELW S 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Communion Music**

"Lo How A Rose Ere Blooming" Larry Lilly, Bob Thomas, Ron Baker, & Kurt Hayes. Onelicense.net 30114029

"I Wonder as I Wander" by John Jacob Niles. One License 2056M.

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP**

### **Invitation to Ministry**

*As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.*

### **Blessing**

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Spirit bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

Unexpected and Mysterious  
ELW 258 (to the tune of Ode to Joy, ELW 836)

1        Unexpected and mysterious  
is the gentle word of grace.  
Everloving and sustaining  
is the peace of God's embrace.  
If we falter in our courage  
and we doubt what we have known,  
God is faithful to console us  
as a mother tends her own.

2        In a momentary meeting  
of eternity and time,  
Mary learned that she would carry  
both the mortal and divine.  
Then she learned of God's compassion,  
of Elizabeth's great joy,  
and she ran to greet the woman  
who would recognize her boy.

3        We are called to ponder myst'ry  
and await the coming Christ,

to embody God's compassion  
for each fragile human life.  
God is with us in our longing  
to bring healing to the earth,  
while we watch with joy and wonder  
for the promised Savior's birth.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961. One License 01369.

## **Sending**

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

"Paeon" by Gordon Young. One License 207105.

**Thank you so much for worshipping with us!**

## **Our Mission and Vision**

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

## **Our Welcome Statement**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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