

Gathering Rite

The Advent Gathering Song is written in the spirit of Taizé, with a refrain sung continuously by the congregation as the choir sings superimposed verses.

ADVENT GATHERING SONG

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Choir: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

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Choir: By the light of his glory we

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: God has done great things, so

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Reap the harvest of justice, and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Oh make ready his way, and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Clear a path, for soon he will

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: All shall see God's salvation and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

The music continues softly as we speak the invocation, confession, absolution and prayer of the day.

Stand

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

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Our mission is to
Glorify God
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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

As the music grows louder the congregation again sings the refrain continuously as the choir sings the superimposed verses.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

M: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: We remember Jesus who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Two Advent candles are lit.

Be Seated

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER

M: Dear people of God:

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child, Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his people in our country and in this place.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and the little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**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.**

M: The almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and may the King of angels bring us all to the fellowship of the citizens above.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Genesis 3:1-24

Adam and Eve disobey God and are banished from the Garden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all the livestock
and all the wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman he said,

“I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing;
with pain you will give birth to children.

Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’

“Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat of it
all the days of your life.

It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return.”

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would
become the mother of all the living.

Hymn 396

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and
his wife and clothed them. And the LORD God said, “The
man has now become like one of us, knowing good and
evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and
take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”
So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden
to work the ground from which he had been taken. After
he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the
Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing
back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

In Adam We Have All Been One

Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and urges them to prepare for their redemption

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling:
“In the desert prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the wilderness
a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all mankind together will see it.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

Hymn 11

“All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.”

You who bring good tidings to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and his arm rules for him.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.
He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

Comfort, Comfort All My People

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God promises a new covenant to be written in the hearts of his people

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant
I made with their forefathers
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.
“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

Hymn 27

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
No longer will a man teach his neighbor,
or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.
“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are

Isaiah 64:1-9a

God is called upon to come among us and deliver us from our iniquities

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
 that the mountains would tremble before you!
 As when fire sets twigs ablaze
 and causes water to boil,
 come down to make your name known to your enemies
 and cause the nations to quake before you!
 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
 you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
 Since ancient times no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived,
 no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
 You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
 who remember your ways.
 But when we continued to sin against them,

you were angry.
 How then can we be saved?
 All of us have become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
 we all shrivel up like a leaf,
 and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
 No one calls on your name
 or strives to lay hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us
 and made us waste away because of our sins.
 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.
 We are the clay, you are the potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
 Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD;
 do not remember our sins forever.

Hymn 22

*O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide***Isaiah 35:1-10**

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
 the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
 Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
 it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
 The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
 the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
 they will see the glory of the LORD,
 the splendor of our God.
 Strengthen the feeble hands,
 steady the knees that give way;
 say to those with fearful hearts,
 "Be strong, do not fear;
 your God will come,
 he will come with vengeance;
 with divine retribution
 he will come to save you."
 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
 Then will the lame leap like a deer,
 and the mute tongue shout for joy.

God will prepare a way in the wilderness for his people

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
 and streams in the desert.
 The burning sand will become a pool,
 the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
 In the haunts where jackals once lay,
 grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
 And a highway will be there;
 it will be called the Way of Holiness.
 The unclean will not journey on it;
 it will be for those who walk in that Way;
 wicked fools will not go about on it.^[a]
 No lion will be there,
 nor will any ferocious beast get up on it;
 they will not be found there.
 But only the redeemed will walk there,
 and the ransomed of the LORD will return.
 They will enter Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy will crown their heads.
 Gladness and joy will overtake them,
 and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Hymn 13

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying***Micah 5:2-4**

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 though you are small among the clans of Judah,
 out of you will come for me
 one who will be ruler over Israel,
 whose origins are from of old,
 from ancient times."
 Therefore Israel will be abandoned
 until the time when she who is in labor gives birth

The one who shall be ruler of Israel will be born in Bethlehem

and the rest of his brothers return
 to join the Israelites.
 He will stand and shepherd his flock
 in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
 And they will live securely, for then his greatness
 will reach to the ends of the earth.

Hymn 4

Lift Up Your Heads

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
 from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
 the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
 the Spirit of counsel and of power,
 the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—
 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
 or decide by what he hears with his ears;
 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
 with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
 He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
 with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
 Righteousness will be his belt
 and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Hymn 18

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sing, O Daughter of Zion;
 shout aloud, O Israel!
 Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
 O Daughter of Jerusalem!
 The LORD has taken away your punishment,
 he has turned back your enemy.
 The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
 never again will you fear any harm.
 On that day they will say to Jerusalem,
 “Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands hang limp.

Hymn 93

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!
 Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
 See, your king comes to you,
 righteous and having salvation,
 gentle and riding on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
 and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
 and the battle bow will be broken.

Hymn 1

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER

M: O God, you make us glad with the expectation of the coming of your one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who with joy receive him as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he

The Branch of Jesse shall come with righteousness to save

The wolf will live with the lamb,
 the leopard will lie down with the goat,
 the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
 and a little child will lead them.
 The cow will feed with the bear,
 their young will lie down together,
 and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra,
 and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest.
 They will neither harm nor destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
 as the waters cover the sea.

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You***The Lord takes away his judgment against his people**

The LORD your God is with you,
 he is mighty to save.
 He will take great delight in you,
 he will quiet you with his love,
 he will rejoice over you with singing.”
 “The sorrows for the appointed feasts
 I will remove from you;
 they are a burden and a reproach to you.

*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed***The King comes, humble and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey**

He will proclaim peace to the nations.
 His rule will extend from sea to sea
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.
 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
 I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
 Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope;
 even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

The Advent of Our King

shall come to be our Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son (†), and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Hymn 6

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

This service is an adaptation of the Advent Carol Service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England.

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 323 (26, 307) **Communion:** 206 (15, 191) **Bible Class:** 113 (1, 21, 29, 20, 15, 15, 12) **Youth Study:** 19

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Advent Worship <i>Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship <i>Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!</i>
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Band
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, Habakkuk church

Thank You to Rick Muchka for leading us in worship this morning. Pastor Ott is in South Dakota. He will return Wednesday morning.

Sunday Bible Study will not meet this evening. Next week we will look at the book of Habakkuk. Read through the book, find the historical background and context of the book and come with any questions or comments you found in your reading. Join us at 7:00 p.m.!

Tuesday Bible Class will not meet this week.

Midweek Advent Worship is at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please note the time change for the evening service. There will be no soup suppers this Advent. Our theme is, *Hark The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!* This week we see that "He comes to those caught in sin."

New Life in Christ Class will meet on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. this week. We will look at the Christian and Prayer.

Adult Christ Light Bible Class will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Bible Study room in the church basement. In this class we will look at Bible Stories from the New Testament. Join us and bring the family!

Communion will be a part of worship next Sunday.

Choir & Band Concert will be on Sunday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. If you are able, please bring finger food to share with others in the basement after worship. Thank you!

Poinsettias There is a sign up sheet in the basement for purchasing the poinsettias that are in the front of church. The cost

is \$7. The money above the cost of the plants is used by the worship committee for its various projects to enhance our worship life

Church Cookbooks are available every Sunday in the library in the church basement from now until Christmas. They make great gifts!

4th annual **Men of His Word Conference** will be at the Oshkosh Convention Center on Saturday, February 16, 2013. registration will be online at www.menofhisword.org starting on November 1.

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