



Advent 4

December 22, 2013

God will come to save his people, just as he promised. He saves them through the virgin born Son of David who is also the Son of God, Immanuel. The Church prays for God to come in power to take away the burden of our sins. Since the Garden, there has been only one promised plan to do that: God would take on flesh and blood. Immanuel comes—God in the flesh—exactly as promised to save his people.



Preservice Music (10:30 a.m.)

Band

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Joy to the World (alto sax)
Cradle Song (flute)
Angels We Have Heard on High (low brass)
O Come All Ye Faithful (clarinet)
Silent Night (trumpet)
The Three O's of Christmas
In Excelsis Deo
Joyful and Triumphant



Gathering Rite

Music chosen for the seasons of the church year has the capacity to set the tone for a particular celebration. This year during the Sundays of Advent we will use the Advent Gathering Song as our Gathering Rite to set a tone of expectant preparation for Christ's coming. The Advent Gathering Song is written in the spirit of Taizé, with a refrain sung continuously by the congregation as the choir sings the verses.



ADVENT GATHERING SONG

Gently *mp* James J. Chepponis

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

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Choir: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

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Choir: May the ruler of Israel

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: He will shepherd his flock and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Let us turn to the Lord and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: By the will of God he has

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: For the son of Mary will

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people

Grow
in the
Gospel
and
Go
with the
Gospel



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.



Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Trust the word of the Lord 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.



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 your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father 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 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 four Advent candles, remembering Jesus the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.



C: We remember Jesus whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.

M: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

C: We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

Four Advent candles are lit.



BE SEATED

First Lesson:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Such grace that God would even speak to a wicked king like Ahaz! What God said is even more surprising. He didn't just promise deliverance and ask that Ahaz blindly trust him. God offered a sign to an unbelieving king to prove that he would keep his promise and save his people. How foolish of Ahaz to refuse! How sinful to make a pretense of piety! God, however, would let no sinful king stand in the way of deliverance for his people. So God chose the sign. Not merely a sign of Judah's physical safety, God chose a sign that would prophesy the deliverance of the whole world from sin and death. A virgin would give birth to God in the flesh for the salvation of his people. In Christ Jesus, God kept every promise made.

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."

¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.(NIV)



Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 24 (p. 73 of CW)

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

After thousands of years of God's promises, Paul looks back and sees every one of them kept in Christ. All of Scripture promised the gospel message summarized in the name: Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus, the man born of Mary, is also our Lord, God himself. This God-man was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power to be the Christ who would save God's people from their sins. Any doubts about Jesus of Nazareth evaporated with the Easter morning dew: the resurrection declared to the world he was Immanuel, God with us. God kept every promise in Christ to give us what we so desperately needed: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.



Verse of the Day (sung)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written they we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



STAND

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph found himself in the middle of an unwelcome nightmare: his bride to be was pregnant, and he was not the father. As a righteous man, he could not go forward with the marriage; as a merciful man, he could not expose Mary to public disgrace. How long did it take for him to fall asleep with broken betrothal promises on his mind? During the night, Joseph sees an angel who calls him "the son of David." Joseph's father was Jacob, but the angel reminded Joseph that he was a descendant of kings. Starting this night, he would act as one of David's line again: he would care for the promised Son who would reign on David's throne. God had come to save his people, just as he promised. He would do it through the child in Mary's womb. Joseph believed the promises of God kept in Christ and named the child, "The LORD saves," knowing full well he was Immanuel.

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public





disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 23

The 10:30 a.m. service continues on page 5 with the choir and band concert

Sermon

Isaiah 7:10-14

Promises Made: God's Kingdom will Come through the Child Immanuel

STAND

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

The 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 8 with the Prayer of the Church

This Child, Emmanuel

Choir
Piano: Beverly Leiterman

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.



O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Come, Joy of our longing hearts, your peace and hope and love impart.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, and fill the world with heaven's peace.

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 Come, Joy of our longing hearts, your peace and hope and love impart.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!



Rejoice, Emmanuel! Rejoice!

A Light Will Shine!

Choir
Piano: Beverly Leiterman



The people who walk in the darkness, they will see a great light!
The people who walk in the darkness, on them a light will shine!
Those who live in the shadow of death will be filled with joy!
And unto them will a child be born, heaven's gift: a baby Boy.

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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

The people who walk in the darkness, they will see a great light!
The people who walk in the darkness, on them a light will shine!



Hymn:

Hymn 358:1,3,5

Come To Us

Junior Choir



Come to us from heaven, Savior of the nations,
You are the Messiah coming to earth!
Your name is Jesus, You come to save us.
You are God's Son, You are God's Son!

Come to us from heaven, Savior of the nations,
We light the candles as we wait for You!
Your name is Jesus, You come to save us.
You are God's Son, You are God's Son.

Come to us from heaven, Savior of the nations,
You are the Messiah, the Light of the World!
Your name is Jesus, You come to save us.
You are God's Son, You are God's Son.



Name of Jesus Medley

Junior Choir

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty king, Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of All Ages,
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Jesus, you're the sweetest name of all,
Jesus, You always hear me when I call;
Oh Jesus, You pick me up each time I fall,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.



"AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME..." NAMES OF THE COMING MESSIAH



Jesus, you're the soon and coming King,
Jesus, we need the love that You can bring;
Oh, Jesus, we lift our voices up and sing,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.



Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.
The sweetest name of all.



Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*



Musical Offering *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Band



The First Nowell

Choir

The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our Heav'nly Lord.
As we in time on Christ do dwell who freed us all from death and hell.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!



The Children and the Shepherds

Choir & Junior Choir
Piano: Sarah Ihlenfeldt



Have you seen a star brightly shining in the distant sky?
Have you heard a song gently rising through the winter night?
Have you heard a wondrous story; is it true what people say?
Have you seen a child sweetly sleeping on a bed of hay?

O come, little children, and share our delight.
O come to the stable and gaze at the sight.
The child you are seeking is God's precious Son.
With joy and with peace and with love He has come.

Follow the star of Bethlehem; it will guide you well.
Hear the song the angels sing; spread the news they tell.
Glory to God in heaven, good will to all on earth.
Come with us and share the wonder of the Savior's birth.

Now we see the star brightly shining in the distant sky.
Now we hear the song gently rising through the winter night.
Now we know the wondrous story, it is true what people say.
Now we see the child sweetly sleeping on a bed of hay.

"Glory be to God! Glory! Glory!" angels sing on high.
"Glory be to God! Glory! Glory!" echoes through the sky.
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!" joyfully their voices raise.



"AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME..." NAMES OF THE COMING MESSIAH

"Glory be to God! Glory! Glory!" on this Christmas Day!
Glory! Sing glory! Rejoice this Christmas Day!

This Child

Choir

This Child, sent from heaven, this Child, Emmanuel,
This Child, He is with us, among us to dwell.
This Child, Son of heaven, this Child, Prince of Peace;
This Child, born of Mary, the angels would sing!
This Child is Jesus! He's the Son of the living God!
Born a Child, a King, with light to all He brings,
This Child, the Lord of all!

This Child, our Savior, This Child is born a King.
This Child, our Redeemer, His praises we sing!
This Child is Jesus! He's the Son of the living God!
Born a Child, a King, with light to all He brings,
This Child, the Lord of all!

Christmas Blessing

Choir
Piano: Sarah Ihlenfeldt

As the shepherds who came on that first Christmas night,
we must follow the star; we must walk in its light
'til we come to the child who is sent from above
to bring us God's blessings of peace and of love.

Away in a manger a baby is born;
and the wonders of Christmas surround us once more.
We come to behold Him, asleep in the hay.
We kneel and adore Him, and humbly we pray:

"We love you, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay
close by us to guide us through each passing day.
Bless all of God's children and help us be true.
Be near us at Christmas and all the year through."
Amen.

The 8:00 a.m. services continues with the Prayer of the Church

STAND

Prayer of the Church

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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 and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

Hymn:

Hymn 3

STAND

"AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME..." NAMES OF THE COMING MESSIAH



M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**



Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**



Closing Hymn:

Hymn 30

Postlude (10:30 a.m.) Band

Christmas Angels



Thank You for joining us in worship today! Announcement sheets for the upcoming week are available on the radiators in the back of church.

Thank you to everyone who served us musically today to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus!





News From Zion



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Announcements

Door Offering today As announced the last two Wednesdays, we will have a door offering today for Pastor Paul Kuehn. Pastor Kuehn preached here last week when Pastor Ott attended his father-in-law's funeral. Pastor Kuehn served a congregation in Texas. His position was eliminated recently. He and his wife (and 2 children with 1 on the way) moved to Menasha and are awaiting a call to serve in the kingdom. The council decided after its last meeting to have a door offering to help out the Kuehn's as they await an opportunity to serve. If you would like to give a gift the offering plates will be by the doors as you leave. Thank you!

Thank You to our choir and band director Mrs. Kuchenbecker and everyone who served us musically with the gospel in the concert today and throughout the entire year! Your service to the Lord is a wonderful blessing!

Adult Christ Light will not meet today. We will meet again on Jan. 5

Original Math Forget "new" math; "original" math is life changing! God, the first Mathematician and Creator of all things, uses numbers—threes, tens, forties, and more—to demonstrate his design for creation and redemption through the work of Jesus on the cross. Join us as we explore the symbolism and patterns of the numbers God uses to convey the truth of his love through these remaining topics:

- 3-in-1: The Number of God (today)
- 2 & 4: Creation Counted (next Sunday)
- 5 & 10: Keys to God's Word
- 7 & 12: Numbers in Revelation
- 40 & 8: A Generation of Mercy and the New Creation.

We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Next Sunday we will meet in church. Join us and bring the family!

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m.. We will discuss the last two weeks of readings. Reading guides are available in the basement and by the double doors at the back of church on the radiator.

Promises Kept Christmas: This year our Christmas worship will focus on *Promises Kept*. Each service we look at a how God has kept his ancient promises!. Join us and bring a

friend! The themes are:

Dec. 24 Candlelight (11:00 p.m.) *Promises*

Kept: The Light shines in darkness

Dec. 25 Christmas (9:00 a.m.) *Promises*

Kept: Proclaim the Good News: God has kept his promise!

Dec. 29 Christmas 1 *Promises Kept: Tell of*

God's kindness: He redeemed his people!

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve (7:00 p.m.) *Promises*

Kept: God's Blessings Continue

Jan. 1 Name of Jesus (9:00 a.m.) *Promises*

Kept: Blessed by the Name of Jesus

Jan. 5 Christmas 2 *Promises Kept: He has*

clothed us with salvation

Children's Christmas Service will be this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The theme of worship is *The Carols of Christmas*. Please join us at either service!

Free Daily Bibles On the table in the middle of the basement you will find NIV Daily Bibles. If you would like one, please help yourself! They are a Christmas gift from Paula and Randy Ott.

Books On the table across from the mailboxes you will find a table filled with excellent Christian reading material. Pastor Ott cleaned out a portion of his library. You are welcome to help yourself to any of the books. If you would like to give a free will donation there is a box on the table. Your entire gift will be applied to our congregation's line of credit. Pick up a last minute gift that shares Jesus! Some books are brand new. Some are not.

Calendars for 2014 are available in the church basement. Thank you to Nickel Funeral Home for providing these calendars!

Reminder Please update your phone numbers and address if you have moved by emailing church@mzluth.org or put the information into Nancy Pantzlaff's mailbox. Thanks!

Heads of committees Please email your year-end report to church@mzluth.org or put it in Nancy Pantzlaff's mailbox by Jan. 5. Thanks!

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Weekly Calendar

Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Class
 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Service
 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Christmas Festival Worship,
 communion
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship, Communion
 9:15 a.m. Numbers in Scripture, church
 10:30 a.m. Worship, communion
 7:00 p.m. Today's Light Bible Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 17—December 23-28

Monday Deuteronomy 27
 Tuesday Deuteronomy 28
 Wednesday Deuteronomy 29
 Thursday Deuteronomy 30
 Friday Deuteronomy 31
 Saturday Deuteronomy 32

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Midweek Advent 2 140 (87, 53)
 Midweek Advent 3 165 (99, 66)
 Worship: 256 (168, 88)
 Youth Study: 11

Forward in Christ Celebrates 100 Years

The upcoming January 2014 issue of *Forward in Christ* (FIC) will mark the 100th anniversary of the magazine. The first issue, then under the title *The Northwestern Lutheran*, came out on Jan. 7, 1914, to share the gospel in English to laypeople in the churches.

Today, one hundred years later, that mission continues. "One generation after another has used this magazine to confess faith in Jesus and to encourage fellow believers," says Rev. John Braun, executive editor of FIC. "We are just the latest to have the opportunity and privilege."

Although the look and the name have changed over the years, the magazine also has served as a beacon to those outside the synod, providing a Christian perspective to world events. "We wish to let our light shine not only to encourage God's

people in our congregations and fellowship but also as a witness to those who are outside our fellowship," says Braun. "We seek to address Christians/Lutherans giving their confession in a world that doesn't appreciate the message of Christ."

To celebrate the anniversary, the FIC staff has planned several new series for the year, including a look at the 12 WELS districts and their ministry. A special anniversary timeline in the January issue, which highlights historical events in the world, in WELS, and in the magazine since 1914, will kick off a series that examines how world events have shaped the magazine. Readers' comments and anniversary greetings also will be shared throughout the year. An online form is available at www.wels.net/forwardinchrist to

share your memories and thoughts.

The magazine also now will be available digitally, with additional content for new digital subscribers. "The print version will still be there for you in your mailbox or at church," says Braun, "but individual subscribers now can read the magazine on a tablet or computer as well." View the digital version of the December issue and find out more about subscribing to *Forward in Christ*—either in print or digitally—at www.nph.net/efic.

"As *Forward in Christ* marks one hundred years as 'a Lutheran voice,' take a moment to thank God for this blessing," says WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder. "Pray the Lord will continue to bless its work."

News from FVL

Fox Valley Lutheran High School is pleased to announce that Mr. Steve Granberg has accepted FVL's Call to become the next principal of Fox Valley Lutheran High School effective July 1, 2014.

FVLHS gives thanks that the Lord

has again provided a gifted leader for our high school ministry to teens across the Fox River Valley and beyond. We ask you to please keep in your prayers 1) Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School as they now enter the call process, 2) Mr. Granberg and his

family as they complete their work at KMLHS and prepare to begin their ministry here, 3) Principal Hartwig and his family as he completes his service at FVL, and 4) our high school as we continue through the leadership transition process.

Glorify

Gather

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