First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship:
Pastor: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.
All: Come be the one who tends the wounds of our world.
Pastor: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.
All: Come be the one who leads us into the future with love.
Pastor: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.
All: Come be the one who makes all creation sing. Amen.

Opening Hymn – "Messiah"

1. Someone's shouting from the desert. Someone's shouting from the sea.
   Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the valley.
   Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.
2. Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold.
   Someone's shouting from the country. I am lonely, I am old.
   Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.
3. Someone's shouting I am broken. Someone's shouting make me whole.
   Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my soul.
   Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.

Prayer of the Day
Come, Lord Jesus and dwell among us. Surprise us with your presence. Open us to the thin places where we experience your realness. Tend the deep hearted tender places of our lives. We need you. Our world needs you. Please come, mend us with mercy. Amen.

'The Annunciation'
'The Magnificat'

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
   You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.
   Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.
   How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.
2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,
   You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.
   Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice strong your love,
   As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.
3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
   You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

'Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord'

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 NRSVUE
24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the
stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.26 "Then they will see 'the Son of
Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as
its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see
these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not
pass away. 32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the
Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be

on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Special Music- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Alan & Roxy Fauque

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – Emmanuel Carol

1. God of light, we are waiting for you. God of light, we are waiting for you.
   God of hope and mercy, God of power and peace. God of light, we are waiting for you.
2. You shall save all your people from sin. You shall save all your people from sin.
   Emmanuel, Emmanuel. You shall save all your people from sin.
3. Prepare for the reign of our Lord, Prepare for the reign of our Lord.
   God's rule will be, without end, amen. Prepare for the reign of our Lord.

Offering- ELW #692 We Are an Offering

Prayers of the People (response to "Lord in your Mercy" is "Hear our prayer.")

Holy Communion
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer (sung):
Our Father up in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav'n. Give us today our daily bread, dear Father, we do ask of you.
Jesus our king is born! Jesus is born! Glory be to God on high!
Forgive us all our trespasses as we also forgive, and save us from the time of trial.
Deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.
Jesus our king is born! Jesus is born! Glory be to God on high!
Distribution
Communion Hymn – 'Advent Lamb of God'

v1. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
v2. Lord of Light, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
v3. Morning Star, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
v4. God with Us, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
v5. Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
v6. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn- ELW #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ELW #242 vs. 1, 2, 4 Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn

Dismissal

Postlude

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Serving Us Today: Sherry Johnson- Pianist Lisa Bright- Song Leader Alan & Roxy Fauque- Sax & Piano
Greeters- Curt & Susan Cooley Ushers- Kevin Arvold, Byron Dennison, Tom Wilson, Leo & Walter Olson
Communion Assistants- Shawn Bogdanske, Jan Dennison, Judy Engebretson
Audio/Visual Team- Lewis Walke & Michael Martinelli Bread Bakers- Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson
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