



Immanuel

GOD WITH US



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WELCOME to Lamb of God Lutheran Church!

For your convenience, the service is printed in this worship folder.

You will find general information about our facilities on the enclosed information sheet.

Liturgy written by Janelle Beal for Lamb of God Lutheran Church

In the early chapters of Isaiah, he writes his famous prophecy of the coming Messiah. Isaiah begins by speaking of a child and person known as Immanuel. Immanuel, translated simply as 'God with us', is the name used by Isaiah to describe the coming savior for all of chapters seven and eight, as well as a phrase of promise. In warning the Assyrians and distant nations he prophesies, "take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us." This promise and this name is a sign to all the peoples, both those who wonder about God and His presence and those who are faithful: God is not far nor distant. In Jesus, God is with us. For all of Advent, we are focusing on the theme of Incarnation and what it means to have God with us in all places in our lives.

This week we look at God with us in our suffering. God not only promises to be with us in our joys, he also promises to be with us in our trials and tribulations. This includes the suffering brought on by the events and times of life. To have God with us in those moments is to have a God who knows suffering as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Tolling of the Bell)

PRELUDE

PSALM 25



Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor: Lord, make me know Your ways, teach me Your paths, and keep me in the way of Your truth, for You are God, my Savior.

All: Refrain

Cantor: For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing His way to those who seek Him, gently leading the poor and the humble.

All: Refrain

Cantor: To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to His Word, who live His love, He will always be near, He will show them His mercy.

All: Refrain

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

HYMN

The King of Glory Comes

Refrain



The King of Glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es;
O - pen the gates be - fore Him, lift up your voic - es.

Verses



1. Who is the King of Glo - ry; how shall we call Him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sav - ior and Broth - er;
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death, He tru - ly has ris - en,
He is Em - man - u - el, the Promised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong His peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
He took up - on Him - self the sins of the na - tion.
And He will share with us His heav - en - ly vis - ion.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord says, Fear not, for I have redeemed you

C **I have called you by name, you are mine.** (Isaiah 43:1)

P Since the Day of the Lord is fast approaching... Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Most merciful God, you have sent Your only Son to be with us and to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word to that final Day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE – *Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven*



1. Je - sus, joy of the high - est Heav - en, born as a lit - tle
2. Je - sus, King of the high - est Heav - en, learn - ing to take His

ba - by un - der a won - drous star. Like us, cry - ing He takes His
first steps that He might bring us life. Like us, knowing our smiles and

first breath, held by His mo - ther help - less, close to her beat - ing heart.
so - rows, He showed the way to fol - low, a way that is true and right.

Je - sus, laid in a low - ly man - ger, fac - ing a world of
Je - sus take a - way ev - ery dark - ness; Stead - y my sim - ple

dan - gers; come to turn me, a stran - ger in - to a child of God.
foot - steps that I might, in Your good - ness, live as a child of God.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Fear not, says the Lord, for I am with you:

C **I will bring your offspring from the east and the west, I will gather you up.** (Is 43:5)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has sent His only son to seek us out and die for us. It is for Jesus' sake that all of your sins are forgiven. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Lord, grant this to us all. Amen.

C **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**

P And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,

C **Full of grace and truth.** (John 1:14)

HYMN OF PRAISE – *Hark the Glad Sound*

LSB 349



1. Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior prom-ised long;
2. He comes the pris - 'ners to ___ re-lease, In Sa - tan's bond-age held.
3. He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing soul to cure,
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come shall pro-claim



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
The gates ___ of brass be - fore Him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
And with ___ the trea - sures of ___ His grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:1-11*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT VERSE – *Prepare the Way* (sung twice)

The image shows a musical score for the Advent Verse "Prepare the Way" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Pre- pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord, and all peo- ple will see the sal- va - tion of our God. _". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a final cadence.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 26:36-46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- For the sick, hospitalized, homebound, injured, and dying.
- For those who mourn.
- For those who need food, clothes, shelter, employment.
- For genuine love for neighbor.
- For those we know who have yet to be baptized.
- For our church.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

OFFERING

Please fill out the attendance sheet located in the pew during offering; they will be collected at the end of the service. Thank you.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred meal of his own body and blood, given with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

Faith, not human reason, accepts this mystery.

Participation in Holy Communion is available to all who

- have been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God *and*
- believe in the *physical* presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.

"For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him." John 6:55-56 (NIV)

Children are welcome to come to the rail to receive a blessing from the pastor.

Communion instruction is available through the church office (206.363.0110).

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - *Sanctus*

to the tune of "On Jordan's Banks the Baptists' Cry"



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! — God of Sab - ba - oth a - dored! Let
2. Hail, hos - an - na, Dav - id's Son Who life for us — e - ter - nal won Most
all of hea'n and earth pro - claim The won - der of Your might - y name.
ho - ly and most blessed is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PEACE OF THE LORD - *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD - *Agnus Dei*

to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



O Lamb of God who takes a - way the sin of all the world, Have mer - cy on us
Lord, we pray, have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God our Sav - ior, who
takes a - way our sin, have mer - cy on us Lord, we pray and grant us peace with - in.

DISTRIBUTION

Communicants proceed forward at the direction of the usher. Wine will be served from both individual cups and the chalice. Please choose your preference by holding out your hand. White grape juice is available for those with dietary needs.

Our families with children going to Sunday School are welcome to come forward to take communion first.

COMMUNION HYMNS***How Suddenly a Baby Cries******(back of bulletin)***

(This selection is our "Hymn of the Month" – an unfamiliar song our congregation is learning to expand and enhance our worship experience.)



1. How sud - den - ly a _____ ba - by cries and all for - ev - er change
 2. She _____ pon - ders how the _____ Ma - gi kneel be - fore Em - man - u - el
 3. What won - der still that _____ An - na, filled with praise, should bless the Lord;
 4. Hear Sim - e - on who had wait - ed long draw near to hold the child,
 5. How _____ sud - den - ly a _____ ba - by cried and all for - ev - er changed.



as _____ shep - herds leave the an - gel song to _____ find this ho - ly place,
 With _____ gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh, Christ's sac - ri - fice _____ they tell.
 Her _____ ag - ing eyes now look - ing on the _____ Sav - ior of _____ the world.
 to _____ speak of Him who would re - veal the _____ ma - ny thoughts we hide:
 Through his - t'ry, soul by _____ soul He's claimed to re - ceive His heal - ing grace.



where in her young and tremb - ling arms a vir - gin holds _____ her Son.
 A _____ dream would help them flee a king whose pride would cruel - ly des - troy.
 For _____ night and day her prayers had filled the _____ tem - ple of _____ our God.
 That hearts would rise to know His grace, but _____ ma - ny fall _____ a - way;
 He _____ filled my troub - led heart with peace, with _____ hope of end - less worth.



And in this Child of _____ breath di - vine our Light has fin - al - ly come.
 As _____ moth - ers weep, God's mer - cy meets the hun - ger for _____ His joy.
 Her heart could tell His _____ sav - ing hand with - in this gift _____ of love.
 A _____ sword would pierce His _____ moth - er's soul up - on re - demp - tion day.
 My voice will join the _____ song of praise that tells Mes - si - ah's birth.

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting Light:
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all
And hear Thy servants when they call.

- 2 Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the healing, full of grace,
To cure and save our ruined race.

- 3 Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to eventide,
The spotless Victim all divine
Proceeding from a virgin shrine.

- 4 At whose dread name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things celestial Thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

- 5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us from the ancient foe
While still we dwell on earth below.

- △ 6 To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

NUNC DIMITTIS

to the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



1. Lord, bid Your ser-vant go___ in peace. Thine Word, O God, hast
2. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, With Son and Spir - it
been___ ful-filled. Mine eyes see Thy sal - vat - ion dear
Trin - i - ty! Who regin as one o'er all___ that is
Which Thou hast giv'n Thine child - ren here.
In this world and the next___ to come.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall light the way for Is - ra - el!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray... now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- △ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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