



ST. PAUL'S

Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 28, 2021

The Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn –257 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verses 1-4 as Gathering Hymn, Verses 4-6 Before Gospel, Verses 7-8 as Anthem

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

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

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

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Geleske

Anthem

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymn 295 – *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

The Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn – 264 – Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!

Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.

All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.

His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude