

St. Luke's Saxonburg
310 West Main Street
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9:30

Sunday, November 27, 2016

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – arr. Rowland Hugh Prichard

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Invocation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SOLO *Lift Up Your Eyes*

Lift Up Your Eyes

Congregational part:

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;
with ra - diant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

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LITANY

L: During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

L: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

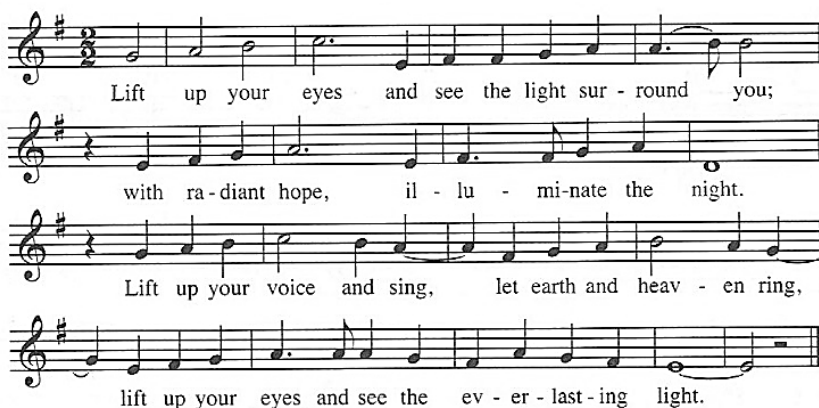
L: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

L: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

C: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

L: This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that our hope is the everlasting God who pierces the darkness of this world and reaches into the brokenness of our lives, granting the promise of a new tomorrow.



Offering *Jesus, Our Emmanuel*

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

We need Your presence more than we could ever tell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

(repeat)

Prayer and Dismissal of Children

Gathering Song *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

You are the salt for the earth , O people;

Salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people;

Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,

bring forth the kingdom of peace:

Bring forth the kingdom of justice,

bring forth the city of God.

You are a light on the hill, O people;

Light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people;

Shine for the kingdom of God!

(refrain)

You are a seed of the word, O people;

Bring for the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice;

Grow in the kingdom of God!

(refrain)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people;

Bound for the kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland;

Love is the kingdom of God!

(refrain)

Song of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your Name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift you name on high.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

Response *Emmanuel*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 24.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be

taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14)

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayer of Confession

C: Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Musical Offering

Come to the Child – Gaylen Bourland and Ken Bible

Intercessory Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

The 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.**

Blessing

L: 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.
In the Name of the Father, the Son ✝ and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Song *O, Come, O, Come Emmanuel* vs 1-2

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

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night – arr. Mark Hayes*

Welcome!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.

Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.

Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an appointment.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: *Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12*

Attendance on Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:15	30	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
9:30	13	310 West Main Street	
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