

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

Sunday, November 29, 2015

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.

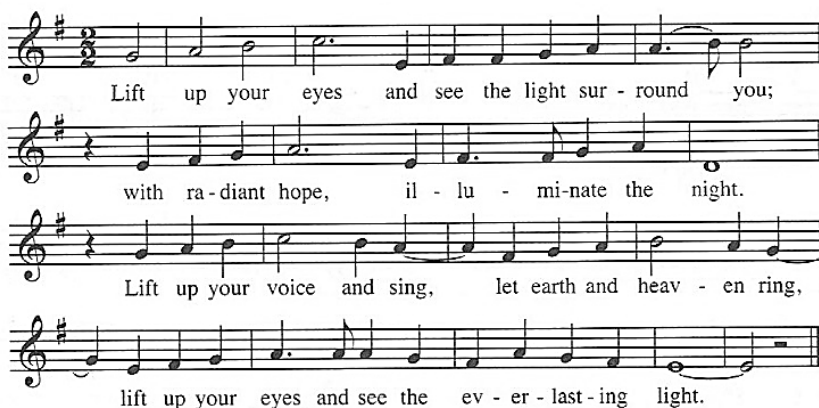
L: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

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.**

READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

L: The Second Lesson is from the 12th chapter of Hebrews.

¹⁸ For you have not come to the mountain that^[a] may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness^[b] and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard *it* begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. ²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned^[c] or shot with an arrow.”^[d] ²¹ And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”^[e])

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of

angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven,

²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake^[f] not only the earth, but also heaven.”^[g] ²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may^[h] serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God *is* a consuming fire.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Today’s readings: Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8)

Message

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

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.**

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

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 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)*

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: *Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6*

Attendance on Sunday, November 22, 2015

8:15	43	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
9:30	10	310 West Main Street
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