

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023
10:00 a.m.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“See This Wonder in the Making”

LSB 593



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, “Be-
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God’s pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!”
place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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✠ SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

BAPTISM of EMMA NOEL BAILEY

LSB 268

HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

(sts. 1-3) LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.

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✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1–11 (ESV)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1–8 (ESV)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

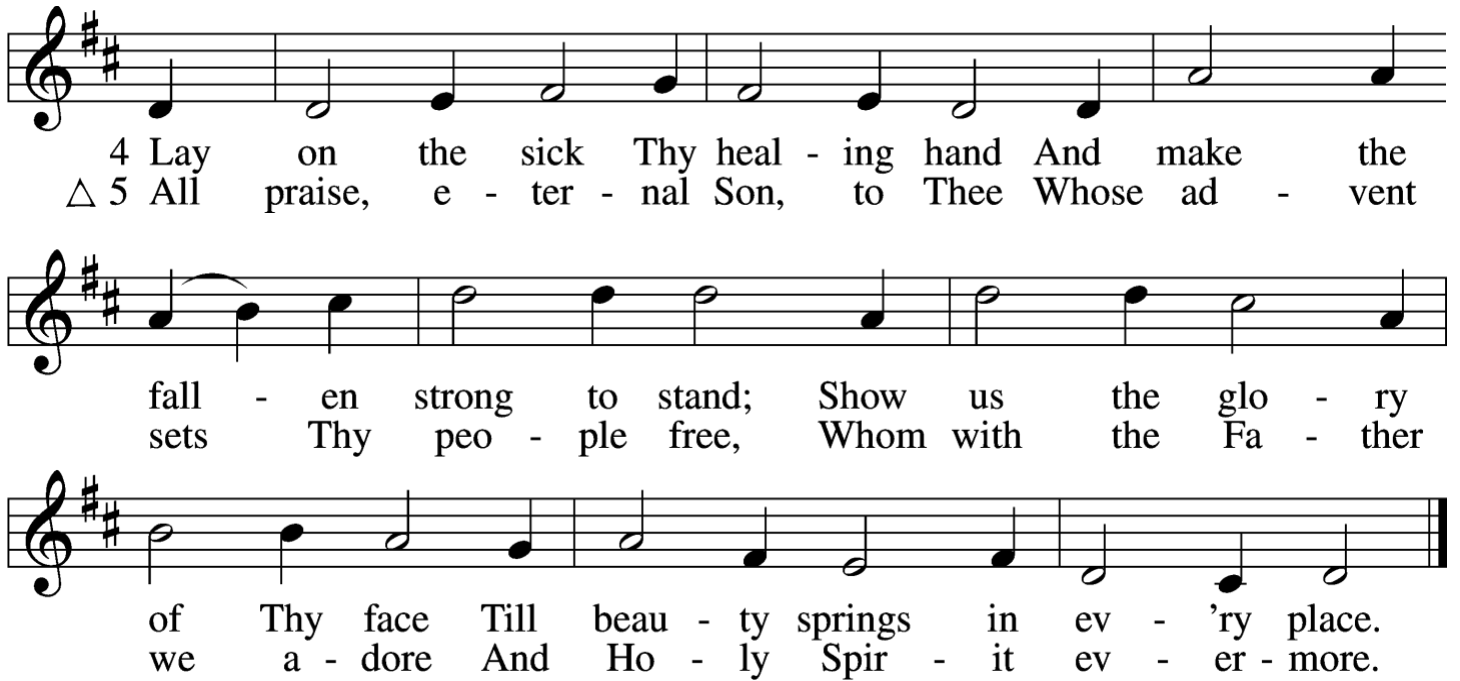
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

(sts. 4-5) LSB 344



4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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SERMON

“A Joyful Homecoming”

MINISTRY MINUTE

Text-to-give: 810-285-7861

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And, also with you.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN *“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*
LSB 347

1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er
saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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COMMUNION HYMN

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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COMMUNION HYMN

“Once He Came in Blessing”

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you His peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(sts. 1-2) LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest

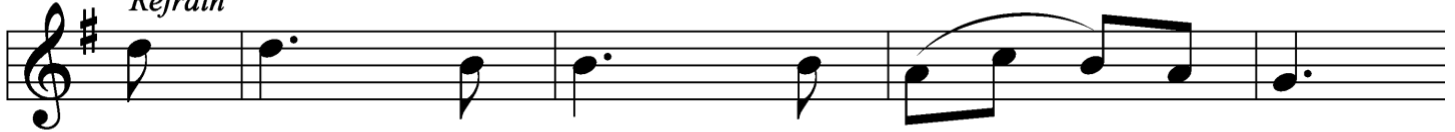


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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