



Emmanuel
Lutheran Church

Reaching All with the Gospel



First Sunday in Advent

November 29th, 2020 – 8:00 am

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Thank you for honoring God with your presence this morning. **Please be sure to complete the online Connection Card located on at www.emmanuelc.org.** **Visitors:** *We are especially delighted that you are here today and we hope that your worship with us will be a blessing to you.*

A Note about Communion: We believe that in Holy Communion when we receive the bread and wine we actually receive the Lord's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to serve God. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, we believe that by communing you are publicly declaring that you share in our understanding of Holy Communion. In addition you are expressing your oneness in faith with us in Close Communion at Emmanuel as part of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Only those who have been instructed in Holy Communion should commune. If you have any questions, speak with the pastor or an Elder. An usher will gladly direct you. If you desire to commune regularly with the congregation, please make an appointment with the Pastor.

PRELUDE

"WACHET AUF"

Priscilla Acuff, Organist

By J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

WELCOME & GREETING

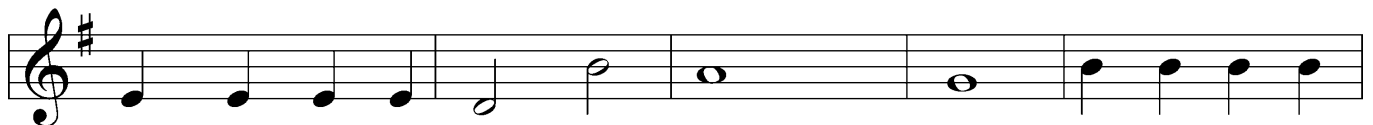
OPENING HYMN

Priscilla Acuff, Organist

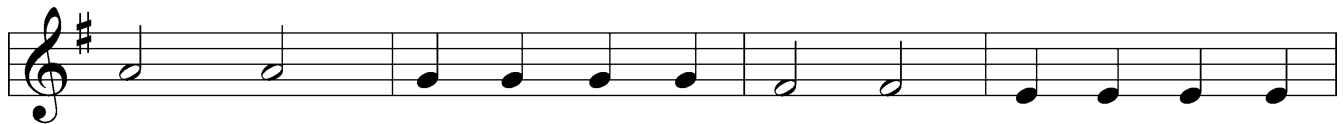
"GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT" (LSB #907, vv. 1-3)



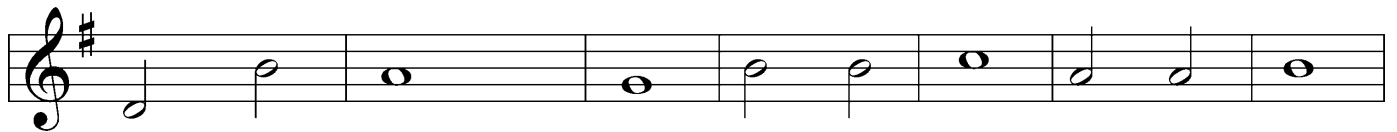
1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



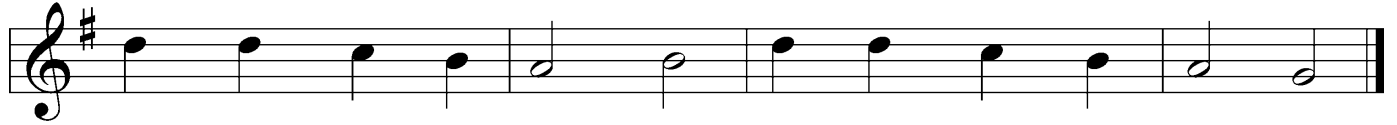
And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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LSB 186, Divine Setting 3

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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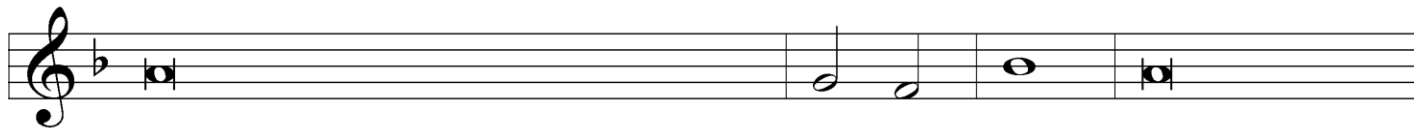
LSB 187, Divine Setting 3

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



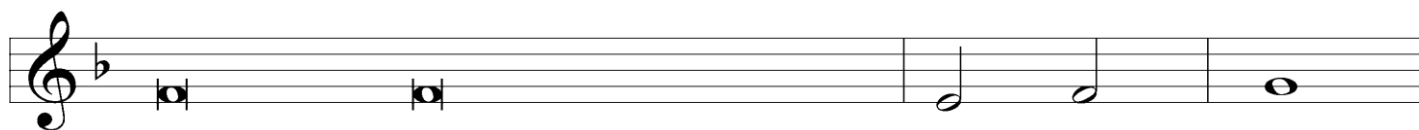
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



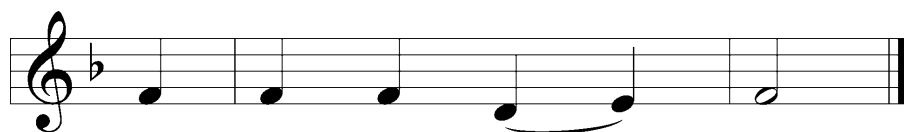
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

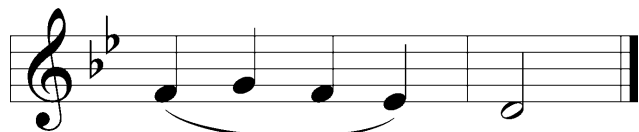
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 3:1-7 ESV*

ADAM AND EVE CHOSE SIN

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

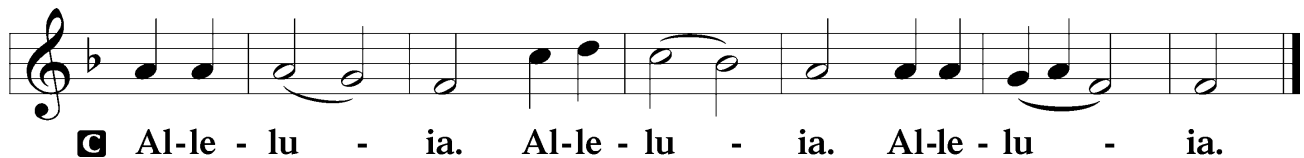
He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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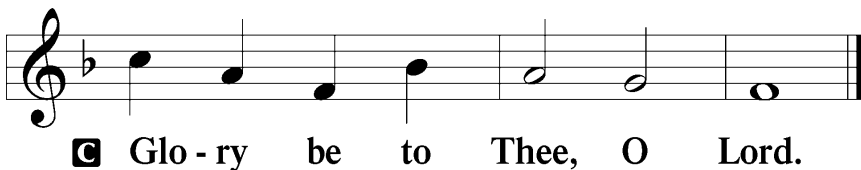
LSB 190



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:32-37 ESV*

THE SON OF MAN WILL RETURN WITH GREAT POWER AND GLORY

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Thirteenth chapter.



“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

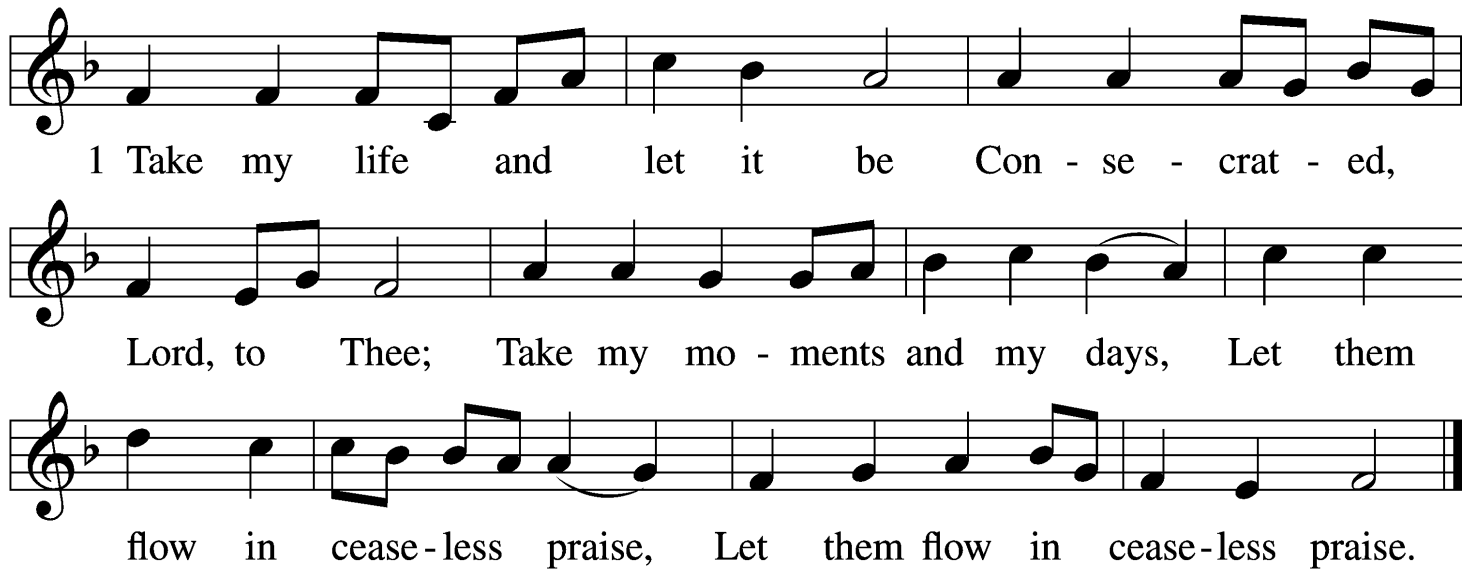
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Please be seated.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" (LSB #784, v. 1)


1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
 Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
 flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **"AM I READY FOR JESUS' RETURN?"** Carie Jorgenson

CHILDRENS MESSAGE TRANSITION SONG

"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" (LSB #784, v. 6)


6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its
 trea - sure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,
 on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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“THE ADVENT OF OUR KING” (LSB #331, v. 1-3)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.

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“THE TREE IS NEEDED” (Genesis 3:1-7)

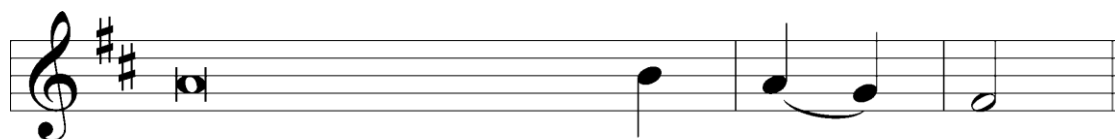
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THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Please be seated.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

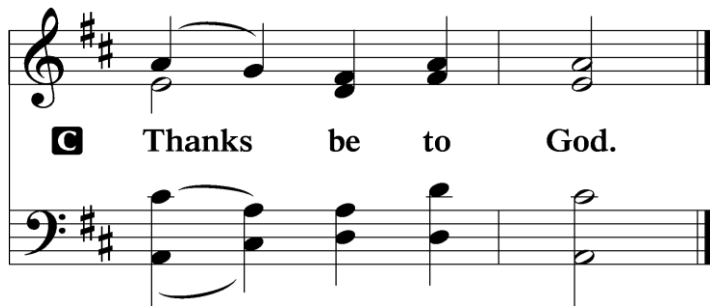
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

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.



CLOSING HYMN **“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”** (LSB #895, vv. 1-3)



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heav-en,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever-more.

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GIVING OPTIONS

DISMISSAL

P We hide God's Word in our hearts,

C **that we might hold out the Word of Life.**

C ***1 Corinthians 16:14 “Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14***

P God with us, with one another and with our neighbors

C **to reach all with the Gospel!**

POSTLUDE **"BREAK FORTH, O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT"**

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For Life

“Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need

homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else’s problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



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