

Worship Leader Edition
Second Sunday of Advent
Peace

December 7, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING

Turn on Narthex speakers, keep on throughout worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GATHERING SONG

“Majestic”

Lincoln Brewster/Dan Galbraith

Verse

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

They bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll sing
The heavens declare
Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You

Chorus 1

The heavens declare
Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains-
They bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

The mountains-
They bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

Bridge

I will worship You
I will worship You
We will worship You
We will worship You

Verse

Chorus 2

The heavens declare
Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains-

Chorus 2

Ending (2 times)

So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Charles Wesley et. al

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Verse 3

I will praise my great redeemer
Lord of Lords and King of Kings
Let the worship rise within me
You are Lord my heart will sing
Lost now found, sick now healed
Saved to show your matchless grace
Waiting with hope and great assurance
'Til we see your glorious face

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

PLEASE BE SEATED

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *{Lectern}* (The Garbinas)

Screen

L: **Reading from John 14:27**

Jesus promised his disciples and us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER (second candle is lit) *{Lectern}* (The Garbinas)

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L: **Let us pray**, Lord thank you for the gift of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Make us witnesses of truth, justice, and love. Cleanse our hearts so that in all we say and do we may be people of your peace.

C: Amen

SONG:

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715/Screen

Verse 2

Verse 2

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side}* (Andrea)

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Laurie Blanchard)

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Rob)

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS”

THE PRAYERS *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

Screen

After each petition:

L: God of love,

C: **We wait in hope.**

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (Rob)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Rob)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Rob)

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C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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L: During this time of reflection and response, please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically, a QR code is in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website **stlukesbloomington.org**. A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to **office@stlukesbloomington.org**. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Holy Water”
Jubilee Praise Team

A. Bergthold, et. al/D. Galbraith

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Rob)*

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Rob)*

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES *(Rob)*

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BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: May we walk as children of peace and sing your praise throughout the world. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*Latin hymn/Thomas Helmore
arr. D. Chapman*

Verse 1

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O Come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Dispense the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

Verse 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

DISMISSAL *{Back} (Rob)*

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Given Today
Adam and Michelle Roberts
In honor of Leni's birthday*