

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
November 26th, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 Services
First Sunday in Advent

Gathering

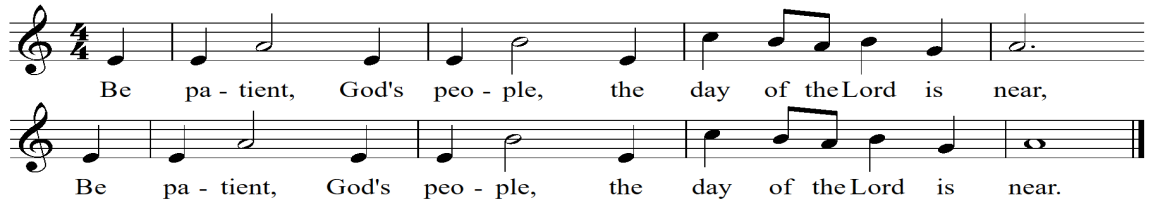
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Be Patient, God's People



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Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Ever-present God,

We come before you in need of grace. Too often our thoughts are judgmental and condemning of others. Too often our words are sarcastic or harsh, as harmful as weapons. Too often our actions are motivated by selfishness, and we do not recognize the hurt or need in others. Forgive us, O God, and draw us back into right relationship with you, our neighbors, and your creation.

The promise is sure: Christ's advent is near, and in Christ we are forgiven all our sin.

Know that you are a beloved child of God and be strengthened in all goodness.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of promise,

Stir up in us the anticipation of this holy season of waiting. Fill our hearts with hope for the messiah's coming, and give us patience, for your time is not our time, and we do not know the day or the hour. Amen.

Please be seated.

Advent Candle Lighting - The Candle of Hope

Advent is a time for waiting. Waiting for the Messiah; waiting for hope.

We wait for the Lord; our souls wait.

With the birth of the Christ child comes the rebirth of hope for all the world.

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Keep awake, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Let us prepare for the Advent of Christ.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light, and to seek your ways of peace and justice, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first advent candle. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes, and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Advent Response

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love! These are gifts you
bring from above, Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, come to
be light of your hope, re - flect - ed in me.

Word

Today's Bible readings can be found in your pew bible; Jeremiah 33:14-18 (Old Testament) on page 572 and Mark 8:27-29 on page 34 (New Testament).

Call to Listen to the Word of God

God of love and power, you are revealed to us in your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct our attention to Jesus Christ.

Illumine us now as we hear your Word proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to him, yearn for his coming in glory, and serve him with joy. Amen.

Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God makes a new covenant with God's people and promises to do a new thing: send a messiah who will save God's people and rule in righteousness.

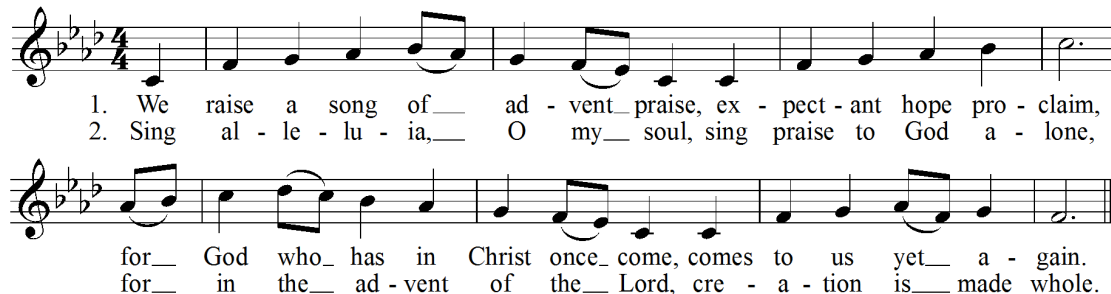
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

We Raise a Song of Advent Praise



1. We raise a song of__ ad - vent praise, ex - pect - ant hope pro - claim,
 2. Sing al - le - lu - ia,__ O my__ soul, sing praise to God a - lone,
 for__ God who_ has in Christ once_ come, comes to us yet__ a - gain.
 for__ in the__ ad - vent of the__ Lord, cre - a - tion is__ made whole.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-29

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1-4)

(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayer of Intercession

In anticipation of the coming messiah, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Call to Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus. Hear our Prayer

Come, Lord Je - sus, come, Lord Je - sus. Hear our prayer.

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...God of Promise,

In mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your loving arms, trusting in your love
and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering

8:30

Waiting by Thomas Keesecker

– Senior Choir with Melissa Mann, Violin

*We are waiting, we are waiting for the Lord to come down
and be with us. Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

11:00

Advent Prayer by Michael Mazzatenta

– The EmbELLishments

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

With Joy, O Lord, Our Gifts We Bring

1. With joy, O Lord, our gifts we bring, A tri - bute
 2. Em - ploy, O God, the gifts here shared That in the
 to our Ad - vent King, Who comes with - in our midst to
 world_ may be pre - pared The way of Christ, whose name we
 dwell As God with us, Em - man - u - el.
 bless, Who comes, the Lord our right - eous - ness.

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Offertory Prayer

Holy God, you have given us all we need, material and immaterial, even to the gift of your own Son. Receive now our gifts as a sign of our gratitude and faithfulness to you, and use them for your good work in the world.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer - Words of Institution

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty, and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your saving justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal the entire suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death and resurrection, we await his coming with righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ Jesus, who is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy, invites you to feast in his just and holy reign.

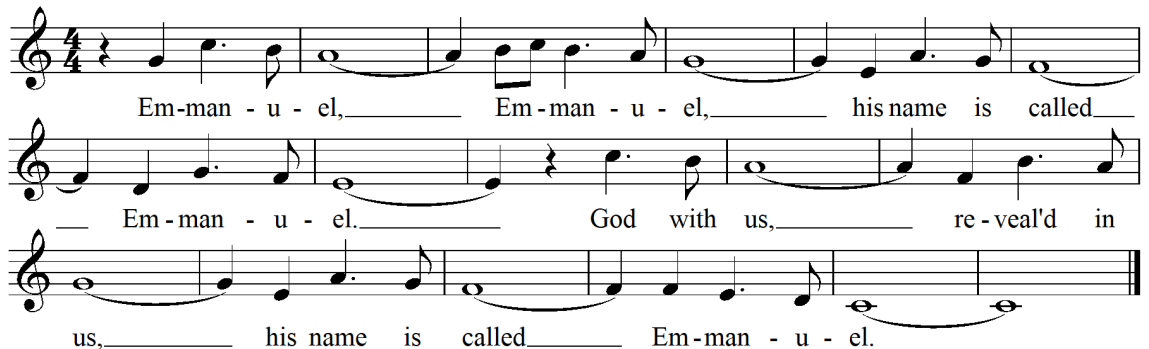
We come to share in the bread and wine that is Christ's body and blood and be strengthened for this time of waiting.

Please be seated.

Fruit juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Juice is in the center of the communion tray.

Call to Communion

Emmanuel



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Communion Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and
 peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us
 yet a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy
 find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it
 hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -
 ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Tune: Hyfrydol, 87 87D. Rowland H. Prichard, 1830. Text: Charles Wesley, 1744

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. The coming of the Lord is near. Prepare the way. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude