

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021**

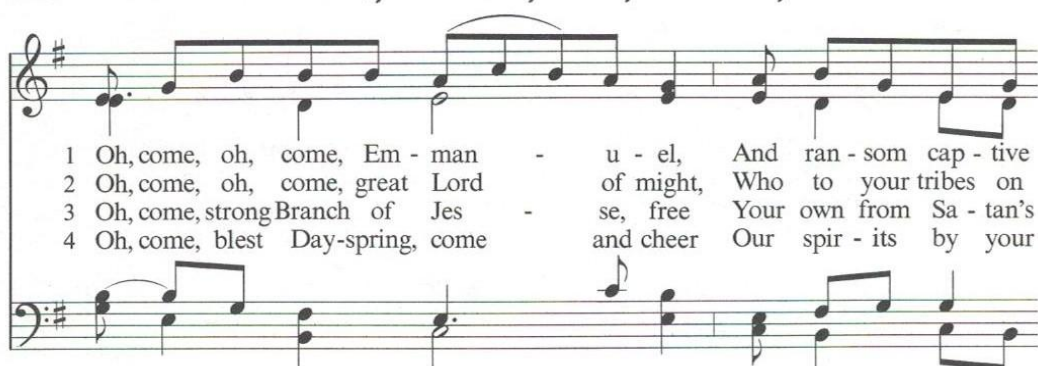


**PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

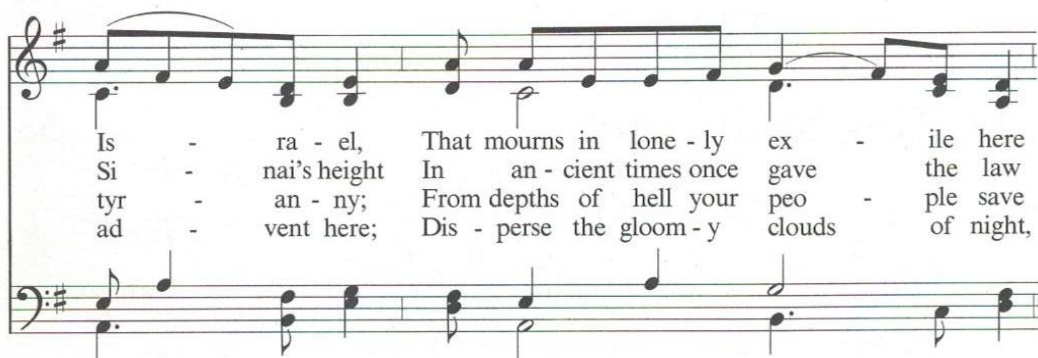
**\*GATHERING SONG ~ Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel**

LBW # 34

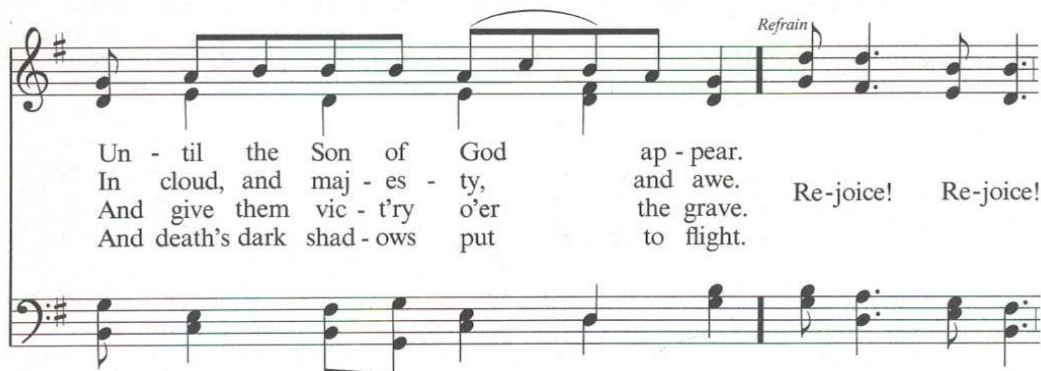
## 34 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on  
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's  
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save  
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

**\*GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

L In the beginning was the Word,  
C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

L In the Word was life,  
C **and the life was the light of all people.**

L The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
C **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

**\*SCRIPTURE SONG**

☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10 ~ *with response*

*The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLES**

ADVENT WEEK 1

First Sunday in Advent - HOPE

**READER:** Today is the first Sunday in Advent. We light the first candle, the candle of Hope. We have hope because of the faithful promises of God. He sent His Son, and we receive our Savior; a Savior born to redeem the world from sin and death.

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 33:14-15

*The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David*

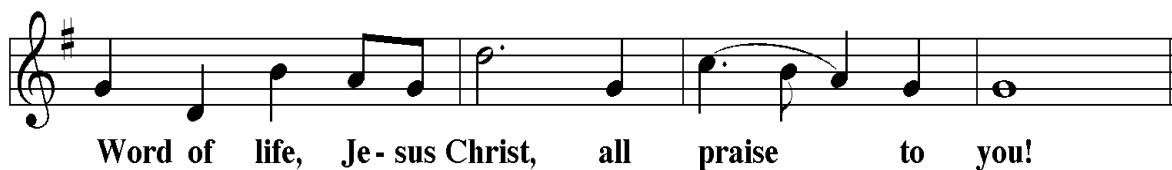
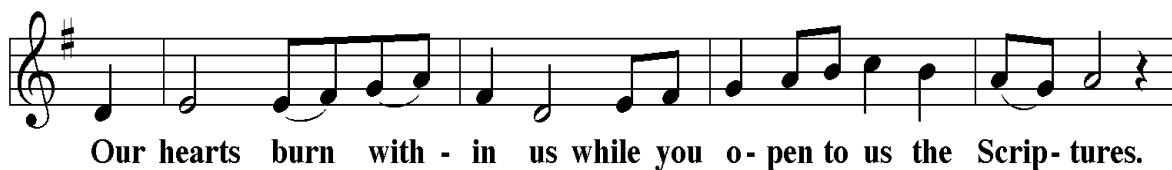
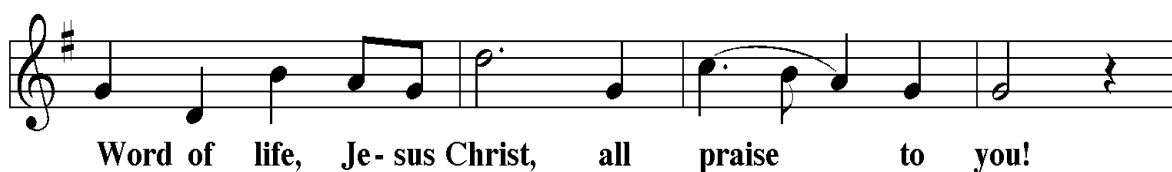
“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

(Turn to light first purple candle as music begins)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (to tune of #328 Green Hymnal - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*) Organ will play once then we will sing these words to that tune)

We lift the light of hope, O God,  
Your presence burning bright.  
In praise we sing the gift You bring:  
Our hope complete in Christ.  
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Our hope complete in Christ.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL READING**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

HYMN ~ *My Lord, What a Morning*

WOV # 627

627

*My Lord, What a Morning*

*Refrain*  
F

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

F B $\flat$  C $^7$  Dm B $\flat$  F C $^7$  F

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

F F B $\flat$  F C F C

1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,  
3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,

F Dm B $\flat$  C Dm B $\flat$  F C $^7$  F *Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual

BURLEIGH  
6 8 7 7 and refrain



**\*RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C We believe in him and are marked with the seal  
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.  
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

# **\*THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING** ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

# **\*OFFERTORY**

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P Merciful God,

C **in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate***

P In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

**\*LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG ~ *Soon and Very Soon***

WOV # 744

CHRISTIAN HOPE

744

**Soon and Very Soon**

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon

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 no more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
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 soon and ver - y soon

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*Refrain* [1, 2]

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

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Music: Andraé Crouch, b. 1942  
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VERY SOON  
12 12 12 and refrain

### **\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R** Thanks be to God

### **\*POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

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**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

### ***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.*

### ***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Edna Chester in loving memory of John H. Chester.

**Today**

**Greeters:** John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

**Next Sunday, December 5**

**Greeter: Volunteer Needed; Lay Reader:** Rosalie Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dick Shilling died on Saturday, November 20 and a graveside service will be held this Tuesday, November 30. Health issues kept him from attending worship regularly, and we miss his presence among us. We thank God for his service to our country and this church, especially our choir. Please keep Marge and their extended family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Advent begins today; the **devotionals are available in the narthex**. If you know of others who would enjoy having one to use in their daily devotion time, please feel free to take for them.

The congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 following the worship service. Information pertinent to the meeting can be found in member mailboxes. Any envelopes remaining after the service will be mailed out.

**Reminder to the congregation** ~ The coded double doors (front and back) remain locked for Sunday morning worship. Anyone using them will need to enter the code. The side and front are the only doors being unlocked at this time. This and other safety concerns will be addressed at the congregational meeting.

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting items for the Shelter Service and the “Mitten Tree”.

**Shelter Service** ~ (place donations on the grey folding table in the narthex)

canned goods, bottled juices  
non-perishable foods including cereals, pasta, etc  
paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues,  
shampoo, body wash/soap for children and adults

**Mitten Tree** ~ (found in the narthex)

mittens, gloves, scarves, hats,  
and new this year, socks for children/adults  
slipper socks and children’s slippers

Council is asking for a new updated address directory, and only a few people have turned in the requested member information forms. So, they are once again being included in the newsletter, and additional copies have been placed in the narthex. If you have not already, **PLEASE** fill one out and return it to the church by **December 12**.

We would like to have them out before the end of the year. Thank you!!

A volunteer is needed to **run elevator on Christmas Eve**. If you can help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office. The January/February sign-up can also be found there.

In the narthex, are sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning March 2 through Palm Sunday, April 10.

**Please remember to notate** if you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. At this time, the cost remains at \$40.00.

Big Valley Meals on Wheels is in need of a volunteer or volunteers to take charge of maintaining information provided to the participating churches. Responsibilities include updating the list of persons receiving weekly meals, along with any changes to the delivery routes (only if someone is permanently removed or another added). A computer is needed, and Meals on Wheels will reimburse or supply the ink and paper used. This is a great opportunity to serve our community! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact the church office.

January 1 thru November 24, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 29    Offering ~ \$1,745.00  
St. John's ~ Income \$189,528.83    Expense \$185,201.35  
Net Income \$4,327.48

Daycare ~ Income \$284,738.31    Expense \$278,471.08  
Net Income \$ 6,267.23