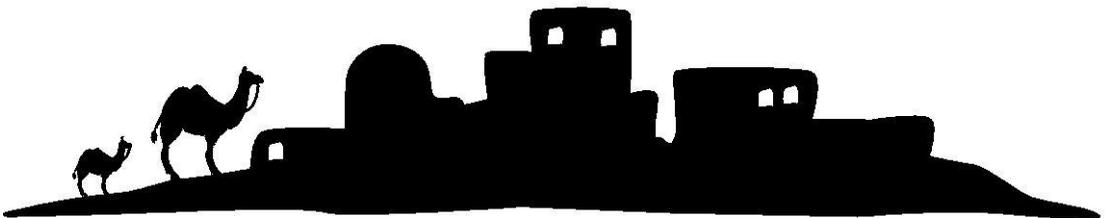


***The First  
Christmas:  
A Children's  
Christmas  
Pageant***

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2018  
9:00 a.m.**



## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Lighting the Advent Wreath: Peace Candle

☐ Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table. We light this candle in Peace.

☑ **On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.**

## Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel

LBW 34



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



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** To you, O God,

**C** **we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake for your goodness in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**P** Children of God, come with joy and draw from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

**C** **Amen.**

# There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW 255

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1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -  
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



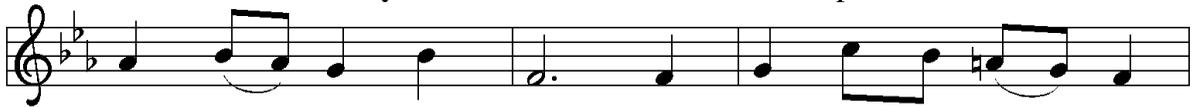
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!  
peo - ple the com - ing of their king.  
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like  
Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!  
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.  
lead them, and bring them to your fold.

## **Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

- P** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Welcome & Introduction – The First Christmas**

### **Prophets Foretell of the Coming of Our Savior**

#### **Angel Gabriel Visits Mary & Joseph**

#### **Mary & Joseph Travel to Bethlehem**

#### ***Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem***

See Screens

#### **Jesus is Born!**

#### ***Away in A Manger***

See Screens

#### **Gabriel and Angels Visit the Shepherds**

#### ***Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful***

See Screens

#### **The Angels Announce Jesus' Birth**

#### ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!***

See Screens

## Shepherds Travel to Bethlehem

*Joy to the World*

See Screens

## Word of Jesus' Birth Spreads

## Wise Men Notice Bright Star in the Sky

*We Three Kings*

See Screens

## Wise Men Worship Their Newborn King

*Silent Night*

See Screens

## Final Christmas Message from Children

## The Prayers of Intercession

*The petitions conclude:*

- Ⓐ .... Lord in your mercy,
- ☩ hear our prayer.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

*Joy to the World*  
*Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy*

Jordan Micklitz, Bells  
Celia Wilde, Piano  
Eloise Wilde, Piano

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## Offering Prayer

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

ELW Setting 10

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

- ☑ **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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Distribution**

*As a community that believes in the real presence of Christ, all are welcome and invited to receive communion.*

*Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Please hold the host, then dip it into the chalice to commune yourself. The second chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please indicate to the pastor that you need one and help yourself.*

### **Lamb of God**

ELW Setting 10



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

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- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## Post Communion Blessing

## Post Communion Prayer

## Benediction

## Peace

- A** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen. It's God's work. Our hands.**
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us greet each other as a sign of that peace.

## Postlude

## Program Participants:

Narrators .....	Jordan Micklitz & Kasey Rothering
Welcoming & Closing Messages .....	Anezka Helmers
Prophet.....	Anna Meyer
Angel Gabriel .....	Allis Eisenhauer
Angel #1 .....	Celia Wilde
Angel #2 .....	Leila Rothering
Mary .....	Eloise Wilde
Joseph.....	John Rothering
<b>Innkeeper.....</b>	<b>Thomas Sutcliffe</b>
Shepherd .....	Anna Meyer
Wise Man .....	Will Eisenhauer

*We thank everyone who helped make  
this program a success. Merry Christmas!*

