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4th Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:38

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship Psalm Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name. ⁵⁰You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit, ⁵²casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. ⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy, ⁵⁵the promise made to our forbears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW #257

V5 O 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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Lighting the Advent Candle—Love Candle

Today we add love candle to remember that Jesus was the embodied love of God who lived and lives among us. Let us light peace, joy, hope, and loves candles to illuminate our hearts.

Let us pray. In the dark, do not fear. Always know that God is near. God is with you day and night, in the dark and in the light. Thank you, Everlasting God, for the gift of love. Amen

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW #257

V6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Leader will lead the prayer.

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Lisa Wienand, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, the Heimann Family, Janet, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Anderson, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Carla, Tina, Julie, Karla, J.T., Annie, Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Sue, Pastor Art Stees, Carl Watson, Tina Diddens, Tana, Katie, Christian, Anna and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. We pray for those serving overseas, especially Kyle. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of David Chambers, Bob Herman, and Cathy Stouffer.

Leader will lead the Lord's Prayer and you may pray in silence .

Sending

God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

V7 **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** ELW #257
O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.