

**Worship Guide**  
**8:30 November 27, 2022**

**Prelude** – Beth Fritz, piano

**Announcements & Greeting**

**Advent Wreath Lighting** “*We Are Waiting for Jesus*” vs. 1

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

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Sun of justice, shine upon us;

we are trusting in your promise.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

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**Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God’s name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs 1, 2, 3, 7 ELW 257**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain**

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

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. Refrain

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain

7 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

Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

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**Greeting**

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

**Kyrie – page 213**

L: Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Christe eleison: **C: Christ, have mercy.**

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## **Hymn of Praise – page 213**

Refrain:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
And peace to God's people on earth.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins. Enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **Isaiah 2:1-5**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Romans 13:11-14**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation – page 216**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.  
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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## **Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 24th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – Kristi Weber**

**Hymn: “My Lord, What a Morning” ELW 438**

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

2 You will hear the sinner cry,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

3 You will hear the Christian shout,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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**Prayer Song: “We Are Waiting for Jesus” vs. 2**

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;  
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

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**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

**Prayer Song: “We Are Waiting for Jesus” vs. 2**

**Offering of Music: “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus” David Lasky,  
Trinity Choir**

**Offertory: “In the Bleak Midwinter” ELW 294 v.3**

What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—  
give my heart.

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### **Offering Prayer**

Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money.  
Make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.  
Amen

### **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

### **Benediction**

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the  
grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen**

### **Sending Song: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW 244**

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.

- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
their cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever  
when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him  
their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude – Beth Fritz, piano**

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