

Look, the young woman
is with child and shall
bear a son and shall name
him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14
Restore us, O LORD God
of hosts. **Psalms 80:19**

To all God’s beloved in
Rome, who are called to
be saints. **Romans 1:7**

When Joseph awoke from
sleep he did as the angel
of the Lord commanded
him. **Matthew 1:24**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with
us. Please sign the guest
book by the front door and
fill in a visitor’s card from
the pew pocket. After the
service enjoy a cup of fair
trade coffee with friends in
the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Choral Processional (7x)
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Proclamation
In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Sabbath

***+Hymn 105, v. 1-3**
“People, Look East”

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+Response 92 (2x)
While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting. Come.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 137, v. 1** (2x)
He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore!

Blessing the World
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

Response 158, v. 1-2
Born in the night, Mary’s Child, a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary’s Child, born in a borrowed room.
Clear shining light, Mary’s Child, your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary’s Child, dawn on our darkened day.

First Pew

Response 158, v. 3-4
Truth of our life, Mary’s Child, you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary’s Child, shown on your cross of wood.
Hope of the world, Mary’s Child, you’re coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary’s Child, walk in our streets again.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Lesson
Matthew 1:18-25

Interlude
“The Cherry Tree Carol”

Reading

Sermon
“Sabbath With Us: Love Made Flesh”

***Hymn 105, v. 4-5**
“People, Look East”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“In Thee O Lord Have I Trusted”

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Prepare the Way!

Advent is the season of
the secret ... of divine love
growing in silence.

Caryll Houselander

*Please rise in body and spirit.


Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Poinsettias
Were donated to decorate
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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21

Isaiah 7:10–16 Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 Romans 1:1–7 Matthew 1:18–25

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. SMA Advent Prayer Service at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
- 5:00 p.m. Joy Gift Pot Luck Dinner – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 24

Isaiah 9:2–7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11–14 Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

- 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Family-friendly elements – Sanctuary and Zoom
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25 • Happy Birthday Jesus!

- Church Office Closed
- Christmas Dawn Isaiah 62:6–12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4–7 Luke 2:[1–7] 8–20
- Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7–10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12] John 1:1–14

Friday, December 26

- Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Gathering – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 28 • First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7–9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10–18 Matthew 2:13–23

- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom

SERVICE MUSIC IN ADVENT: The Introit refrain centers on the name of Jesus meaning “God with us.” The Response to the Prayer for Sabbath is a simple, meditative Advent hymn. The Response to the Declaration is a traditional Cameroonian call and response. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew tells the full arc of Incarnation (birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return) with a blues-like tune. The Communion Chant is by Stefan Waligur, setting the words of Julian of Norwich to music.

TODAY’S HYMNODY: The Opening and Sermon Hymn was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing French carol tune. Prepare the Way is an SPC favorite, based on the soundtrack of *Godspell*.

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Life Is Round, excerpt

... Love is a circle
of burning light.
When there is darkness,
when there is shadow,
though the light burns low,
it remains undiminished.

Who enters
the dwelling place of Love
will know
rain on the sounding river,
a circle of life
in the circle of burning fire.

Annette Penniman

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