

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Luanne Harms, Interim Contemporary Worship Director

Dana Frick, Keyboard and Vocals

Kendra Campbell Milburn, Vocals

Tracee Daniel, Vocals

James Callison, Guitar Ted Reissing, Guitar

Moffett Morris, guest, Bass Jack Gordy, Drums

P = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
one God, ✠ who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry
with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender
mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is
for us. We falter in our call to tend your
creation. We find our sense of self in
material wealth. We fear those different
from ourselves. We forget that we are your
children and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us
again of your saving grace.**

**Renew us each day in the light of Christ.
Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor
upon you! Through the power of the Holy
Spirit, ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are
children of the Most High, inheritors of the
eternal promise, and recipients of divine
mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow
the way of peace.

C Amen.

OPENING SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus 1

Rejoice, Rejoice,
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, thou wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily.
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Chorus 1

Rejoice, rejoice,
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Chorus 2

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
For unto us is born the Savior of the world.
Take heart, oh weary soul, take heart,
For help is on its way, and holy is his name.
Rejoice, again I say rejoice,
For unto us is born the Savior of the world.
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Holy is his name.
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Arr. Matt Maher

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up our hearts, 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.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON

📖 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 — *Plain English Version*

📖 Today's Lesson is from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonian Christians, the third chapter.

You make us so happy that we pray to God and thank him for you. We can't thank him enough. ¹⁰We are always praying to God, both in the day time and at night time, and we are strongly asking him to let us visit you again. There are still some things we need to tell you about Jesus so that you can trust him even more.

¹¹Yes, we want God, our father, and Jesus, our leader, to help us come to you. ¹²And we want Jesus to get you to love each other and to love other people, even more than you do now. We want you to love people just as much as we love you. ¹³We want Jesus to make you properly good and clean inside.

You see, one day Jesus, our leader, will come back, and all his people will be with him. And then we will all meet God our father, and God will see that we are properly good and clean inside, so he will be happy with us, and he will not have to blame us for doing anything wrong.

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🗨️ Word of God, word of life.

🗨️ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36 — *Complete Jewish Bible*

📖 The Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

🗨️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 [Jesus said:] "There will appear signs in the sun, moon and stars; and on earth, nations will be in anxiety and bewilderment at the sound and surge of the sea, ²⁶as people faint with fear at the prospect of what is overtaking the world; for the powers in heaven will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with tremendous power and glory. ²⁸When these things start to happen, stand up and hold your heads high; because you are about to be liberated!"

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, indeed, all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves that summer is near.

³¹In the same way, when you see these things taking place, you are to know that the Kingdom of God is near! ³²Yes! I tell you that this people will certainly not pass away before it has all happened. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³⁴"But keep watch on yourselves, or your hearts will become dulled by carousing, drunkenness and the worries of everyday living, and that Day will be sprung upon you suddenly like a trap! ³⁵For it will close in on everyone, no matter where they live, throughout the whole world. ³⁶Stay alert, always praying that you will have the strength to escape all the things that will happen and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man."

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📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🗨️ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Intro

Oh oh oh. Oh oh oh

Verse 1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us.
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art.
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Interlude

Oh oh oh. Oh oh oh

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. ▶

Bridge

You draw the hearts of shepherds.
You draw the hearts of kings.
Even as a baby,
You were changing ev'rything.
You called me to Your kingdom
Before Your lips could speak.
And even as a baby,
You were reaching out for me.

And now we are awaiting
The day of Your return.
When ev'ry eye will see You,
As heaven comes to earth.
Until the sky is opened,
Until the trumpet sounds,
The bride is getting ready,
The Church is singing out.

Verse 3

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us.
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Come, Thou long expected King.

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God."
please respond, "**your mercy is great.**"
When the prayers conclude,
please respond, "**Amen.**"



INVITATION TO OFFERING:

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**PROCESSION OF ABUNDANCE: Please present your
Faith-giving Intent Cards at the altar at this time.**

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 our 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
to you, almighty and merciful God, through
our Savior Jesus Christ;
You comforted your people with the promise
of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make
all things new in the day when he comes to judge
the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church
on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus
took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it
to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☩ 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.

SHARING COMMUNION

As you see the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and
“The blood of Christ for you.”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

📖 Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

BENEDICTION

📖 The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, ✠ through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

☩ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Even So Come

Verse 1

All of creation, all of the earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.

Verse 2

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

Verse 3

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true.
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

Bridge

So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait. You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait. You're coming soon.

Chorus 2

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

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DISMISSAL

📖 Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
Share Jesus' gifts of joy and life with all you meet!

☩ **Thanks be to God.**