

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024 - 9:00 am



  
Burke Lutheran Church  
**Reconnect.**

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***“Preach. Teach. Reach.”***

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please rise.*

## 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.*

P 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. 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.**



# GATHERING SONG

## He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

## 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

**C** **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. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

**P** People of peace, God desires people who hear and respond with thanksgiving to the promise of salvation.

**C** **Make us those peaceful people!**

**P** God longs for people who will not wallow in the world's sorrows, but seek out peace for the distressed!

**C** **Make us those peaceful people!**

**P** God yearns for people who struggle past daily discouragements to inspire peace in the friends of God.

**C** **Make us those peaceful people!**

**P** Let us pray together...

**C** **God of peace, we praise you for giving us the peace of eternal life with you. Bring light to our path as we await the king who is coming. Amen.**

(Light the candle of peace.)

# Emmanuel

Em-man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,  
his name is called Em - man - u - el;  
God with us, re - vealed in us;  
his name is called Em - man - u - el.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody and includes a second sharp (C#) in the key signature. The third and fourth staves complete the piece with the same melody and lyrics. The music is a simple, folk-style hymn.

Text and music: Bob McGee  
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FIRST READING

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.*

R <sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Luke 1:68-79*

R <sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

C <sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

R <sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, <sup>71</sup>from the hands of all who hate us,

C <sup>72</sup>**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

R <sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

C **free to worship you without fear, <sup>75</sup>holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

R <sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

C <sup>77</sup>**to give God’s people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

R <sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

C <sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:3-11*

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.*

R <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

P <sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Glory to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*Pastor Bryan Lagerstam*

“THE END IS WHERE WE BEGIN: THE WORD OF GOD

*Please rise.*





## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounce - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin: make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior. Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh: a - wake and heark - en.  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PETER NORIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## THE CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

R You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

R Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

R Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

R Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill especially Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, June Chadwick, Marie McCoy, Chris McFarlin, Tina Lee, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**C Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

*Please rise.*

## 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, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

### Fling Wide the Door



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

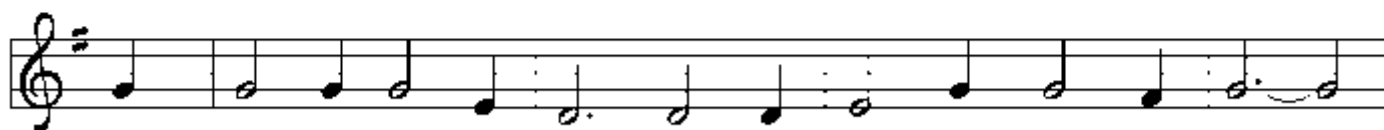


praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

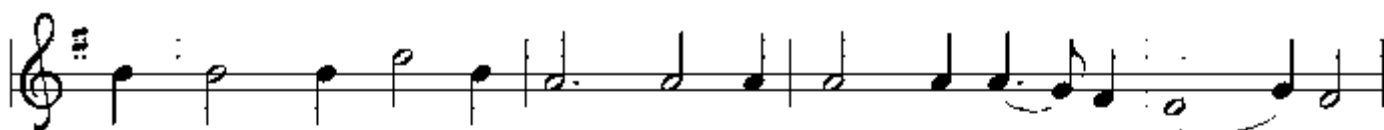
# Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

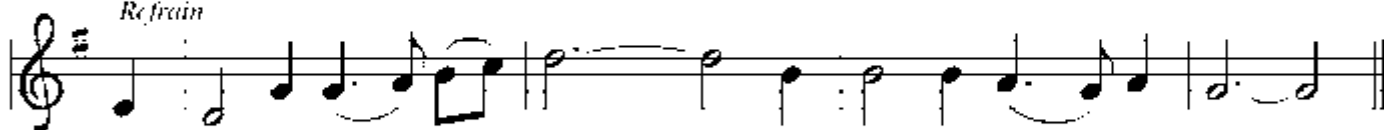


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

## *Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1777–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Mus: BEREDEN VAG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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*Please rise.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

C Amen.

## BLESSING


P 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.

C Amen.


## SENDING SONG

### The King of Glory


*Refrain*



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Music: THE KING OF GLORY, French traditional  
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*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 3:00pm and 9:00pm.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY:** Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card  
and place it in the offering plate if  
you are communing today.*

## OUR STAFF

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## PRAYERS & CARES

**A Nursery (Youth Room)** for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

**Our Prayer List:** Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke)

June Chadwick

Marie McCoy

Chris McFarlin

Tina Lee

## CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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**QUILTING:** Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Every Wednesday at 1:00pm.

**BIBLE SCHOOL:** Every Wednesday at 6:30pm at NGMLC

**BAND PRACTICE:** Mondays at 10:30am.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hospitalized?:** Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

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## CALL TO ACTION

**December Food Pantry Focus:** December focus is “Protein,” such as canned tuna, chicken, beans, peas, nut butters, rice, etc. Cans with pop tops are especially welcomed. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

**Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.** List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

**BLCW:** The BLCW will be holding elections (date to be determined) for the 2025 year. We are looking for the following officers to be voted in: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The BLCW meets once a month at Burke. All women members of Burke are members of the BLCW and are encouraged to attend meetings. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the BLCW, please contact Linda Klinger or Nancy Thompson.

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## Lefse for Sale!

There are still a few packages of Lefse left. Packages of 5 lefse rounds are only \$10.00. Grab one, two, or more! Don't forget, they make great holiday gifts!

### Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you would like to see in the Sunday bulletin and/or Light of Life, please email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or turn it into the church office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays**

**LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month**



# THIS WEEK AT BURKE

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| <b>Tuesday, December 10</b>   |   | Council, 6:30pm   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 11</b> | Quilting, 9:00am<br>Men's Breakfast, 9:00am | Bible Study, 1:00pm<br>Bible School, 6:30pm<br>at NGMLC |
| <b>Sunday, December 15</b>    | Worship, 9:00am                             |   |

## WORSHIP LEADERS

|                            | <b>December 8 - 9:00am Service</b> | <b>December 15 - 9:00am Service</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Organist/Pianist</b>    | Susie Kittel Moore                 | Gloria Lundquist                    |
| <b>Music Leaders</b>       | Dave Wisner                        | Chris Grefe<br>Dave Wisner          |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Gloria Lundquist                   | Barb Hennings                       |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>      | Gloria Lundquist                   | Jeannette Gehrke                    |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>          | Mady Moreno                        | Cheryl Beckman                      |
| <b>Usher Team</b>          | Steve & Donna Frederick            | Roger Kittleson<br>Rick Brandon     |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>         | Donuts                             | Donuts                              |
| <b>Counters</b>            | Gloria Lundquist<br>Deb Brown      | Sharon Hughes<br>Jan Peterson       |

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

|                      |              |           |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Sunday 9:00am</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>54</b> |
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