

# 9:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PRELUDE

"Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland"  
"Elevation Noel No. 6"

(J. S. Bach)  
(Alexandre Guilmant)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Amy Janssen

HYMN

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

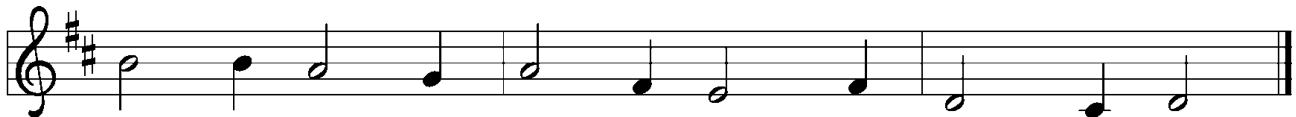
#249, st. 1,2,3,4



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - 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



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 -



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.

GREETING

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

**All:** And also with you.

ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor:* As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation, let us confess our sins. (Brief silence.) Forgiving God,

**All:** we open our hearts to you. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Pastor: Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

ADVENT HYMN

"Light One Candle"

#240, st. 2



2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

#### LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

*Reader: Today, we light again the first candle of Advent, the Prophecy Candle. And, we light for the first time, the second candle, the Bethlehem Candle. This candle reminds us that Jesus was born in an ordinary little town, in a stable full of animals. In the same way, he comes to meet us today, even in the simple and ordinary places of our lives.*

**All: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those who lived in a land of deep darkness a light has shined.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Josh Auchenbach

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:3-5, 9-11

*Reader: Word of God, word of life.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-45

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"You Are Not Alone"

Pastor Josh

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

**We believe in God,  
robed in splendor, veiled in mystery,  
ruler alike of darkness and light.  
We encounter God in Jesus Christ,  
who suffered and was put to death,  
but whose radiance could not be quenched;  
whose touch brings a blaze of color to a dull, drab world:  
reviving the weary, healing the wounded, unsettling the satisfied.  
We walk with God,  
guided by the light of God's loving spirit;**

**the light which enters the shadowed places  
of our hearts and leads us into truth and life.  
We wait for God,  
and for the fulfillment of God's promises;  
for the time when the darkness will hold no fear  
and the light will show the way,  
and creation will be made whole once more  
and God's peace will reign forever. Amen.**

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## PRAYERS

OFFERING "O Come, Redeemer of the Earth" (B. Hanson)  
TVLC Chancel Choir; Jennifer Wortman, directing; Woan Ching Lim, pianist

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

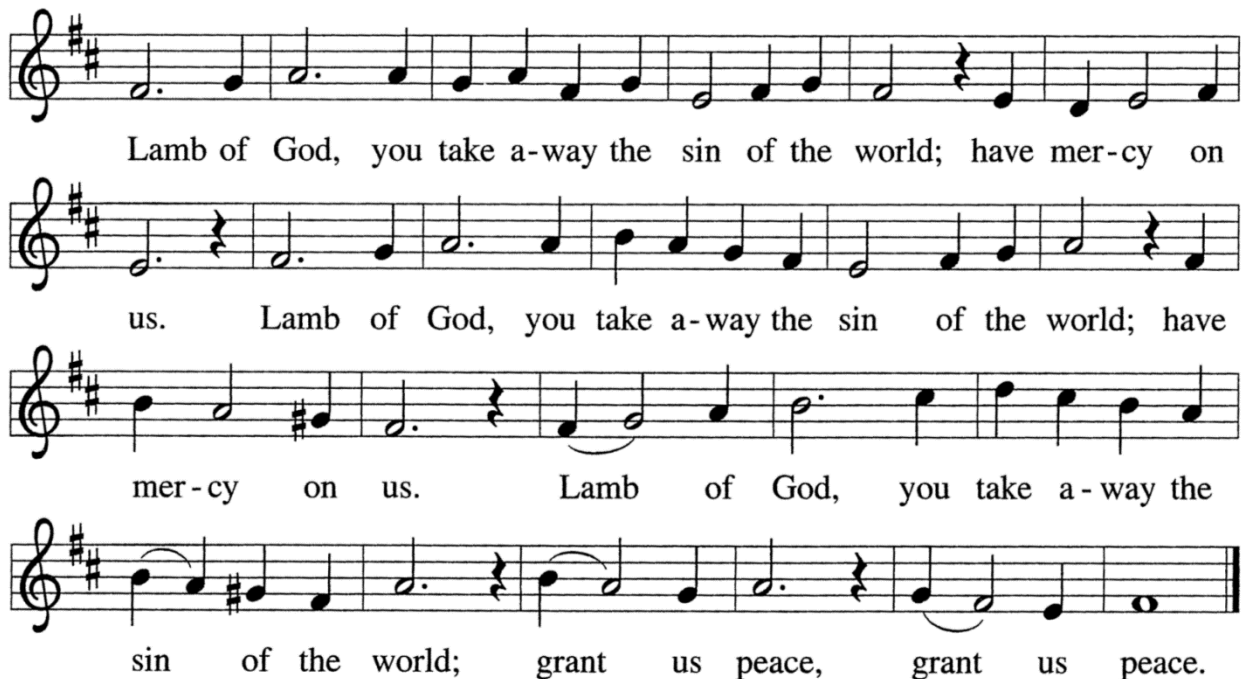
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#257, st. 1,2,6,7



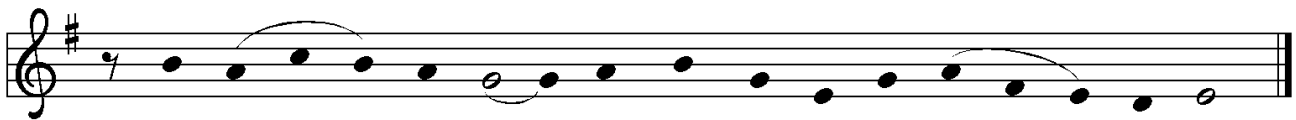
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
6 O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer; O Sun of jus - tice,  
7 O come, O King of na - tions, come, O Cor - ner - stone that



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
now draw near. Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
binds in one: re - fresh the hearts that long for you;



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
and death's dark sha - dow put to flight.  
re - store the bro - ken, make us new.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

#612

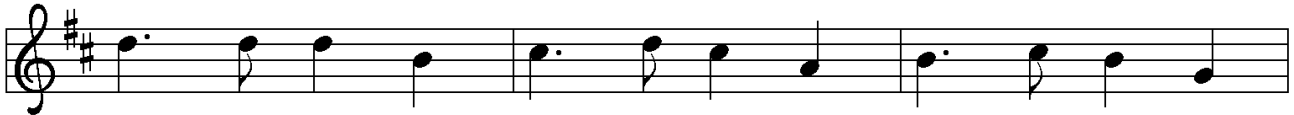
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Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

TO REFRAIN



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

#264, st. 1,3,4



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
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!  
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:  
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!

DISMISSAL

*Pastor: Go in peace. Follow Jesus and share his love.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Postludium zum Advent"

(Paul Kickstat)