



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



DECEMBER 2/3, 2023
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede

9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Doug Jones

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE: Amelia Podolny, cello

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

Amen.

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs 1-3) 257

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
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!

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

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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SPECIAL MUSIC (9 am): "Light One Candle" (vs 1 & 2)..... by Patterson
 Kids Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; LeaAnn Barnnet, piano

Light one candle for hope, hope that the whole world needs...

Light one candle for peace, peace that the whole world needs...

LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

Our hope is in God, and in his son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

We light this candle today to remind us that He is our hope and the hope of the world.

We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world. Come, Lord Jesus! You are the hope of the world.

SPECIAL MUSIC (continued with vs 3 & 4)

Light one candle for joy, joy that the whole world needs...
Light one candle for love, love that the whole world needs...

GREETING:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our Prince of Peace, our Mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come.

Amen.

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, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSONS: Isaiah 64:1-4;7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *People Look East* (vs 1) 248

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BESANCON, French carol
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GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-26;32-37

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: *"The God of Whispers, Not Shouts"* by Pastor Brent Campbell

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Hark, the Glad Sound* 239

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come...

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

5 PM: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"Duet for organ & piano

Mary Jo Gothmann, organ; Kristine Johnson, piano

8 & 9 AM: "Pat a Pan" arr. Nelson

Zion Ringmasters Bell Choir; Jonathan D. Campbell, director

OFFERTORY: *What Child is This* (vs 3) 296

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

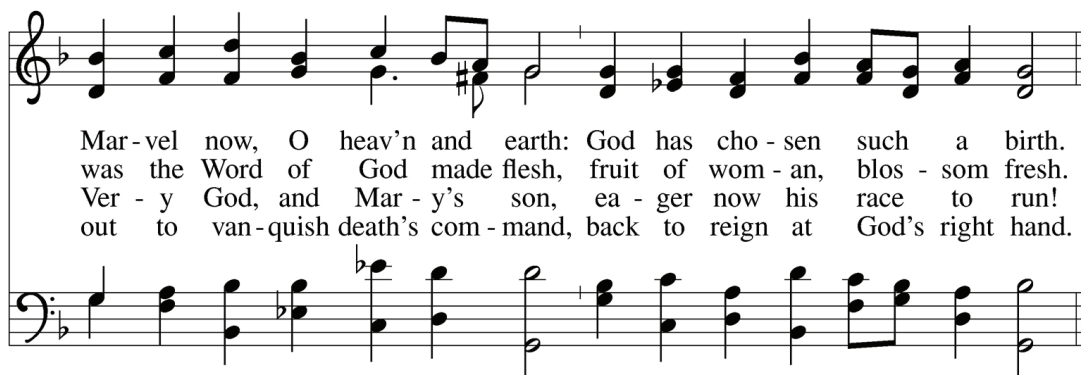
DISTRIBUTION/ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Savior of the Nations, Come

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won-drous birth—oh, won-drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar-vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van-quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



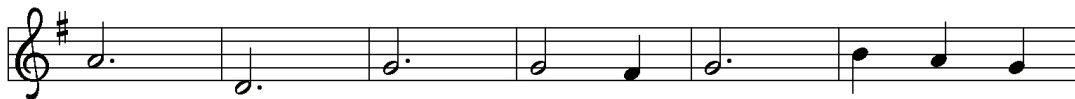
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the joy of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
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Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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SENDING HYMN: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* #244 vs. 1 & 4

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE