

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

December 10th, 2025

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #357:1,5-6

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.

C **We wait for You, Lord Jesus, with hope and joy.**

P The world fears the unknown,
but Your people trust in Your promise.

C **You will come again to make all things new.**

P Keep our lamps burning, our faith alive, and our hearts awake.

C **Let our homes be places of light, faith, and readiness.**

P Until that day, teach us to live as citizens of heaven.

C **Watching, praying, and loving until You come.**

P Come, Lord Jesus.

C **Come quickly, and make all things new. Amen.**

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **Lord Jesus, You have promised to return in glory, not to frighten us but to fulfill Your word. Keep our hearts steadfast in faith and our homes filled with Your light. When the world grows dark, let Your hope shine through us. Help us live each day as those eagerly awaiting Your return. Come soon, Lord Jesus. Amen**

SONG

Here I Am to Worship

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Light of the world, You step down into darkness.

Opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you

hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus: And here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth you created.

All for love's sake became poor. (*Chorus*)

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM MATTHEW 24:36-44

[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN #348

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

MESSAGE

Get Your Home Ready for His Return

THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text “Give” to 844-431-7278
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Thank you!

PRAYERS OF THE EVENING

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C Have mercy and hear us.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER

P We pray together;

C **Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light that no darkness can overcome. As we wait for Your return, keep our hearts watchful and our homes at peace. Guard us this night from fear and wandering thoughts, and let Your grace rest upon us and those we love. Strengthen us to live as children of the day until You come again in glory. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #338

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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- 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.
- 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.

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