

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship

Leader: We come with great expectation to await the coming Messiah.

All: All creation waits with great longing for the Son of God. Leader: As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

All: We are here to prepare a place in our hearts for his coming.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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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 every nation Joy of every longing heart

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

Hymn

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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> Emmanuel, Emmanuel His name is called Emmanuel God with us revealed in us His name is called Emmanuel

(Sing twice)

Offering

Video Offerings

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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> Lo how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung It came a flower bright Amid the cold of winter When half gone was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it The Rose I have in mind With Mary we behold it The virgin mother kind To show God's love aright She bore to men a Savior When half-gone was the night

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere True man yet very God From sin and death He saves us And lightens ev'ry load

Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Counters Needed. If you are looking for a position in the church that doesn't take a lot of time, then a role as an offering counter may be what you are looking for! I need two more people that would be willing to spend 30-45 minutes every 3-4 weeks right after the church service. There are always two people scheduled to count each week. We will train! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Linda Ploog 612-616-5657.

Video Messages. We are inviting you, each person in the church, to share a brief story or experience, a lesson learned, or a way God has worked in your life. We are looking for 1 to 2 minute videos, which we can edit if needed, to share with our congregation. If you can do this yourself, go ahead and send your video directly to the office. Also, Angela RempelEwert is willing to meet you and record you with appropriate safety measures. You may also get a call or email inviting your contribution.

Any questions? Call, text or email Angela 309.369.9329 or b-a-r-e@juno.com

Drive-Thru Living Nativity. The Living Nativity will be offered drive-thru style this year on **Saturday, December 19th from 6-8pm.** We need volunteers to be in scenes and to help set up and take down scenery. Contact the Church Office or Erin Thorvalson if you are willing to help in anyway.

C.A.R.E. Team Invitation—As we continue to consider ways to stay connected as a congregation with Covid-19 strategic mitigation measures still in place, our C.A.R.E. Team would like to hear your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. Please take time to email one of our C.A.R.E. Team members to share your thoughts. Thank you!

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