

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2008
8:00 & 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is the light and life of all the ages.

Amen.

Trusting in Jesus Christ,
who came to share our humanity
and bring light to this broken world,
let us come before God without fear to make our confession.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,
**we confess before you and in the presence of one another
that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire.
So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you.
We do not love each other as you have commanded.
Because of us, your whole creation suffers.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us.
In your boundless patience and mercy,
lead us to live by faith in your promise.
Amen.**

God's love for us is greater than all our sins.
God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness
to all who turn from sin
and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world.
Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven.
With God nothing is impossible.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GATHERING SONG	Wait for the Lord (Repeat 3 times)	#262
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GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

#257

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON

HYMN

Canticle of the Turning (cantor sings verses, congregation refrain)	#723
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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE p. 152
OFFERING *Jesu, He Shall Be Great (8:00 a.m.)* **Fettke**
Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (9:00 a.m.) **Sargent**

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #490

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SENDING SONG *Hark, the Glad Sound!* #239

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POSTLUDE *The King Shall Come* **Burkardt**

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.
An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.
You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!
Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany, visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.
We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PRESIDER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
ORGANIST	Kathy Eggleston
LECTORS	Don Abram (8:00 a.m.) Michelle Stone Kraus (9:00 a.m.) Evie Waddell (8:00 a.m.)
CANTORS	Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt (9:00 a.m.) Evie Waddell, soloist (8:00 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (9:00 a.m.) Don, Patty & Paige Lujan (8:00 a.m.)
ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS	The Sandy Galyath, Gwen Galyath & Charlie Andrew families (9:00 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Pastor Laurie & Terry Jeddelloh (9:00 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Catherine Puga & Cameron Castells (8:00 a.m.) Reed Hicks & Lindsey Koch (9:00 a.m.) Kaitlyn Bieber & Julia Secor (10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Gary Miller, Steve Esterline, Scott Scholbe David Scott, Bud Setzer, Richard Will (8:00 a.m.) Neal Schuessler, Gary Steckler, Lee Engelbart Bill Hermann, Kevin McAuliffe, Jeanette Thorsen, Bruce Thorsen Dave Admire, Nancy Admire (9:00 a.m.) Bill King, Al Baumbach Darrell Rasmussen, Lowell Palmquist, Fred Kluppel (10:30 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Laura Romig
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Andrea Spronk, Kendra Brayton Loretta Fischer, Susan Spencers
DECEMBER SACRISTANS	Mona Palmquist, Jean Hossfeld John Brayton, Katie Dragseth Dave Malucky, Beth Nixon

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The **#** symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The ***** indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

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