

Service of Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

INTROIT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together,

Where the tribes go up,

The tribes of the Lord,

To the Testimony of Israel,

To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For thrones are set there for judgment,

The thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls,

Prosperity within your palaces.”

For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say,

“Peace be within you.”

Because of the house of the Lord our God

I will seek your good.

Leader: O Lord, give ear to our prayers.

People: Light the darkness of our hearts, Christ Jesus!

† PSALM OF APPROACH

Psalm 122b



God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
(Those who are able kneel)

Leader: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father:

People: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:8-10

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!



Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.



God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

† SECOND READING

Isaiah 53:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 16:1-13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Bethlehem's Gift of a King
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

198 – *Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*



God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: And His mercy endures forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread

229 – *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Passing of the Wine

205 – *Away in a Manger*

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

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† CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand

‡ With hands uplifted

