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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB #380

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*From Psalm 32*)

- P: *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*
C: *whose sin is covered.*
P: *Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,*
C: *and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*
P: *For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away*
C: *through my groaning all day long.*
P: *For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;*
C: *my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*
P: *I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;*
C: *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*
P: *Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;*
C: *surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.*
P: *You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;*
C: *You surround me with shouts of deliverance.*
(Time of silence for individual confession of sin)

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

The Advent of Our King

LSB #331

1. The advent of our King our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.
5. Before the dawning day let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, the new self now put on.
6. All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-17
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

The Musical Offering

Light of the World

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR *All services*

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB #361

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king and peace to all the earth!
3. How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LSB #393

1. Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called, Emmanuel. *Repeat*

THE SERMON

Pastor PJ Brooks

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB #357

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

3. O come, O, come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

4. O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

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*

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

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

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come: While we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.

With pow'r and glory, come; with pow'r and glory come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.

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| <i>Adult Bible Classes</i> | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Gym |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Members and visitors, please be sure to sign the attendance clipboard at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don't forget to sign in your children, even if they're in the nursery. Circle your name if you are taking Holy Communion. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

| Next Weekend at CTK | | December 27 and 28, 2025 |
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| Preaching: | | Pastor PJ Brooks |
| Music: | | |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. | | Duet-Instrumental |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. | | Instrumental |

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Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz:
¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his

resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and they shall call
his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴

When Joseph woke from sleep, he
did as the angel of the Lord
commanded him: he took his wife,
²⁵ but knew her not until she had
given birth to a son. And he called
his name Jesus.