

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

Gathering Songs

Prepare Our Hearts

Prepare our hearts to worship You,
The Ever Faithful, Ever True.
Forgive our sin and make us new;
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

Prepare our hearts for holy ground
Let our defenses tumble down.
Come do what only You can do:
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

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Come To Us

Scattered and broken, bent in our way,
we are Your people gathered to praise You.
A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight.
Come, Lord of glory! Come, Lord of light!

(Chorus)

**Come to us, O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts.
Come to us, O Lord of glory and make us anew.
Lord, we wait for You. Lord, we wait for You.
Lord, we wait for You. Come, Lord of glory.**

Come, Lord, our dayspring, come from on high,
as we Your people gather to praise You.
Unworthy to taste from Your heavenly vine,
but Your word will heal us.
Come, light divine.

(Chorus)

Come, Root of Jesse; Come, David's son;
Come, Star of Morning; We come to praise You.
Hope of creation, of all humankind,
reign over body, spirit and mind.

(Chorus)

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Advent Litany and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Litany readers and candle lighter:

Liam, Noah & Owen McKinnon

Song - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *verse 1*

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.

Litany

L1: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

L2: We gather together to get ready for what? Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

L1: We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

L2: We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus, asking him to sort through all our mixed motives. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

L1: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope.

C: Amen.

Two candles are lit.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *verse 6*

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

Worship Choir: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Words by Joseph Martin, Music by David Angerman and Joseph Martin

*Watchman tell us of the night.
Tell us of the coming Light.
Comfort, comfort ye my people.
Sing of peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their heavy load.*

*Comfort, comfort ye my people.
Speak unto Jerusalem.
Comfort, comfort ye my people.
Sing them a song of peace.
Tell them their warfare is over.*

*Veni, veni, veni Emmanuel!
Behold the coming of the Lord!*

<i>Watchman tell us of the night, tell us of the coming dawn. Fill our hearts with hope and light. Fill our lives with joyful song</i>	<i>Hark, the voice of one who crieth. In the desert far and near. Calling to a world in darkness, See the kingdom now is here.</i>
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Children's Talk



The children will be making Advent wreaths in Kids Church today. Please join us for this year's Advent journey.

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- L: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- C: May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
- L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
- L: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**
- L: In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**
- L: Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
- C: Amen and Amen.**

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Based on VENI EMMANUEL
Stephen Pishner



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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



Hymn of the Day - Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**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.**

Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.

Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: God in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING / Announcements



The flowers on the altar were provided by the Sitler Family in loving memory of Tim Sitler, who died on December 5, 1990.



Sending Song - Prepare the Way

He will come to bring light into the darkness;
He will come to bring freedom to the captives;
He will come to restore the brokenhearted;
It's time to proclaim the year of the Lord.

(Chorus)

**Prepare the way, prepare the way for our Redeemer;
Prepare the way, prepare the way for our Restorer;
Make ready your heart,
make ready your home,
make ready the people of God;
Prepare the way.**

He will come to bring hope to the hopeless;
He will come to comfort all who mourn;
He will come to heal our ev'ry sickness;
It's time to proclaim the year of the Lord.

(Chorus)

(Ending)

Prepare the way.
Prepare the way.
Prepare the way.

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Dismissal

New Service Volunteer Coordinators

Thank you **Glenda Nelson & Esther Madsen** for volunteering to be our new service volunteer co-organizers.

Thank you to all who sign up for these important roles. Each one of you makes such a loving contribution to our Sunday worship.

There are still several spots that need to be filled in December,
please sign up in the Narthex
or contact Esther or Glenda if you are able to help.

esther.m.madsen@gmail.com OR mk.glenda@gmail.com



Glory 50 Plus is going out for their **Christmas brunch** after worship on Dec 11th to Smilie's restaurant in Sh. Park.

Jean Poots and Maureen Wesner from Group 1 are taking names and collecting money in advance. The cost for this event including the buffet, taxes, and gratuity is \$36 per person. All who are 50 Plus are welcome to join the group for this event.



Prayer Partners is starting up again!
Today, Donna will be in the Narthex collecting names after the service.

On week 1 and week 2 (November 27th and December 4th), those interested will fill out an information slip

On week 3 and week 4 (December 11th and December 18th), they will draw a name and that will be their prayer partner for the coming year.

Men and women as well as confirmation -aged youth are all welcome to participate.

~Donna Dawson

WORSHIP AT STRATHCONA CAPITAL CARE

We are resuming worship at Strathcona Capital Care Centre the second Thursday each month starting on December 8th at 10:30am. However; out of an abundance of caution, Capital Care Strathcona has made the decision to limit visitors to the church service on December 8. Therefore, only the pastor and accompanist will be attending this month.

CHURCH
Matters



The December Edition of the Newsletter will be published on our website this weekend. Hardcopies are available in the Narthex. Those who requested hardcopies, please check your mail older.

Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Musicians, AV Techs,

Greeters:	Doug Sime & Orleen Pearson
Usher:	Rose Schlegl
Reader:	Paul Berg
Advent Readers/ Candle Lighter:	Liam, Noah, & Owen McKinnon
Acolyte:	Aiden Jones
Church Lock-Up:	Kurtis Ashton

Thank you to Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken for bringing the Word today!

Events this week: Sanctuary Rental - Recital - Sunday 1:30pm
Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm
Confirmation - Thursday 6:30pm
Choir - Thursday 7:30pm

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
November 13	26	81	\$1960.00
November 20	27	92	\$2139.23
November 27	25	78	\$1543.05

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46b-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

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