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Prelude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ... Lachenauer

\*Opening Hymn: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" [LSB 342]

1.)What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild; The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!	2.)A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line, A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.
3.)As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss, That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.	4.)Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise retore; Lead past the angel's flaming sword Come, open heaven's door.

\*Introit:

*Ps 19:1, 4c. 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b*

P. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

**C. let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.**

P. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**C. In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

P. which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

**C. and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

P. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

**C. and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

**ALL** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn: "Creator of the Stars of Night" [LSB 351 v. 1-4]

1)Creator of the stars of night Thy people's everlasting Light: O Christ, Redeemer, save us all And hear Thy servants when they call.	2)Thou, grieving that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe, Hast found the healing, full of grace, To cure and save our ruined race.
3)Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride, As drew the world to eventide, The spotless Victim all divine Proceeding from a virgin shrine.	4)At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow; All things celestial Thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone. Amen.

\*Welcome & Prayer: P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

P: Let us pray

**ALL**

Stir up Your power, O Lord,  
and come and help us by Your might,  
that the sins which weigh us down  
may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy;  
for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn: “The Night Will Soon Be Ending” [LSB 337 v. 1,2]

<p><b>The night will soon be ending; The dawn cannot be far. Let songs of praise ascending Now greet the Morning Star! All you whom darkness frightens With guilt or grief or pain, God’s radiant Star now brightens And bids you sing again.</b></p>	<p><b>The One whom angels tended Comes near, a child, to serve; Thus God, the judge offended, Bears all our sins deserve. The guilty need not cower, For God has reconciled Through His redemptive power All those who trust this child.</b></p>
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Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [LSB 357 v. 1, 4, 5]

<p><b>1)O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear <i>refrain</i></b></p>	<p><b>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. <i>refrain</i></b></p>
<p><b>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. <i>refrain</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Refrain</i> Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!</b></p>

Epistle Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Hymn: “O Lord, how Shall I Meet You” [LSB 334 v. 1, 6]

<p><b>O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You a-right? Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart’s delight! O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast To do in spirit lowly All that may please you best.</b></p>	<p><b>He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes, A light of consolations And blessed hope to those Who love the Lord’s appearing. O glorious Sun, now come, Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.</b></p>
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**\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Hymn of the Day: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" [LSB 356]**

1)The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!	2)"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee; Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
3)Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!	4)Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

**Sermon**

**\*Offertory Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [LSB 338]**

<b>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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.</b>	<b>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.</b>
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**Prayer of the Church**

**\*Service of The Sacrament [LSB 194]**

Preface

Sanctus [LSB 195]

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei [LSB 198]

Distribution ...

**\*Post Communion: "Nunc Dimittis" [LSB 199]**

**\*Post Communion Collect**

**\*Benediction [LSB 202]**

**P.** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C. Amen, amen, amen**

Closing Hymn: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" [LSB 352 v. 1, 2, 5, 6]

<p>1) Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend</p>	<p>2.) What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired, What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.</p>
<p>5) Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.</p>	<p>6) Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign, I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.</p>

Postlude: "A Virgin Pure" ... Lebeque