

# MUSIC SUNDAY

December 17, 2023

“Rejoice, Your Light Has Come”

Director of Music: Melanie Johanningmeier

Leaders: Pastor Russ Leeper and Intern Beth Hurt

Piano: Cherie Schafer

Flute: Susan Leeper

Violin: Kathy Rogotzke

Prelude: Tone Chime Choir "Christmas Selections"

Music: "This Child, Emmanuel"-Trinity Choir (Lyric Sheet)

Welcome

The poinsettias on the Altar are sponsored Tilleen Litterer & Family in memory of Clarence.

Treats for "After Worship Social Time" are being provided by Ron James and Linda Klemesrud.

Gathering Hymn: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Response: And also with you**

Hymn of Praise:

"EMMANUEL"

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

Responsive Reading: Pause

L: Blessed be God, the eternal One-in-Three, who was, and is, and is to come.

**C: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

L: During a season of busyness and in a culture that demands immediate response,

**C: We pause and wait for your appearing.**

L: In the midst of anxiety, chaos, and fear,

**C: We pause and trust that your hand is leading us.**

L: Uncertain about the future and weighed down with worries in the present,

**C: We pause and know your presence fully.**

L: Come, O Christ, and set us free.

**C: Come Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.**

L: We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

**C: Where righteousness is at home.**

Music: "Away in a Manger"-Trinity Choir and Kids Choir (Lyric Sheet)

Responsive Reading: Prepare

L: Blessed be God, the eternal One-in-Three, who was and is and is to come.

**C: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

L: As the world is groaning in pain and suffering.

**C: We prepare and expect your appearing.**

L: Your Spirit has brought us to faith, and your Spirit sends us into mission.

**C: We prepare and engage in advocacy and justice-building.**

L: We who are baptized into Christ have been called to serve as Jesus' body in the world.

**C: We prepare and rejoice that you already dwell among us.**

L: Come, O Christ, and set us free.

**C: Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.**

L: We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

**C: Where righteousness is at home.**

Music: "My Heart, Your Bethlehem"-Trinity Choir (Lyric Sheet)

Hymn of the Day: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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Responsive Reading: Ponder

L: Blessed be God, the eternal One-in-Three, who was, and is, and is to come.

**C: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

L: As the night grows longer, and the shadows settle in,

**C: We ponder your marvelous designing.**

L: When our hearts are wintering, weary with grief and woe,

**C: We ponder and seek your wisdom beyond our understanding.**

L: In each moment fleeting, each fragile life beholding, in each gift of your bestowing,

**C: We ponder and trust your promises fully.**

L: Come, O Christ, and set us free.

**C: Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.**

L: We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

**C: Where righteousness is at home.**

Music: "Christmas Jubilation"-Kids Choir (Lyric Sheet)

Solos: Lela Hammond, Laker Kubik, Quincy Johnson

Prayers

*Please keep the following in prayer:*

Deb Watkins	Marilyn Isakson	Linda Girken	Jo Ann Knowlton
Colleen Ortmayer	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Imani Sande	Ron Rivers
Ruth Farmer	Noa Mulholland	Don Knowlton	Gloria Frerichs
Lorna Scrimger	Skip Ward	Marilu Wohlers	

**Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families:** Kaleb Bilharz,  
Mackenzy Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs,  
Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland, Ben Hauser

Offering:

Music: "What Child is This" Kathy Rogotzke, violin

Response: "What Feast of Love" (vs. 1 and 3)

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The Communion

The Words of Institution

Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer" (tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear")

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,  
Most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need;  
Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead;  
From evil set us free.  
Yours is the kingdom; unto You,  
In grateful love we bow;  
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view,  
Your mighty presence now.  
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung,  
By angel hosts and men.  
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue forevermore! Amen

The Distribution:

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

**#276**

"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

**#286**

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

**#290**

"The First Noel"

**#300**

Responsive Reading

L: Hear the good news. God is about to do something new. A new King is coming. He will establish a new Kingdom. He will rule over his people and establish justice. He will be great to the ends of the earth.

**C: We long for His coming. We are anxious about the future. We need strength and power to change the world.**

Music: "Celtic Noel"-Trinity Choir (Lyric Sheet)

Responsive Reading:

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**C: He was with God in the beginning.**

L: Oh, come, let us adore Him!

**C: Christ the Lord!**

L: Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**C: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

L: Oh, come let us adore Him!

**C: Christ the Lord!**

L: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

**C: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world didn't recognize him.**

L: Oh come, let us adore Him!

**C: Christ the Lord!**

L: He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive Him.

**C: Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God.**

L: Oh, come let us adore Him!

**C: Christ the Lord!**

L: The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory.

**C: Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

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Dismissal:

Go in Peace, Share the Good News!

**Response: Thanks Be to God!**

***(Please remain seated for the Postlude)***

Postlude:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Cherie Schafer, piano; Melanie Johanningmeier, organ



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**December 17--December 24**

Sunday	9:00 AM	Music Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent
	10:00 AM	After Worship Social Time
	2:00 PM	Vicki Hoffman--Kid's Recital
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Stewardship Board
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Do Day Quilters
	9:00 AM	Newsletter Deadline
	5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper & Activities (No Choir Classes//Last Confirmation for the season)
		<b>Resume:</b> Confirmation--1/10/24 Choir--1/17/24
Thursday	5:30 PM	Blue Christmas Service
Friday		Annual Report Deadline
Sunday		4th Sunday of Advent
	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	After Worship Social Time
	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (with communion)
	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service (with communion)

***The Church Offices  
 will be CLOSED  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.  
 (No Compassion Fund)***

**Wednesday Night Menu**  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meat Loaf, Baked Potatoes, Fruit,  
 Holiday Cake**  
 Supper is from  
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Cost \$5.00 for adults  
 Children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade eat free  
 thanks to Kans for Kids

**Wednesday Night Schedule**  
 3:30 PM After School  
 5:00 PM Supper  
 6:00 PM Confirmation  
**NO CHOIR CLASSES this week...**

**Will Not Have Any...**  
**Wednesday Night Activities  
 12/27/23 or 1/3/24**

Offering from the week of:

December 10, 2023

General Receipts: \$6,266.28

Designated: \$2,035.00

Total \$8,301.28

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 290

**Blue Christmas Service**

**December 21, 2023**

5:30 p.m. Gentle Service of Expression and Reflection for those who are grieving.

**Christmas Eve Services**

**December 24, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship/Comm

6:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship/Comm

**CC Cares...Christmas day**

Free-will meal 11:30am to 1pm

Pork Loin, Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Salads, and Pie

Dine in and take out only.

Call Kim at 220-6241 to make a reservation either way.

**ATTENTION!!**

January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM

Assistance "Un-decorating" the church would be greatly appreciated by anyone willing and able.

**After Worship Social Time**

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday!!

**\*\*\*Special Note\*\*\***

We need volunteers to sign up to bring treats. There is a sign-up sheet by the Narthex doors.

(To assist in planning for this...we currently plan for "approximately" three (3) dozen treats.)



**Mobile food pantry needs your help**



The Charles City mobile food pantry is an equal opportunity provider.



Delivery of food from the Northeast Iowa mobile food pantry by the St John bus is off to a wonderful start! This is a greatly needed service in our community because there are many people that qualify for food from the pantry but have mobility or transportation limitations and are unable to come to the fairgrounds to pick it up. Unfortunately, the St John bus is at its capacity and cannot fit anymore deliveries. There are many people on the waiting list. We are in need of people that can deliver food with their personal vehicles. The mobile food pantry is held the first Wednesday of the month at the Floyd county fairgrounds. Delivery vehicles will be loaded up at 6:00 pm. Deliveries are limited to within a 5 mile radius of Charles City. If you are interested in helping, call Jen Burton the mobile food pantry coordinator at 641-220-1769. Depending on the size of your vehicle, 2-4 households worth of food will likely fit in a personal vehicle. Even if you are not able to deliver every month, we still can use your help. You do not need to be a St John member to help, anyone can help. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

**Please help support...**

**St. John Christian Preschool**

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!!

Please contact Whitney or Toni if you are interested.

## ***Stephen Minister Training***

Stephen Minister Training will be happening at St. John on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, starting January 16, 2024. The deadline for signing up is January 2nd. If you are interested in being a Stephen Minister or would like to learn more about it, please contact the church office and we will get you in touch with one of our Stephen Leaders



### ***Poinsettias for Christmas***

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to sponsor the poinsettias.

You may also call the office to have your name and message added to the sign-up sheet at (641) 228-3397



GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group that is beginning again at St. John. Join us to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays at 6:30\*\*\*January 23 through April 16  
Register at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org) or call the church office at 228-3397.

See Susan Leeper for more information.



**Charles City Community  
Blood Drive**

Messiah Lutheran Church  
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City

**Friday, December 22**

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: [lifeserve.info/schedule](http://lifeserve.info/schedule)



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### ***Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2024***

On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2024 sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers and the Radio Broadcast.

The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.



# Lyric Sheets

## THIS CHILD EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, Emmanuel! Thou Dayspring,  
Come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Come, Joy of our longing hearts,  
Your peace and hope and love impart.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!  
O come, Desire of nations,  
Bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrel cease,  
And fill the world with heaven's peace.  
Come, Joy of our longing hearts,  
Your peace and hope and love impart.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.  
Rejoice Emmanuel! Rejoice!

## AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus. look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

## **MY HEART, YOUR BETHLEHEM**

Will you have a place to lay Your head on the night of Your holy birth;  
A crown, or a robe of royal thread, as Your life begins on earth?  
Though some will not receive You, or know just who You are,  
I will prepare a place for You, a home within my heart.  
I'll make my heart Your Bethlehem, where You, O Lord, can enter in.  
Shine Your light, let Your life in me begin, And make my heart Your Bethlehem.  
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today!  
Though some will not believe You are the Savior born for them,  
I will prepare a place for You; my heart your Bethlehem.  
How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n.  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
Though some will not receive You, or know just who You are,  
I will prepare a place for You, a home within my heart.  
I'll make my heart Your Bethlehem, Where You, O Lord, can enter in.  
Shine Your light, let Your life in me begin, and make my heart Your Bethlehem.

## **CHRISTMAS JUBILATION**

Christmas jubilation! Shine, shine the light of glory,  
It's a celebration, Everybody sing.  
With the angels, shout it from the mountains.  
Alleluia, make a joyful sound!  
Raise your voices, Fill the sky with singing,  
Alleluia, make a joyful sound!  
Christmas jubilation! Shine, shine the light of glory,  
It's a celebration, Everybody sing.  
Everybody Sing! From the mountains sing! To the valley, Sing!  
Christmas Jubilation! Shine, shine the light of glory,  
It's a celebration, Everybody sing!

## CELTIC NOEL

Noel, Noel, sing we Noel. Noel, Noel, sing we Noel.

Born is the King, born is the King, born is the King of Israel.

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields, where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, sing we Noel. Noel, Noel, sing we Noel.

Born is the King, born is the King, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.  
And by the light of that same star, three wisemen came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel, Noel, sing we Noel. Noel, Noel, sing we Noel.

Born is the King, born is the King, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood, and with His blood, and with His blood our life hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel. Born is the King of Israel.

Noel, Noel, sing we Noel. Noel, Noel, sing we Noel.

Born is the King, born is the King, born is the King, sing we Noel.

Born is the King of Israel. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Sing we Noel!