

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 194 (vv. 1-5)*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *from Westminster Larger Catechism
Q&A 134 & 135 (Modern English Version)*

PASTOR: What is the sixth commandment?

ALL: **The sixth commandment is: *You shall not murder.***

PASTOR: What does the sixth commandment require?

ALL: **The sixth commandment requires us to do our best to make every lawful effort to preserve our own life and the lives of others...In the pursuit of that goal, we must defend others from violence...practice temperance in the way we eat, drink, take medications, sleep, work, and play. We should also harbor charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, and kindness. Our speech and behavior should be peaceful, mild, and courteous. We should be tolerant of others, be ready to be reconciled, patiently put up with and forgive injuries against us, and return good for evil. Finally, we should provide aid and comfort to those in distress as well as protect and defend the innocent.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN *In these moments,
we individually come to God in prayer,
silently confessing personal sins so that we may
take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD *1 Peter 2:19-25*

PASTOR: For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymn 203 (vv. 1-3)*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

READING FOR CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT *Deacon David Zeiger
& wife Heather*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE *Pastor David Rogers*

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING *(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY ***“The Hands of Love”*** *Choir*
—by Joseph M. Martin—

* PRAISING OUR GOD *Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD *Ensemble & Congregation*

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
you remember sins no more—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
you will guide me with your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
And you've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe—
we will stand on ev'ry promise of your Word.

* SCRIPTURE READING

*Elder Joel Aguilar
Page 968 in the pew Bible*

2 Corinthians 8:10-15

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD *Rev. David Rogers*

“An Increased Standard of Giving”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER *(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Ensemble & Congregation*

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin,
shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: “Christ will come again!”
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
around the table of the King.

* BENEDICTION *2 Corinthians 13:14*

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Ensemble music: CCLI#89171
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.*

** Congregation Please Stand*

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

