

God With Us

August 25, 2024

GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Pam Eiten, Song Leader
VT #210, v. 1-2, 6-7

Welcome

Eric Larson

Call to Worship

Leader: See, the home of God is among us.

People: The Holy One is with us.

Leader: God will dwell with us,
and we will be God's people.

People: The Holy One is with us.

Leader: God is the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.

People: The Holy One is with us.

Leader: To the thirsty, God gives water as a gift
from the spring of the water of life.

All: Let us worship the Holy One, who is with us.

—Joanne Harader

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

We Give Thanks Unto You

VT #117

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

VT #237

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

Speak, O Lord (arr. Mary McDonald)

Vocal Quartet

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Adrien Keables Hayward

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

1 Kings 8: 56-61

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

John Walton

"Immanuel Theology: What God Has Always Wanted"

Listening for the Spirit

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

VT #638

Music for Reflection

Vocal Quartet

This Is My Song (Jean Sibelius; VT #710)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

When We Walk with the Lord

VT #570

Closing Prayer

Special thanks to our vocal quartet today: Keith Eiten, Sharon Ewert, Jeremy Kropf, and Hilary Rhodes.

Today

11:30 AM—John Walton Sharing
(sanctuary)
Mennos in the Meadow

- A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor,
Dave Kuhlmann Taylor
- Coffee Host: Hilary Rhodes • Greeter: Caroline Steelberg
- Nursery: Ken G Kabira, Dominick Rhodes; Valerie Kropf,
Maggie Bergevin
- Church Opening and Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant

This Week

Thu—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

Announcements

- Next Sunday, we will celebrate **Communion Sunday**. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Matthew 5:23-24).
- We **still need four more Sunday school teachers** to fully staff our preschool through 5th grade Sunday school classes before classes start on September 15. Classes always have two teachers, so no one has to do all the planning and work themselves. It's a great way to connect with other families in the church! Please contact Elise E. if you are interested in teaching.
- LMC's Menno Haven church retreat is only two weeks away! Don't miss the fun—**today is the last chance to register**. You can come for both September 7 and 8 or you can come for just a day. Your only cost is \$5 per person for meals plus lodging or a minimal day use fee. Contact the church office to register. The registration deadline is today for new registrations or for making any changes for those who have already registered. We look forward to a wonderful time of fun, relaxing, and gathering together in the peaceful woods! Please talk with Lisa R. or Jill Y. S. if you have questions.