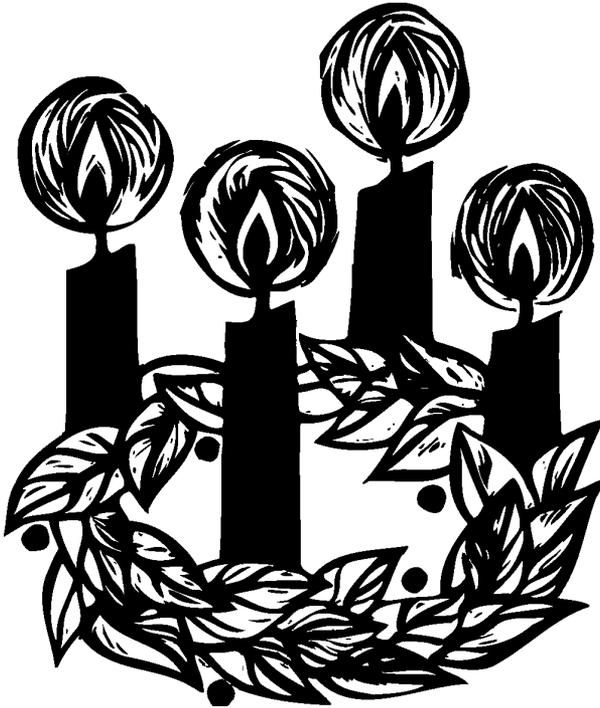


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn.....O Lord How Shall I Meet You (241)
Hymn of the Day.....Oh Eagle's Wings (787)
Communion.....Come to the Table (481) 3x
Sending Hymn.....Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (244)

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Prelude **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** **Bell Choir**
arranged by Kevin McChesney from Ring Together Christmas,
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Announcements

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

Let us come before God in confession.

(silence for reflection)

Great and Holy One,

in this time of modest daylight, we confess the shadows of sin in our lives. We build ourselves up at the expense of others. We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure. Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay. Come to restore us in your image, remake us into your people, and rebuild what sin has broken, that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

O Lord How Shall I Meet You (241)

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite

Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we might hear the prophet's call and be ready to greet the coming of our Lord. Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

“Light One Candle”

by Mark Patterson © 2004 Augsburg Fortress

Light One Candle for Hope,
Hope that the whole world needs.
Light one candle for Hope,
Hope that the Savior will bring.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

“Light in the Darkness”

Bell Choir

arranged by Margaret R Tucker © 2007 Choristers Guild

Reading

Jeremiah 29:1,4-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its

behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

John 14:18-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me;

because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

On Eagle's Wings (787)

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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+Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week: Larry Adams, Beth Ayen, Mary Ann Bond, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Michael Foret, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Stewart Hellem, Jean Hinck, Joshua Kaiser, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, Kim Parker, John Plump, Carlos Quiles, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Carol Thompson, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon and Ben Hayes, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving **tune: Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

And may the Lord be with you too.

Lift your hearts to God in praise.

To the Lord our hearts we raise.

Let us offer praises true.

It is fitting so to do. Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King!

The Sanctus

tune: As with Gladness

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored.

Heav'n and earth cannot contain, all the glory of Your name!

With the heav'nly host we sing highest praises to our King!

2. Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame be to Him who, in God's name, now draws nigh with us to dwell, Jesus, Our Emmanuel!

Hail! Hosanna! Praises be to the Lord eternally!

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Together, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Tune: *Away in a Manger*

- 1. Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same.
By mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone.
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**
- 2. The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
as we forgive others, our sins take away;
in times of temptation, to lead us be near;
from evil deliver Your children most dear.**
- 3. For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
from all of creation, forever! Amen!**

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine, maintaining distance between households. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you

Communion Hymn

Come to the Table (481) 3x

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait,

you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.

Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (244)

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Benediction

Amen

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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THOSE SERVING ASCENSION’S WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Deacon: 8:00-Patrick DeLoughry 10:30-John Hayes

Ushers: 8:00- Craig Kelly 10:30- Steve Tompkins

Lectors: 8:00- Katy Snider 10:30-Sue Trinko

Communion Assistants: 8:00-Rich Gaona 10:30- Val Rudy

Bread: Sylvia Holt

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