



November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent

***“Jesus Christ
is Coming to Town!”***

***We welcome you with open arms
and open hearts!***

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Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers the Body of Christ

Prelude

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Celeste Pogachar

Welcome

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

(AM: Prayer Requests and Service Announcements.)

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

L: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
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 may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
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.

All: Amen.

Service of Light (*as one candle is lit*)

L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All: the light no darkness can overcome;

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

All: and shine within your people here.

L: The Light shines in the darkness;

All: and the darkness does not overcome it.

Candle Hymn

“Light One Candle”

ELW #240, v. 1

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel. God fulfills the promise.**

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)

Gathering Hymn

“Holy Child Within the Manger”

WOV #638

**Holy Child within the manger, long ago, yet ever near;
Come as friend to every stranger, come as hope for every fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,
As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.**

**Once again we tell the story how your love for us was shown,
when the image of your glory wore an image like our own.**

**Come enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion kindle every land and race.**

**Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,
So we see in every stranger how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,
That our hearts may be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.**

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: Blessed be God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

PM: Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

PM: Loving and forgiving God,

All: We confess that we are held captive by sin.

In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.

We have not welcomed the stranger;

we have not loved our neighbor;

we have not been Christ to one another.

Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin.

Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

PM: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free, free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ✙ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Advent Hymn *(Please rise)*

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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Prayer of the Day

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

AM: Let us pray.

All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

God Speaks to Us in the Word

(AM: Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading:

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Lector: A reading from the 64th chapter of Isaiah:

Prayer that God would come with power and compassion

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence

²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those
who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry,
and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take

hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

(Lector: Give directions for psalm responses.)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a-way from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lector: A reading from the 1st chapter of First Corinthians:

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind, ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you, ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Rick Brown

(AM: Please rise as you are able for the gospel acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation

“Emmanuel”

W&P #36

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.**

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

PM: The Holy Gospel according St. Mark, chapter 13:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rick Brown

(AM: Please rise as you are able for the Sermon song)

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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The Apostles' Creed (*AM leads*)

ELW p. 95

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 to the dead. 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 again 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 of the Church

AM: God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

ELW # 247 Vv. 1-2

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ’s name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Wait with us. Watch with us.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Wait with us. Watch with us.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer.

Wait with us. Watch with us.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. (*Local feeding or housing ministries may be named*). Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Wait with us. Watch with us.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses (*especially*). Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Wait with us. Watch with us.

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Wait with us. Watch with us.

Hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” ELW # 247 Vv. 3-4
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Pass the Peace

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and
send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

We will now receive the offering.

The Offering

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW #294 v. 3

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him-- give my heart.**

Offering Prayer

AM: Generous God,

All: You have created all that is,
and you provide for us in every season.

**Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts
the world will receive your blessing.**

In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.

Amen.

Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God who comes in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever.

Communion will be served in individual portions.

Give directions for communion.

The Great Thanksgiving

PM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new in the day when
he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth
and the hosts in heaven, we praise your name as we await
your coming, O Emmanuel.

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

PM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

PM: And now may the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

PM: Gracious and abundant God,

**All: You have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us
and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

PM: Be people of **hope**.

Let **hope** live in your heart and share the **hope** of Christ with all you meet. Share **hope** by noticing someone else's humanity.

Share **hope** by listening to someone's story. Share **hope** by praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share **hope**. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share **hope** with those you meet.

All: Amen.

Announcements for Congregation

God Sends Us into the World

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today Nov 29

Accompanist	Lina Gyles
Presiding Minister	Rick Brown
Assisting Minister	Celeste Pogachar
Video	Cole Kimzey
Projection	Will Heitmann

Dec 6

Accompanist	Amber Richardson
Presiding Minister	John Marten
Assisting Minister	Celeste Pogachar
Video	Rick Brown
Projection	Scott Southwick

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Prayers for safety and healing: Pastor Dale Meador, Pastor Aprille Jordan, Eunice Romo, Quoia Anderson, Bill Jameson, Ken Price, Pastor Shannon Mayfield, Scott Southwick, Amber Wood, Richard Castor, Julie, Pat, Amber Lynch, Cliff Marks, Mary Ann, Ashley, Dennis Kimzey, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Ron Osborn.

Prayers for Covid-19 Recovery: Earl Belcher, Liz Jameson, Holly Gyles, Dominic Farrenkopf.

Prayers for comfort: Family and friends of Pastor Ed Pomelear, family and friends of Pam Kaye, family and friends of Jane Davidson.

Discovery: Clara Felton

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.

Please feel free to resubmit.

Announcements: