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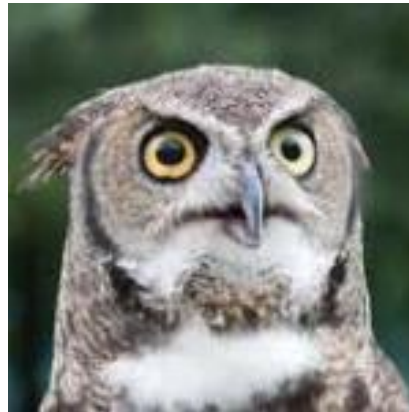
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November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

Welcome in Jesus' name.

We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Silence for Private Confession)

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

*Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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***Apostolic Greeting:**

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

C: And also with you.

***The Prayer of the Day:**

P: 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.**

Hymn: "Give Me Jesus"

ELW #770

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm Reading:

Psalm 25

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

C: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

C: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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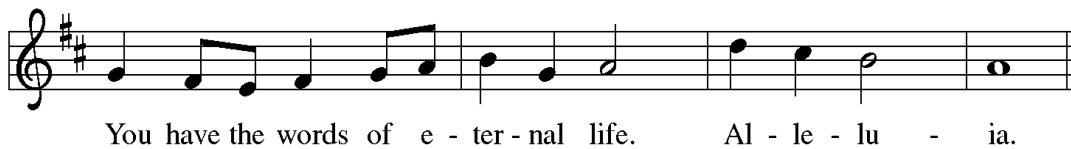
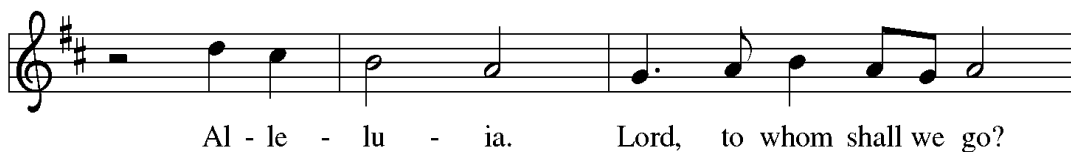
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: Word of God, Word of Life **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

***Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia" Setting 4, page 151



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***Holy Gospel:**

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 21st Chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you

see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW #257 v. 1-4

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way. **Refrain**

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. **Refrain**

***Apostle's 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 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 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 People**

PRAYER LIST:

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: **Don** Segaar, **Donna** Kaiser-Wike, **Vicky** Otteson, **Rudean** Keith, **Marlin** Marquart, **Carol** Steffensen, **John** Holtberg, **Sig** Lundgren, **Ed** Anderson, **DeWayne** Lien, **Deanna** Mortenson (Ardyce Lundgren's sister), **Johanna** Orsten, **Randy** Lindahl, **Janet** Raveling, **Calmon** Peterson (Karla Anderson's brother), and all those we name in our hearts, having the confidence that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God knows our needs.

***Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** **And also with you.**

Offering (children may bring offerings forward)

Offertory Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering, we are an offering.

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Offertory Prayer:

C: God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer:**

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.

***Benediction:**

P: To God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

***Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway"**

ELW #264

Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the king of glory,
Foretold in sacred story:

Refrain:

Hosanna to the Lord,
For he fulfills God's word!

God's people, see him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! **Refrain**

Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too may bring.
All lands, will bow before him;
Their voices join your singing: **Refrain**

His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: **Refrain**

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***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.