



NOVEMBER 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

**WE OPEN THE DOOR - HOPE
“MAKING ROOM”**

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

**C: In the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again
of your saving grace. Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

ADVENT — THE DOOR OF WELCOME

L: The pandemic has laid bare and widened economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter the Advent Season, how can our church become a house where the Holy will be born anew? Offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors even wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life... No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

THE CANDLE OF *Hope* IS LIT — WITH ADVENT SONG INTRODUCTION

- L: Today, we offer the Light of Hope to illumine the Door of Welcome.
C: May this light shine in our hearts in our lives, and in our church.
L: May hope awaken us to possibilities that lead us to greater hospitality.
C: There IS room in the Inn, a House for the Holy.

WE SING VERSE 1 OF ADVENT SONG: Make Of My Heart A Stable

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v.1 **Make of my HEART a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy place for HOPE to live and grow.**

- L: Hope waits for us at Advent. Hope waits for us to trust.
Hope waits for our commitment to land that's kind and just.
**C: In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing a world that heals the ones in pain,
HOPE is born in us again!**

WE SING VERSE 2 OF ADVENT SONG:

v.2 **Make of my LIFE a stable, a house for the Holy,
a warm and sturdy place for HOPE to live and grow.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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." WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 21:25-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"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;³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.³³ Heaven 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 does not catch you unexpectedly,³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.³⁶ Be 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 the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

vs. 1 & 2

ELW #254

- 1 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**
- 2 **Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

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 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

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of our waiting and watching,

**C: 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.**

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION - LORD'S PRAYER - COMMUNION

- 1 **O come, O come, Emmanuel, | and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here | until the Son of God appear.
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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel | shall come to you, O Israel.**
- 3 **O come, O come O Lord of might, | as to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law | in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel | shall come to you, O Israel.**
- 4 **O come, O Branch of Jesse, free | your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, | and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel | shall come to you, O Israel.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING — “THE REST OF THE STORY”

L: AND YET we have not seen the fulfillment of a time when suffering ends.
Today we sing *O Little Town of Bethlehem* – a carol written by Phillip Brooks
in 1865 after a horseback ride between Jerusalem and Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.
Our worship closes with a verse from the original carol not found in hymnals today –
yet still fitting.

Let us remember – it was a little, unassuming town where the Holy was housed.
We too can offer light and hope and a place where “faith holds wide the door”
even, and especially, in *our* little town.

CLOSING HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

v. 1 ELW #279

- 1 **O little town of Bethlehem | how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep | the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth | the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years | are met in thee tonight.**

An old
verse

***Where children pure and hap...py | pray to the blessed Child,
where misery cries out to thee, | Son of the Mother mild;
where charity stands watching | and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, | and Christmas comes once more.***

RINGING OF BELL

CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL

L: May God's Door of Welcome swing open in our heart and in our life.

C: May Christ's humble first dwelling remind us of the plenty we already know. And may the Spirit lead us into more possibility and hospitality than we can imagine, making room in THE INN for all.

L: May it be so for you. May it be so for us. May it be so for this congregation. Amen.

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR: Julie Rogness

ASSISTING: Heidi Haugen

MUSIC STAFF: Tammy Hanson–Organ; Annette Thunhorst–Piano/Keyboard

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PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMNS: *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus, O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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CALENDAR

Sun/Nov 28	9 am	ADVENT ONE WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School
	7 pm	AA
Wed/Dec 1	6 pm	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Sr.Choir
Thu/Dec 2		AA
Sun/Dec 5	9 am	ADVENT TWO WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School
	7 pm	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

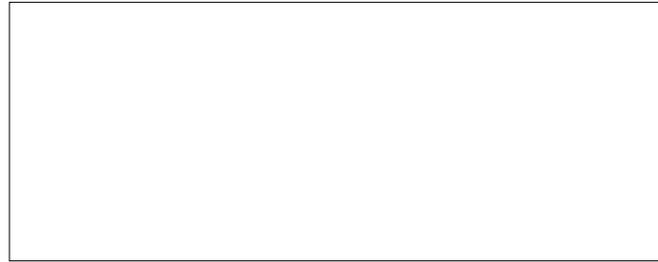
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Christmas Plants • If you would like a plant in Church for Christmas in Honor/Memory of a loved one, please purchase your own and deliver to the church. To be listed in the Bulletin, please fill out a SLIP (**Found on Entry Tables**) and leave in the offering plate or bring to church office. **Slip Deadline is December 17.**

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