



**DECEMBER 19, 2021**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

DOOR OF WELCOME - LOVE  
"A Room with a View"

*RINGING OF BELL*

PRELUDE *Gesù Bambino – Of the Father's Love Begotten*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* vs.1 ELW #295  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Of the Father's love begotten | ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, | he the source, the ending he,  
of all things that are, that have been, | and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.**

ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE—"A Room With a View"

L: This has been an Advent season of prophets: Jeremiah, Baruch, Isaiah, Micah. And now the prophet is Mary – the woman who was the original house for the holy. She was "the inn," her womb conceiving love for the world. With all her heart, she proclaims that the lowly are lifted, the hungry are fed, mercy reigns. Like Mary, we must envision, must see, must prophesy and act on that vision for the world that God continues to call us to co-create. What is the view from the room that God has prepared?

THE CANDLE OF *Love* IS LIT

- L: Today we offer the Light of Love to illumine the Door of Welcome.  
**C: May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, in our church.**  
L: May Love awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.  
There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.  
**C: Love waits for us at Advent. Love waits for us to care. Love waits for our  
compassion freely offered, freely shared. In this time of preparation for the  
work of co-creation, for the birthing of a world where faith shapes all we do.  
Love is born in us anew!**

SONG: *Away in a Manger* vs.1&3 ELW #277  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down  
where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

- 3 **Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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.**

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: *We Are Waiting*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *We pray together*

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM: MICAH 5:2-5A

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 1:46-55

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy

is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *All Earth Is Hopeful*

vss. 1 & 4

ELW #266

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- 1 **All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God’s creative task:  
This, the labor of people who struggle to see  
How God’s truth and justice set ev’rybody free.**
- 4 **We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.**

#### 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

P: 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.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER – COMMUNION

#### DISTRIBUTION SONG

*Love Has Come*

v. 1,2,3

ELW #292

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- 1 **Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

- 2 **Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying! Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**
- 3 **Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**BLESSING** P: The 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.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING – “THE REST OF THE STORY”

L: For Today’s closing carol we sing “**O Come, All Ye Faithful.**” This is an 18th Century hymn by John Francis Wade. This carol invites us to come “joyful and triumphant.” It moves between exhortation and doctrine from the Nicene Creed in the second verse. But each verse changes to almost a hushed tone at the beginning of the refrain as we tiptoe into the stable with “O come, let us adore him.”

Each one of us has known the need to love and be loved, to forgive and be forgiven, to embrace and be embraced. May we approach each person we meet with the adoration of Jesus Christ, tender and merciful, loving and kind, and make this a house of adoration for all.

CLOSING HYMN **O Come, All Ye Faithful** vss. 1,2,3 ELW #283  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**
- 2 **The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

RINGING OF BELL

## CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

L: May God’s Door of Welcome swing open in your heart and in your 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 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR:Julie Rogness. ASSISTING:Ben Short. MUSIC: Annette Thunhorst-Piano/Keyboard; Carol Lozon & Senior Choir. TECH CREW: Jim Braaten, Steve Johnson, Bill Lewis, Dan Rogness, Holly Aldorfer, Heidi Haugen

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Sid Strandemo, Faye Marcuson, Lila Cole, Mona Boomgarden, Helen Aase, Jennifer Lorfald.

## CALENDAR

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Sun/Dec 19	9 am	ADVENT WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School Pageant
	7 pm	AA
Wed/Dec 22	---	<b>No Wed Worship</b>
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Thu/Dec 23	7 pm	AA
Fri/Dec 24	4 pm	CHR EVE WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
Sat/Dec 25	----	CHR DAY WORSHIP - OnLine/Pre-Recorded
Sun/Dec 26	9 am	SUN AFTR CHR WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
		<b>No Sunday School</b>

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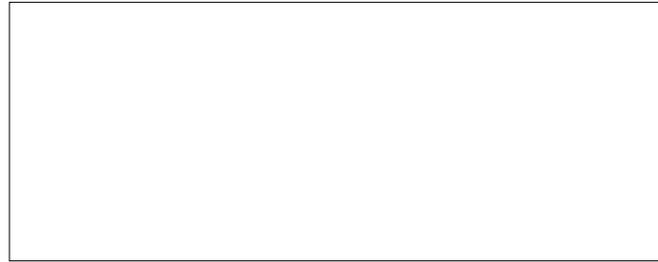
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