



NOVEMBER 27, 2022
ADVENT 1 – *There is Room for Every Story*
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

L: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "*What gives you hope?*" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers... (*dialogue omitted*)

ADVENT ONE CANDLE IS LIT

HYMN: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

ELW 257 vs.1-4

**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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In God's house, everyone is welcome – those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives.
Let us pray:

P: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "bring your full self. There's room for you here."

All: But we say, "our lives are too messy."

P: You say, "bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

All: But we say, "it's too risky to hope."

P: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

All: But we say, "some things are easier to forget."

P: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

All: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

P: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

All: There's room for every story. Amen.

P: Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There is room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of the ages,

All: in scripture we hear stories of people like us – ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow – old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are yours. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, THE 1ST CHAPTER

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

MATTHEW 1:1-6A, [OMITTED 6B-15B] 15C-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing night.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**
- 2 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**
- 3 The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is not more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**
- 4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

BLESSING

P: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that
from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved.
From generation to generation, God has been by our side.
From generation to generation, we are not alone.

HYMN: *The King Shall Come* ELW 260 vss. 1,2,5

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**
- 2 Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.**

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SENDING

L: The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name,
loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be,
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."
All: May it be so. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Sun/Nov 27	9 AM	ADVENT ONE – Theme: Generation to Generation
		WORSHIP w/Communion – In Person & Live-Streamed
	---	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
	7 PM	AA
MON/Nov 28	10-12 AM	Stockettes
Wed/Nov 30	6 PM	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thu/Dec 1	7 PM	AA
Sun/Dec 4	9 AM	ADVENT TWO – Theme: Generation to Generation
		WORSHIP w/Communion – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	7 PM	AA

Received in Baptism today: *Amaya Love Lair*, daughter of Matthew Lair and Kelsey Scheffler. Her sponsors are Craig & Kristina Scheffler. Welcome Amaya!

Advent/Christmas 2022 Series - *From Generation to Generation*

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. LUKE 1:48B-50

Questions to ponder each week as we meet each of the characters:

- What did each person pass on or contribute?
- How did they either participate in God's liberation and love – or try to hinder God's justice?
- What can we learn from them, and what is our role now?
- What will we pass on to the next generation?
- What are we being called to generate or bring forth?
- What seeds are you planting for the future?

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