



DECEMBER 4, 2022
ADVENT 2— *God Meets Us in Our Fear*
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Ring of Bell

PRELUDE *BELL CHOIR*

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

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

ADVENT TWO CANDLES ARE LIT

HYMN: *Awake, Awake & Greet the New Morn*

ELW 242 vs.1-3

- ¹ Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**
- ² To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**
- ³ In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.**

CALL TO CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful. For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our lives – choices such as building walls or tearing others down. Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, “Do not be afraid.” Let us pray:

P: Patient God,

All: you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.

P: You know just how often

All: we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.

P: You know just how often

All: we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recent us in love. With hope we pray, Amen.

P: Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us. Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us. We are known, forgiven, and loved.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God,

All: whether it's through angels, or music, friendships or sermons, study or nature – when you speak, we long to hear it. In a world as chaotic and broken as ours, we could use your words of hope and healing. With gratitude we pray. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 1:26-28

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have

found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

SERMON – *God Meets Us In Our Fear* - Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

ELW 265 v. 1-3

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!**
- 2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!**
- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

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 OF PEACE

OFFERING—OFFERTORY/BELL CHOIR—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 PRAYER

P: Eternal God,

C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER – INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- 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 the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**
- 2 **Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**
- 3 **This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.**
- 4 **Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.**

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: *He Came Down*

ELW 253 All

- 1 **He came down that we may have LOVE;** *(sing 3 times)*
hallelujah forevermore.
- 2 **He came down that we may have LIGHT;** *(sing 3 times)*
hallelujah forevermore.
- 3 **He came down that we may have PEACE;** *(sing 3 times)*
hallelujah forevermore.
- 4 **He came down that we may have JOY;** *(sing 3 times)*
hallelujah forevermore.

*Ringing of Bell*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 BELL CHOIR

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CALENDAR

Sun/Dec 4	9 AM	ADVENT 2 WORSHIP w/Communion - In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	Acolyte Training
	7 PM	AA
Mon/Dec 5	7 PM	EdYou
Wed/Nov 7	6 PM	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thu/Nov 8	1 PM	LOVE DAY
	6:30 PM	Worship Committee
	6:30 PM	Scouts – fellowship hall
Sun/Dec 11	9 AM	ADVENT 3 WORSHIP w/Communion – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
	7 PM	AA

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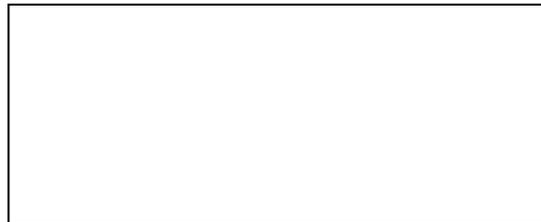
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Advent/Christmas 2022 Series - From Generation to Generation—Questions to ponder each week as we meet each of the characters: What did each person pass on or contribute? How did they either participate in God's liberation and love – or try to hinder 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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