

11/28/21
1 Advent - C
Liturgy: ELW- 10
Service of the Word
Presider/Preacher: Pastor Tim

Ushers: Deb Norstad and Jeff Samuelson
Bell Ringer: Danielle Lingenfelter
Sound Board: Bob Durdahl
Computer: Tony Busiahn
Acolyte: Axel Rapp
Reader: Lois Nelson
Altar Guild: Judy Johnson, Debra Norstad and Billie Stinar
Money counters: Mary Lindahl and Debbie Sundheim
Pianist/Organist: Jane Bracken
Special Guest Readers: Jason and Liz Rickert & Family

Parish Announcements:

*Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Muriel Cherwinka
given by her Family*

Mitten Tree is up & donations are needed by December 15th

Globe Offering: Good Samaritan

Lighting of the Candles: - Axel Rapp

Prelude: Jane Bracken
Organ: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - Rowland H. Prichard
Organ: "The Advent of Our God" – C.S. Long

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: ELW #257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
{Verses 1, 4, 7, and 8}

vs 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.

vs 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.

Refrain

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

vs 7

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

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

vs 8

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P: Holy One

C: We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie: (ELW p. 203) "Have Mercy On Us, Lord"

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise: (ELW p. 204) "Glory be to God in Heaven"

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...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.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Lighting Prayer: (Rickert Family)

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: AMEN

C: "Light the Candle" (to be sung by congregation -led by Cindy Hayward)

Refrain,

Light the candle, light the candle, Light the candle today. We celebrate a new beginning and Christmas on its way!

V1

Light the first one for hope, like the old prophecy Of a savior so come and set his people free!

Refrain

Light the candle, light the candle, Light the candle today. We celebrate a new beginning and Christmas on its way!

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: Lois Nelson

L: A reading from the 33rd chapter of Jeremiah.

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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: “Waiting, Watching, Wondering”

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: Lois Nelson

L: A reading from the 3rd chapter of Thessalonians

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And 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: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse: (ELW p. 205) “Alleluia! Lord and Savior”

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ Then 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 our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: ELW #244 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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 nigh.
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 sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no 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!

Apostles' Creed

P: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: 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 again 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.

Prayer of the People

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

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #239 "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

1) Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.

2) He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3) He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

4) Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

Choir Blessing: “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Candles Extinguished: Axel Rapp

Chancel Bells

Postlude: “Prepare the Royal Highway” – G. Winston Cassler