

Welcome

1st Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Alexander
The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.

Please stand as able.

L In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C Amen

ADVENT CANDLE LITANY

L In the beginning, there was chaos. There were troubled dreams, uncertain sounds, and fear in the darkness. Then, when the chaos was most threatening, when uncertainty seemed the only certain thing, the cup seemed perpetually half empty, and the light at the end of the tunnel turned out to be just our imagination, God said, "Let there be light." And there was Hope.

(First Advent Candle is lit while singing *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 1) WOVS 630

C **Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

L The light of Hope lifts our eyes and calls us forward in Advent. To our uncertain and timid world, it proclaims brazenly that there is a tomorrow. It asserts that hope for the future is not to be found in improved financial portfolios or better self-affirmation. The candle of Hope reminds us that there is something to cling to: God is and God will.

C **We will wait for Christ during this Advent Season, the season of preparation. Thank you, God!**

Brief moment of self reflection.

C Amen

HYMN Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending LBW# 27

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



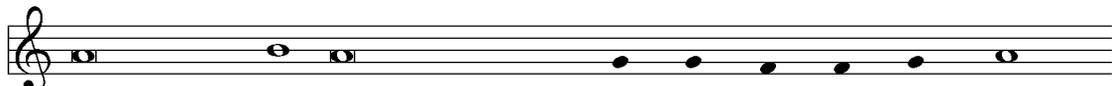
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) is omitted during Advent.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We place the prophet into the nativity set as a message of hope and what is to come.

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading

PSALM 25:1-10 *sung in unison*

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
²Let none who look to you be | put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.
³Show me your | ways, O Lord,*
and teach | me your paths.
⁴Lead me in your | truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
⁵Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.
⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love and for the sake
of your good- | ness, O Lord.
⁷Gracious and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.
⁸He guides the humble in | doing right*
and teaches his way | to the lowly.
⁹All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.
¹⁰For your name's | sake, O Lord,*
forgive my sin, for | it is great.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Lutheridge Scholarship Fund. During the month of November, the Benevolence focus is on NALC Seminary and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The King Shall Come (arr. John Leavitt)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

L Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

L Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C **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 (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

WOV# 744

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

L You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

L Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings (December 5):

Malachi 3:1-7b; Psalm 66:1-12; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14 [15-20]

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (pages 77-97)

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Lay Readers: Ashley and Morgan Deaton

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10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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