



ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



NOV 30/DEC 1, 2024
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

8 PM Pr Sue Wallager

9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Sandy Benson

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

Love Begotten

The hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten" is a rich and beautiful text that highlights the eternal nature of Christ's divinity and the mystery of his incarnation. During Advent we will highlight a verse from this hymn in our reading, our prayers, preaching and in the Advent wreath prayers, especially as the candles represent the light of Christ coming into the world.

PRELUDE:

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,
**we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have
trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,
**we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in
us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgive-
ness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of
God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: People Look East; vs 1-2 248



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.

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Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

"Of the Father's Love begotten ere the worlds began to be..."

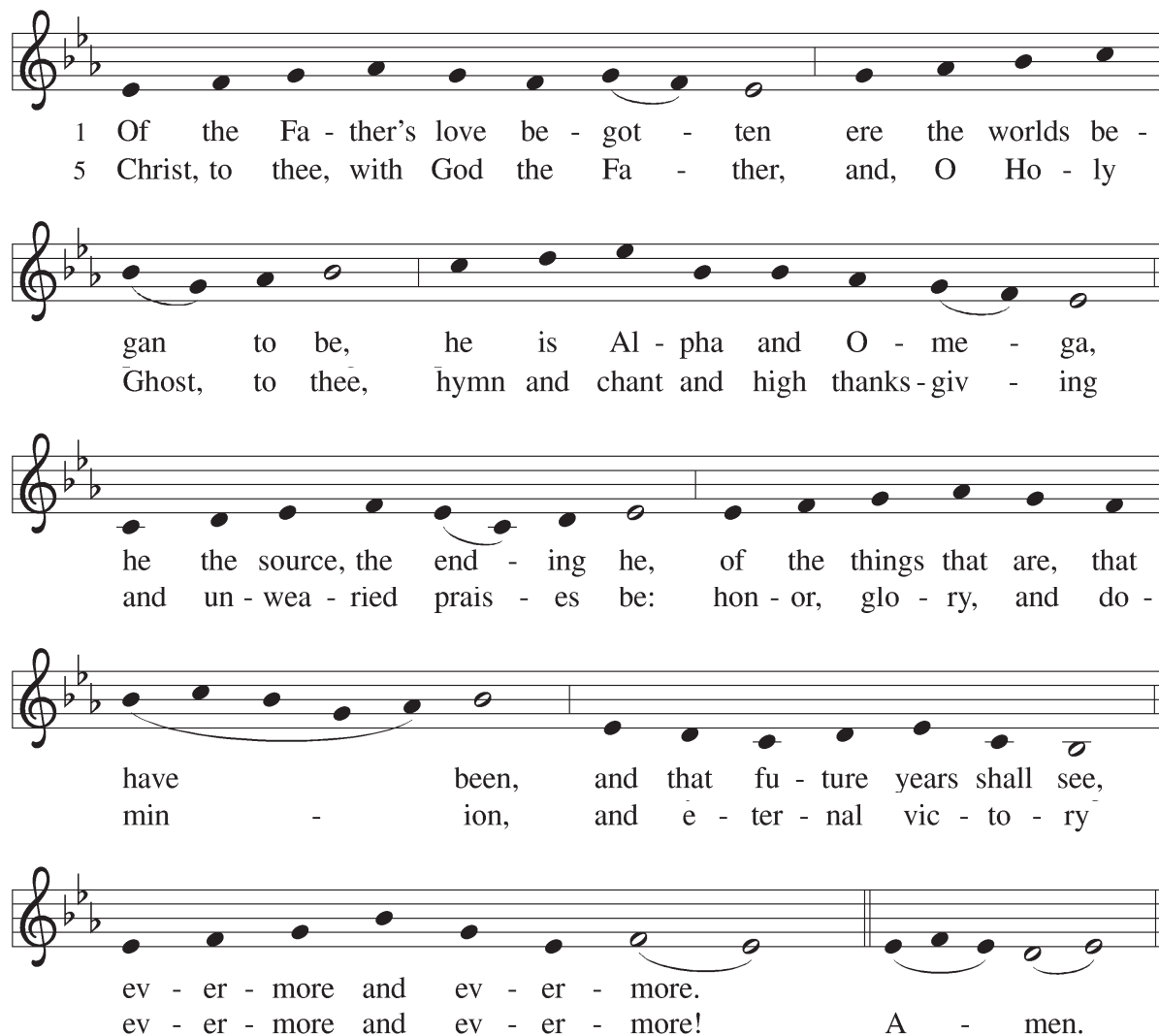
As we light this first candle, we pause in awe and wonder at the mystery of God's great love. The ancient hymn tells us, "Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be," reminding us that from the very beginning of time, God has been at work, and all things were created through Jesus, the eternal Word.

We thank you, Lord Jesus, for revealing the fullness of God. Through you, all things were made, and in you, all things hold together.

This Advent, we long for the peace that Christ can bring. As we await his coming, we wait with anticipation, knowing that the light of Christ's presence is coming.

Come, Lord Jesus. Let us prepare a place in our hearts for you, the one who reigns, the one who reconciles, and the one who brings all things to their fullness, now and forevermore. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN: Of the Father's Love Begotten; vs 1 & 5 295



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 15th cent.

GREETING:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our Prince of Peace, our Mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. You are the only begotten Son of the Father and in whom dwells the fullness of God. Your love is evermore and evermore. Amen.

WORD

BAPTISM (5 PM): Madison Ann Rock

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

GOOD NEWS ACCLAMATION: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah; vs 1 240



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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THE SERMON TEXT: Colossians 1:15-20

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* by Pastor Mike Pancoast



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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THE NICENE CREED (8 & 9 AM):

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come...

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Campbell

Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

OFFERTORY: Your Little Ones, Dear Lord; vs 3 286

Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and

to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to

us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.

Text: Hans A. Bronson, 1694-1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845-1925, alt.
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMA, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

God of endings and beginnings,
 God in the darkness and the light,
 God, our hope for the journey,
 † bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

**WE WELCOME YOU
TO WORSHIP**

**Hearing Assistance
Units Available**

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
Sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the Sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the Sanctu-
ary with plenty of places
just outside the Sanctuary
as well where children
can sit and play.*

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SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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SENDING HYMN: People Look East; vs 3 & 4 248



3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM" IS BACK!

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 | 10-11 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL & PATIO

Visit the village where Jesus was born... Pet real nativity animals as you arrive... Get counted for the census... "Help out" village crafts-people... Sample the foods of David's city... Meet the shepherds and sing with angels... Stop for a family photo... And best of all, find the stable and visit Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus!

