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DECEMBER 7/8, 2024
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

8 PM Pr Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READER:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Bob Fischer

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn; vs 1& 2 242

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to

lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen
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LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

"Oh, that birth forever blessed..."

Today, as we light the second candle of Advent, we remember the humble, miraculous moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. In this moment of grace, God's plan for salvation began to unfold. Mary, chosen and full of grace, said "yes" to God, and in her womb, the Savior of the world took form.

We give thanks for the mystery of your incarnation and for the grace and joy that you have poured into our hearts. May we, like Mary, respond to your call with faith and obedience, trusting that you will accomplish your purposes in us.

This Advent, we ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit, that we might be bearers of God's joy to the world, as Mary was.

Come, Lord Jesus. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive Christ anew, that we might proclaim with joy and humility the wondrous blessing of your birth, now and forevermore.

ADVENT HYMN: Of the Father's Love Begotten; vs 1, 2 & 5 295

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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, 13th 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. Through your birth we are blessed. We long for your redemption and to see your sacred face. Your love is evermore and evermore. Amen.

WORD

BAPTISM (5 PM): Eloise Jo Sternal

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

GOOD NEWS ACCLAMATION: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah; vs 2 240



Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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THE SERMON TEXT: Luke 1:26-38 (*Visitation*)

The word of the Lord.

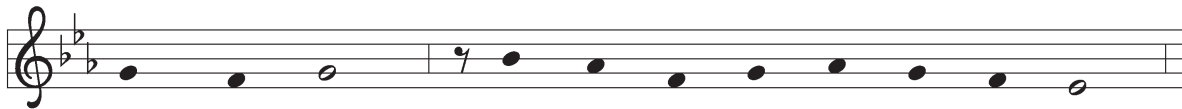
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: "Love Begotten: Forever Blessed" by Pastor Connie Tiede

Leader sings verses 1 & 2, All sing verses 3, 4 & 5



Leader 1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 Leader 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 All 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 All 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 All 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM; plainsong mode IV
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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 (8 & 9 AM):

"Celtic Noel" arr. Tucker

Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Emily Johnson, penny whistle

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 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

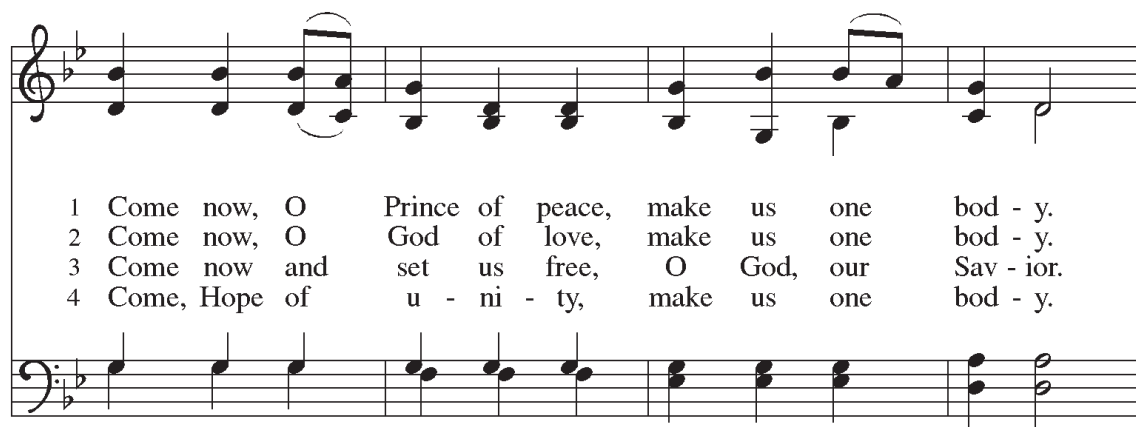
You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

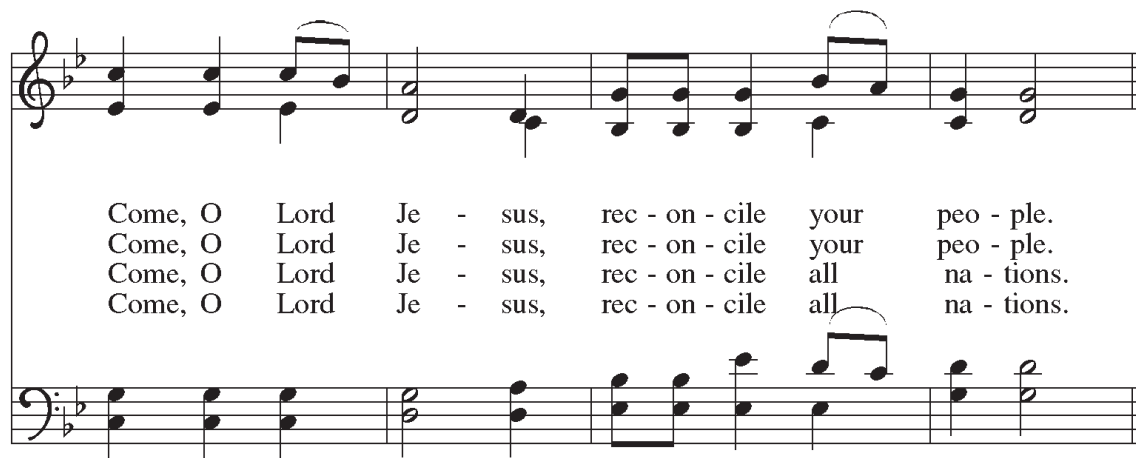
great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
 Music: OSOSŌ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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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
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*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

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*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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SENDING HYMN: Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn; vs 3&4...242



3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE