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DECEMBER 14/15, 2024
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

SAT Deb Oas Koepsell

SUN Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Ron Gray

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: The People Walk (*All sing refrain; Leaders sing verses*) 706



All The peo - ple walk through-out the world to - geth - er and



cry out, "Come, O Lord"; the peo - ple who long to claim the



prom-ise, God's lib - er - at - ing Word.



Leader 1 The poor ones of the world a - wait the dawn of hope, when
 Leader 2 You broke the bonds of sin, un-tied the cap - tive's hands, re -
 Leader 3 The life - blood of the world is shed in mind-less war; and



jus - tice will shine and make op - pres - sion flee. The
 leased us from fear and slav - 'ry to the law. We
 fam - 'lies de - sire a home where con - flicts cease. With



emp - ty hands of all are raised to you, Lord God: oh, set us free!
lift our hands in hope, we put our trust in you, O God of love.
all the world we lift our hands in hope to you, O God of peace.

Text: Juan A. Espinosa, b. 1940; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: UN PUEBLO QUE CAMINA, Juan A. Espinosa

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LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

"This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord...let creation praise its Lord."

As we gather on this third week of Advent, we are reminded of the ancient prophecies that foretold the coming of the Messiah. In the words of the prophet Micah, we hear of a ruler who will come from the humble town of Bethlehem, bringing peace and salvation to the world.

Lord, we remember the hope that was given to the world before time began. Through the prophets, You foretold the coming of the Savior who would bring light into the darkness. We wait in expectation, trusting in your promises and looking toward the fulfillment of your plan.

This Advent, we remember Christ's reign will never end. We join with all of creation in giving thanks and honor, for Christ's peace and salvation have come to the world.

Come, Lord Jesus. May your light guide us in this Advent season, and may we, like the prophets, proclaim the hope of Christ's coming, now and forevermore. Amen.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 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. We long for your hope and to be filled with your light. Your love is evermore and evermore. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

GOOD NEWS ACCLAMATION: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah; vs 3 240



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



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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THE SERMON TEXT: Micah 5:2-5a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: *"Love Begotten: Faithful Word"* by Pastor Sue Wallager





1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944
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THE NICENE CREED:

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.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (8 & 9 AM):

“Of the Father's Love Begotten” by Campbell
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

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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.

The image shows a three-system musical score. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes with a final cadence.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
 Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, 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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway 264



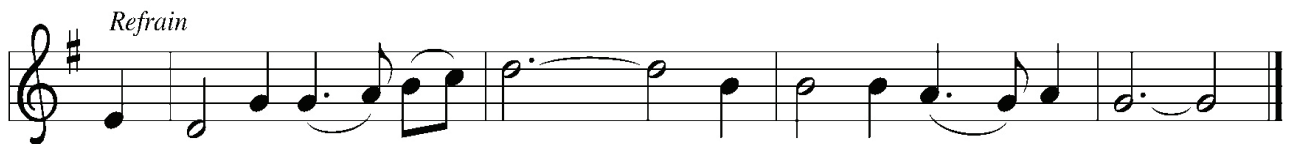
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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.

1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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ary with plenty of places
just outside the Sanctuary
as well where children
can sit and play.*

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Coming Up

Advent Worship

DEC 21/22 - CHORAL WORSHIP - 5 PM & 9 AM

DEC 22 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 8 AM

DEC 22 - WORSHIP TEAM JINGLE - 11 AM



Fourth Sunday in Advent



Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 WITH COMMUNION

12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 10:00 PM

All will be candlelight services

Nursery Care Available: 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM

Cable TV (Channel 6): 5:00 PM

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Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 WITH COMMUNION

10:00 AM