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DECEMBER 22, 2024
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

READER:

Judy Bendiske

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.**

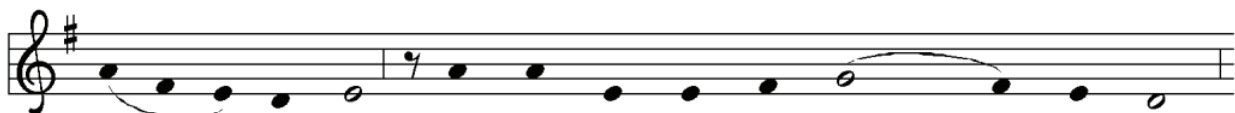
A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgive-
 ness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of
 God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: O Come, O Come Emmanuel 257



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
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



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
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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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LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

"Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing..."

On this final Sunday of Advent, we remember that the time is near for the coming of our Lord. All creation is called to praise his name with loud voices. Today, we join our voices with theirs, lifting up our praise for the coming of Christ.

We join with the angels praising you God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. As we wait for his birth, may our hearts be filled with joy and our voices rise in praise. Let us not be silent, but let every tongue on earth declare your greatness and honor your holy name.

This Advent, we acknowledge the eternal reign of Christ, whose birth we await and whose kingdom will have no end.

Come, Lord Jesus. Let us bow down before you and sing your praises, now and forevermore. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN: Of the Father's Love Begotten; vs 1, 4 & 5 295

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
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 ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
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. Let every voice in concert ring that you are the Savior of the world. Your love is evermore and evermore. Amen.

WORD

GOOD NEWS ACCLAMATION: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah; vs 4 240



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



He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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THE SERMON TEXT: Luke 19:29-40

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: "Love Begotten: His Praises Sing" by Pastor Connie Tiede

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

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.

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.

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.)

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SPECIAL MUSIC:

"We Three Kings" arr. Tucker
Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.

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.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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.

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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.
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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: Joy to the World 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE