

**SERVICE of WORSHIP**  
*Setting 1 from Lutheran Book of Worship*

THE PRELUDE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for reflection and self examination)*

Most merciful God,

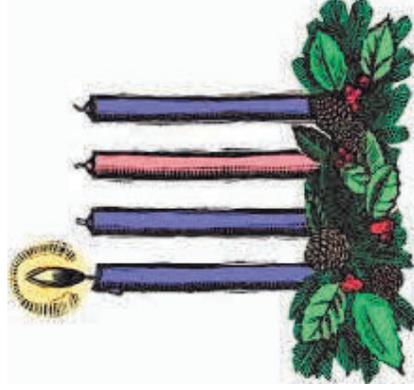
**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

# November 28, 2021

## First Sunday of Advent



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HYMN: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"  
**34** **Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel**

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord Who to your tribes on  
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - lan's  
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save  
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 And give them vic - try o'er the grave. Re-joice!  
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joice!

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

5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

**THE GREETING & KYRIE**

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

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

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

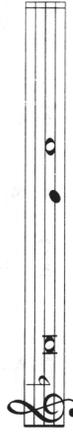
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.  
**G** A - - - - - men

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**G** A - - - - - men

## THE SALUTATION



☞ The Lord be with you.



☞ And al - so with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## TEMPLE TALK: *Kit Ministries*

Rhonda Gaede

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In 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. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## THE PSALM

*Psalms 25:1-9*

- <sup>1</sup>To 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.
- <sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## GOspel ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

HYMN: "Lost in the Night"

Lost in the Night

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1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish Long - ing for  
 2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row? Shall those who  
 3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing, Darned has the  
 4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing, Riv - ers of

mor - ing the dark - ness to van - quish, Plain - tive - ly heav - ing a  
 have light no light let us bor - row, Giv - ing no heed to our  
 day of a fa - diance ex - cel - ling, Death's dread - ed dark - ness for -  
 life through its des - erts are stream - ing, Bring - ing all peo - ples a

sigh full of an - guish, Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?  
 bur - den of sor - row? Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?  
 ev - er dis - pel - ling, Christ is com - ing soon! Christ is com - ing soon!  
 Sav - ior re - deem - ing, Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

THE SERMON

God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three,

Cha - os and  
 On your re -  
 Life - giv - ing,  
 Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard  
 deem - ing wing,  
 ho - ly dove,  
 Trin - i - ty,

And took their flight:  
 Heal - ing and sight,  
 Speed forth your flight;  
 Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:  
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
 And in earth's dark - est place  
 Through the earth, far and wide,

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;  
 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

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
 right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,**  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
 and deliver us from evil.  
**For the kingdom, the power**  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** 30

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.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE