

2 Advent

Peace



December 6, 2020

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light. We gather around this light leading us to Christmas. May this light shine forth and illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ child. May God rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our hope, our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord our God, you break into our world with a message of peace. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Establish your peace throughout the earth. Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all. Amen.

P: We light the Advent candle of PEACE and thank God for sending Jesus, the Prince of Peace into our world and offering us peace. May we also be givers of peace when we, like the wise men, worship together.

Call to Confession

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

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

(Silence for reflection)

Prayer of Confession

P: Loving and Forgiving God,

C: We confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free— free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Hidden God,

C: We seek you in the grand and powerful. We listen for you in the thunder and crashing. We look for you in the magnificent and bold. Open our eyes, our ears, and our minds to see you in the small, everyday moments. Show us the miracle of being in your presence out in creation, at home, or anywhere we call upon your name. Amen.

Anthem

"A Maiden and Her Child"

Madeline Cacciatore

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-16

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Responsive hum

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.

Responsive hum

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

Responsive hum

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those
who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

Responsive hum

Reading: 2 Kings 2:9-14, 19-22

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father,

Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

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father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁹Now the people of the city said to Elisha, "The location of this city is good, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful." ²⁰He said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. ²¹Then he went to the spring of water and threw the salt into it, and said, "Thus says the LORD, I have made this water wholesome; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." ²²So the water has been wholesome to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Sermon

"Where is God Speaking?"

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

"Once in Royal David's City"

ELW #269 vs1,2&4

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

4 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God,

C: you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

If you will be taking Holy Communion today, please place your bread/crackers and juice in front of you. They will be blessed during the Words of Institution.

P: When we worship in our sanctuary, we gather around the altar/table to receive Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine. In this meal our faith is nourished, our sins are forgiven, and we are called to be witnesses to the Gospel. Today we gather in Jesus' name, in our homes, knowing that the church is anywhere people gather in the name of Jesus. Today we receive the Lord's Supper, united with one another and those who believe in every time and place.

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

On the night You were betrayed, You took the bread;
After giving thanks, You broke it and said,

Refrain:

“This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me;
This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me.”

On the night You were betrayed, You held the cup:
After giving thanks, You lifted it up.

Refrain:

“This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me;
This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me.”

So, we thank You for the wine and for bread;
For we see the life You gave the blood You shed.

Refrain:

“And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood;
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood.”

The Lord’s Prayer

C: 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.

Communion

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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Facebook Online Service:

Sunday at 8:30AM

New Ulm Community Access TV

Comcast Ch. 14 & Nuvera Ch. 3:

Monday at 7:00PM and Thursday at 5:00PM



Join us online for the Sunday School Christmas program!

This year, due to COVID-19, our youth will be presenting a video version of their Sunday School program. The video will be posted on our Facebook page on **December 13th**.

“In Deepest Night”

“In Deepest Night,” a service of lament, healing, and hope will be **online only on December 16, at 7:00 PM**. While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Especially this year, many are feeling the grief of missing out on important milestones and events due to the coronavirus. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified at this time of year. There is so much we are missing and grieving, and this service will give us a chance to name those things, pray, and hear words of hope and healing from God.