



FIRST SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

November 28, 2021

# Gathering

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

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW #244 vs 1&4

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.

4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.                   **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

Forgiveness

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.                   **C: Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: Today we begin the celebration of Advent, a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Just as we get ready for guests to visit, or the arrival of a new family member, here at Church we prepare to welcome Jesus on his birthday.

P: During Advent we can put away the distractions of the world, and focus on God's promises to us. Today we focus on the candle of Hope. Hope is a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. With the birth of Jesus Christ, the hope of the world is brought to earth.

**C: When we light the first Advent candle, we thank God for the great gift of hope given in Jesus Christ, the child who comes to lead us.**

### A Child Will Come

Keep watch in the night for the heav - en - ly light that  
tells of the Sav - ior's birth. \_\_\_\_\_ An - gels will sing of the  
love that he brings when the Prince of Peace comes to earth. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "A Child Will Come". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a long horizontal line under "birth." indicating a breath mark. The third staff contains the third line, with a long horizontal line under "earth." indicating a breath mark.

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Prayer of the Day

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem

Jim & Andrea Hanson

**"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" – Meredith Andrews**

## Word

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

### Reading: 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."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</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>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the Darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"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.

<sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

<sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"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, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**"Waiting...Still"**

**Pastor Dave**

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

## Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

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## 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.**

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

**Offertory Song**

**"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"**

**ELW #286 vs 3**

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord  
And to us all your grace accord;  
True faith and love to us impart,  
That we may hold you in our heart.

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Offertory Prayer

P: God of our waiting and watching,

**C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.**

**Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

P: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts,

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

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.

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion Hymn

### “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

ELW #286

- 1 Your little ones, dear Lord, are we,  
and come your lowly bed to see;  
enlighten ev'ry soul and mind,  
that we the way to you may find.
- 2 With songs we hasten you to greet,  
and kiss the ground before your feet.  
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night  
that gave you birth, our soul's delight.
- 3 Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord,  
and to us all your grace accord;  
true faith and love to us impart,  
that we may hold you in our heart.

- 4 Until at last we too proclaim,  
with all your saints, your glorious name;  
in paradise our songs renew,  
and praise you as the angels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845-1925, alt.

### Communion Hymn

### “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ELW #272

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming<br/>from tender stem hath sprung!<br/>Of Jesse's lineage coming<br/>as seers of old have sung,<br/>it came, a flow'r so bright,<br/>amid the cold of winter,<br/>when half-spent was the night.</li><li>3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender<br/>with sweetness fills the air,<br/>dispels with glorious splendor<br/>the darkness everywhere.<br/>True man, yet very God,<br/>from sin and death he saves us<br/>and lightens ev'ry load.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 Isaiah had foretold it,<br/>the rose I have in mind;<br/>with Mary we behold it,<br/>the virgin mother kind.<br/>To show God's love aright,<br/>she bore to us a Savior,<br/>when half-spent was the night.</li><li>4 O Savior, child of Mary,<br/>who felt our human woe;<br/>O Savior, king of glory,<br/>who dost our weakness know:<br/>bring us at length, we pray,<br/>to the bright courts of heaven<br/>and into endless day.</li></ol> |
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Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

### Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

### “He Came Down”

ELW #253

- 1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.

- 2 He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.
  
- 3 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.
  
- 4 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Merrle Asleson, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Gale Degner, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Dave Ganske, Lee Hale, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Larry Hunstad, Joyce Jobe, Ann Julien, Kain Kittleson, Dave Marsh, Adam Nelson, Tom Postel, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Laine Sletta, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, Michele Walters, Linda Wieland, Paul Wilker, Richard Wurtzberger

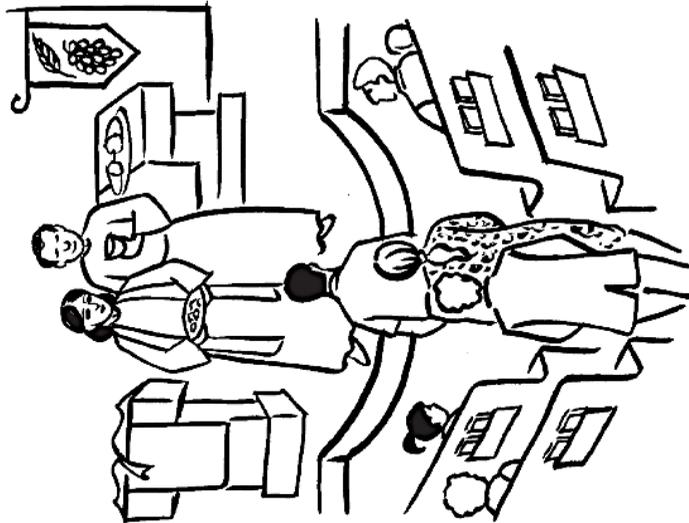
## Decorate for Advent

Below is a picture of a sanctuary. During Advent, many churches decorate their worship spaces. Decorate this sanctuary for Advent using the ideas provided below or ideas you see in your own worship space.

Candles  
Wreath

Garland  
Blue stole on pastor  
Blue cloth on altar

Blue cloth on lectern  
Christmas tree



# READER

Advent I

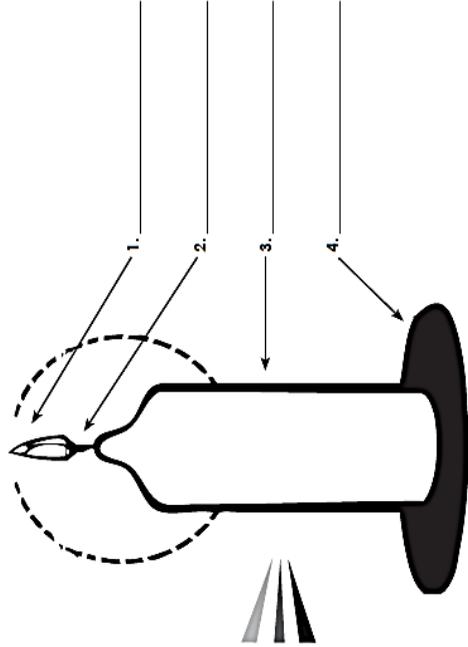


- Today is the **first Sunday in Advent**.
- The color of Advent is **blue**.
- During Advent we wait for God's **promise of Jesus**.

## Break it Down

In Advent, the church uses candles to count the Sundays until Christmas. Do you know the parts of a candle? Use the clues to fill in the candle diagram.

1. The **tip** that gives off warmth and light
2. The long string or cord that holds the candle's flame
3. A sticky, yellow substance used by bees to make honeycombs. (It's also found in your ears!)
4. The plate (usually metal) on which candles stand.





# OUR SAVIOR'S

Lutheran Church

NEW ULM, MN

**Senior Pastor:** Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner

**Director of Music Ministry:** Shannon Stuckey

**Education Ministries Coordinator:** Lindsay Medina

**Business Administrator:** Caryn Nelson

**Choir Director:** Madeline Cacciatore

**Deacon:** (8:30) Linda Postel

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Owen Rasche, Henry Oscarson

(10:30) Colton Anderson, Sophie Berger

**Communion Server:** (8:30)

**Lector:** (8:30) Ken Johnson

**Ushers:** (8:30) Jim Hulke

**Soloists:** Andrea Hanson, Jim Hanson

**Associate Pastor:** Dave Nissen

**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger

**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman

**Organist/Pianist:** Shannon Stuckey

(10:30) Alyssa Nissen

(10:30)

(10:30)

(10:30)



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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>11/21</b> General Offering	\$ 16,040.37	\$ 403,934.98	\$ 409,511.00
<b>11/21</b> Building Fund	\$ 1,674.00	\$ 50,811.50	\$ 59,079.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 17,714.37</b>	<b>\$ 454,746.48</b>	<b>\$ 468,590.00</b>
<b>11/21</b> World Hunger	\$ 54.00	\$ 7,154.00	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>FB Live Views</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>
11/21/21	88	41	31