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First Sunday of Advent



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon him while he is near.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Make the Lord's paths straight.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates,

C: that the king of glory may come in.

P: The Spirit and the church cry out:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: All those who await his appearance pray:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

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 light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.

The first candle is lit.

Advent Song

Waiting, Waiting

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past

and lead us out from darkness

to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

L: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness’. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *25:1-10*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 25.

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in/ you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. [ESV]**

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation**

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ [Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And 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, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the 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 say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *Each Winter As the Year Grows Older* ELW # 252

* Nicene Creed *WOV page 32*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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 whom 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,
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ .

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Richard Freitag, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Al-lie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Libby Wuethrich, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Curt Breneman, Sylvia Jones, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer and prayers for stroke patients.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Responses

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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.**

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV page 36

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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P: We give you thanks, Father...

with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

Canticle

Lamb of God

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**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing.*

Once all have received:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Canticle

Now, Lord

C: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Blessing

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*** Hymn**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW # 244

*** Dismissal**

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P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

*Attendance November 17th
In-person 34, Online 58*