

Worship Plan for Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS *My Lord, What a Morning* (ELW 438)

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

Use this blessing when lighting the first candle.

C: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

A: 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, the hope candle.

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.

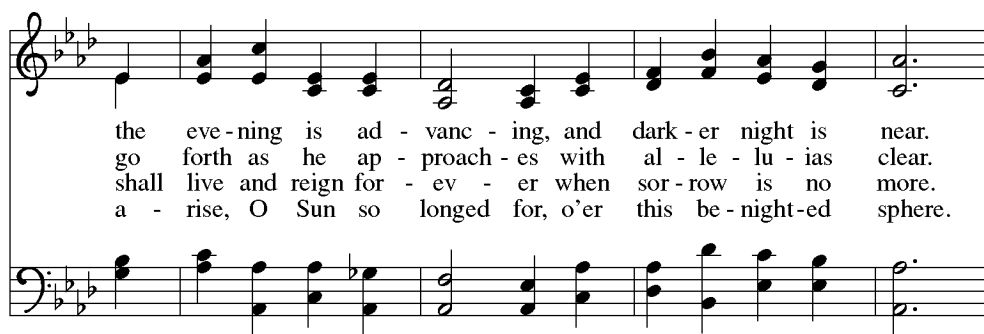
C: Blessed be God forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW 244)

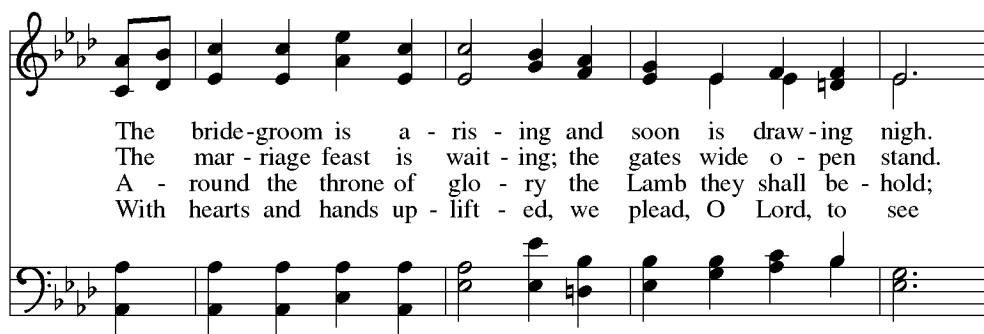
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



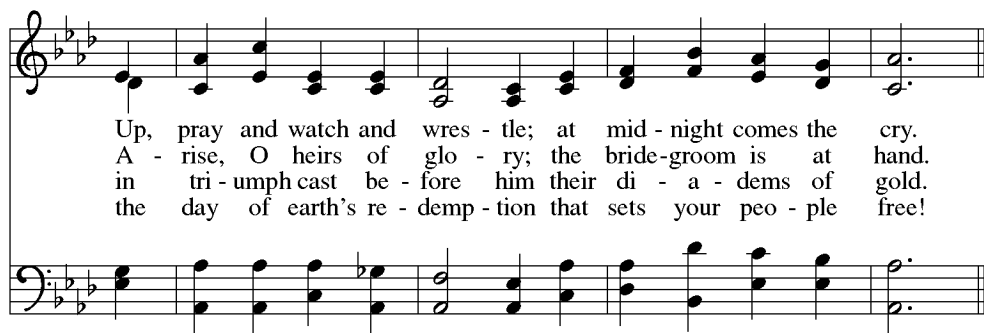
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

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.

GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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

A: ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

C: ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

A: ³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,**

and teach me your paths.

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

C: ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

A: ⁷Remember 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.

C: ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

A: ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

C: ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] 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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven 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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

CREED

**C: 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

A: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

A: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities (*local, state, and national government officials may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters (*especially*), for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*).

healing and comfort for **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Sara** (Depies) and **Jeff** (Walheim)

Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Callen, Amilya, Sonja, Elisa, Stephanie, Karn**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **George & Jackie, Paul & Lori, Philip & Linda**. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

A: God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

COMMUNION

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

BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of hope

fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* (ELW 241)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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~ Announcements ~

Sunday School: 3yr old Preschool-6th grade meet following worship (about 9:40am). Sunday School will be in-person all year and will abide by the mask mandates that are in place. We will try to do as much outside as possible.

WANTED VOLUNTEER: Adult Education Coordinator. ‘Grow and learn how to be a disciple of Jesus and share Christ’s love’ is part of our mission statement. Our adult education coordinator would work with the pastors to create opportunities for adult members to learn more about their faith and the church. From bible studies and book clubs to video watching during coffee hour anything is really possible. We are looking for a person to be a caretaker of our growth as a congregation in this area. If you are interested, contact Julie in the office.

Do you like to sew? The Pin & Sew group has put LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Quilt Top kits in the narthex for members to take home and piece together. Directions are provided on the kits.

The Cambridge Food Pantry is OPEN! No-Contact pick up is still available. The pantry is located in the lower level of Nikolay Middle School. No-contact and pre-ordering is still available. Shopping/pick-up occurs every Monday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Clients are welcome to shop or order every 2 weeks. Not a food pantry client? Its easy to sign up! Call the food pantry email foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us at 608-423-8142 or Barb Klemp is the EKLC Food Pantry Liaison.

Food Pantry Wish List: laundry soap, dish soap, dog/puppy food, ranch dressing, men's & women's shavers and bandaids.

Give Plus – You may make a secure offering donation to EKLC by online giving: **Church website**, **Download the Give Plus App** on your smartphone or **Scan QR Code**. You may also mail your offering to EKLC, 454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523



~Calendar~

Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion,
Pastor Margo Martens

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion,
Pastor David Berggren

9:40am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Week 10 – Of Tents and Kings, con't.

1. Share or think about your highs and lows.
2. Our Bible verse is I Samuel 16:12b & 13a “ ***The LORD said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.***”
3. Think or discuss. God selected Saul to be the first king of Israel. At first things went well but then Saul turned away from God. Our verse is the anointing of David as the 2nd king of Israel. What stories do you remember about King David? David and Goliath, I Samuel 17; David and Bathsheba, 2 Samuel 11-12. What challenges and temptations do you think David faced as king? David’s son, Solomon became the 3rd king. God told him God would give him anything he asked for. What did he ask for? (I Kings 3). What would you ask for? Why?
4. Pray for the needs of others, for our church, community, and world.
5. Our blessing: (Name), May God bless you and guide you all the days of your life.