

# Worship Service Sunday, November 29, 2020 10:45 A.M.



The Advent wreath is a well-known custom for the season. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is a clear 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, or bows. 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. You may wish to create your own advent wreath at home, creating a circle with candles in your worship space, and welcome God's presence among you in a new way.

# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
do you see what I see
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
do you see what I see
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear A song, a song, high above the trees With a voice as big as the sea With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
do you know what I know
In your palace warm, mighty king,
do you know what I know
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere,
listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
listen to what I say
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

WELCOME & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

# GATHERING SONGS: Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Light one advent candle... And let it shine for hope

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Let it shine... Let it shine... Let it shine!

# Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me... Pa rum pum pum A newborn king to see... Pa rum pum pum pum Our finest gifts we bring... Pa rum pum pum pum To lay before the king... Pa rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum pum

So to honor him... Pa rum pum pum pum

When we come

Little baby... Pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too... Pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring... Pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our king... Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for you... Pa rum pum pum pum

Mary nodded... Pa rum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time... Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for him... Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for him... Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum
Then he smiled at me... Pa rum pum pum
Me and my drum

# **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 13:24-37**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

Bishop Yehiel Curry



### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to pray... through song, through silent reflection, through words, or anything else in between. May this song guide your prayers today. If you would like to lift prayers up so that others might pray, too, please do so in the comments section during our livestream worship.

# The Advent Song

An Original Song by David Bugher

As I lay my weary head
at your feet in the light of the cross
I see the hope that lies ahead,
the child who'll bring light to the lost
Our living God, the Son of man
as the prophet Isaiah foretold.
The coming of the sacred lamb,
with a promise of grace for the young and the old

Chorus: And you lay me down
In my dreams you keep awake hope
You lay me down
In the warmth of your light 'gainst the cold
You lay me down
And we try and we try but we need not try anymore
For soon, Immanuel shall be born

Finding rest within the Lord, my hope and my spirit restored Angels waking by my bed, singing magnify the Lord The living God, thy kingdom love, Jesus is coming soon Come!

Chorus Instrumental Solo

And you lay me down... And you lay me down
And you lay me down... Soon Jesus Christ is born

### **MEAL**

We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.

Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God's community across time and space - this is why we call it communion. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you. If you are gathered together with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.

### + + Receive the Meal + +

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

We pause for prayer and reflection, offering time to commune one another.

# **SENDING**

# **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING** 

SENDING SONG Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Jesus, Jesus
Oh what a wonderful child
Jesus, Jesus
so holy, meek and mild
New life, new hope
the Child will bring
Listen, to the angels sing
Glory, glory, glory
Let the heavens ring

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



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Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ and living the Gospel through service

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See you next week for worship livestream at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!



Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns.

Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!