



Worship Service  
Saturday, December 12, 2020  
5:00 P.M.

THOSE  
WHO *sow*  
DREAM *joy*  
*3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Advent*

*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

### WELCOME

The Spirit and the church cry out:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

All those who await his appearance pray:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The whole creation pleads:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### GREETING & PRAYER

The God of peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and come. You show us your faithfulness and solidarity to those who are poor in the voices of the prophets, those who carry and give birth to your dream.

As we light today's candle, the candle of joy, guide our spirits to rejoice in you and, like Mary, help us sing a song of praise and revolution, because your dream for this world involves the end of all tears.

#### *Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

May the light of these three candles shine on our witness to join with all declaring good news to the brokenhearted, the captives, and the prisoners, as we sow joy in a hurting world.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

*Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

The gospel according to Luke.                      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup>You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,

<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

The gospel of the Lord.                      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of power and might, shine your radiance and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need, as we respond, “Mighty Savior, **come and save us.**”

*A brief silence.*

God of sun and moon, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **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 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.*

## **SENDING**

### **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

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



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***See you next week for worship livestream  
at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!  
We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church  
office if you need elements brought to you.***



*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](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns.*

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