



Worship Service
Sunday, December 13, 2020
8:45 A.M.

THOSE
WHO *sow*
DREAM *joy*
3RD 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

PRELUDE *O Emmanuel ('O' Antiphons) – setting & rev. text by
John Newell*

WELCOME

On the third Sunday of Advent, we light three candles for joy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Emmanuel (from The Great 'O' Antiphons) - Healy Willan

*O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the anointed of the nations and their Savior:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

¹The 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;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to 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.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For 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.
⁹Their 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.
¹⁰I 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.
¹¹For 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Advent Alleluia
(based on 'Veni, Veni, Immanuel')

W. Horn

Organ intro. Assembly

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

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

⁵⁰ You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.

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

⁵² casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,

⁵⁵ the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness ELW 251*



- 1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
- 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
- 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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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.

Draw near to us, O God, in our dreams and in our rising, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

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.

+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
*We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered
with others in the household.*

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.**

SENDING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Verses 1, 3, 5, 7

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *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*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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*See you next week for worship at 5pm on Saturday
and livestream from the sanctuary at 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) with any concerns. Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!