



Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:45 A.M.

Second Sunday of Advent

THOSE
WHO *prepare*
DREAM *the way*
2ND 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

Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

WELCOME & ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING PRAYER

GATHERING SONGS: *Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace*

Light two advent candles... And let 'em shine for peace

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

Even So Come

**All of creation, All of the earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon**

**Call back the sinner, Wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon**

***Chorus:* Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing "even so come"
Lord Jesus, come
Even so come... Lord Jesus, come**

**There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon**

Chorus

**So we wait... We wait for You
God, we wait... You're coming soon
So we wait... We wait for You
God, we wait... You're coming soon**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church, ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church, we'll be ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing "even so come"
Lord Jesus, come
Even so come
Lord Jesus, come
Even so come... Lord Jesus, come
Even so come... Lord Jesus, come**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL – Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

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 peace 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 peace
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 peace 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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call or email us. You are always welcome here.

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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!!