



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:30 am

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK— MARY LOU BLOMQUIST

CANDLE LIGHTING—CANDLE OF HOPE

During this time the children are welcome to come forward to assist with the readings for the candle lighting. After the candle lighting children aged 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome to go to Sunday School. They will return for communion.

“We Are Waiting For Jesus”



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings hope
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings hope



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Sun of jus - tice, shine up-on us; we are trust - ing in your prom-ise.
Lov-ing Shep-herd, walk be-side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



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GATHERING HYMN #242 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Please stand as you are comfortable, in body or spirit



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing,
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

CONFESSION

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text.

In God's house, everyone is welcome— those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives.

*You are
invited
to read
the
bold
por-
tions.*

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”

You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”

You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”

**God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.
Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.
Help us remember, today and tomorrow,
There’s room for every story. Amen.**

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy”

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,
 Lord, have mer - cy on us.
 Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
 Christ, have mer - cy on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,
 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, We who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, “There’s room for you here.” From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

GREETING

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

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us— ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow—old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Please
be
seated.*

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Sing Twice)

Please stand as you are comfortable, in body or spirit.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in 4/4 time and features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including rests. The bottom staff is in 4/4 time and features a bass line with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-17

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of

Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Creation Sings* #904 “Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus”



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y
2 Ven, y te - je un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
nan - do en la ver - dad, pa - ra
set your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new



na - ce en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va en ple - na li - ber -
pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne ros de in - jus -
tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre el fu - tu - ro de tu
ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
 rei - no de a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba es - te gran
 suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y en com - pren - sión.
 mu - ro que hoy se - pa - ra no - che y dí - a.
 rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

*Please
 stand as
 you are
 comforta -
 ble, in
 body or
 spirit*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God
 who promised to Abraham,
 who wrestled with Jacob,
 who walked with Ruth,
 who spoke with Moses,
 who grieved with Bathsheba,
 who danced with David,
 who dreamed with Joseph,
 and who hoped like Mary.
 We believe in a God who has been
 loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us
 from generation to generation.
 And we believe that same God
 is here with us now,
 saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.”
 Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of Abraham and Isaac, God of Tamar and Ruth, God of Mary and Joseph, We bow our heads today hoping to catch a glimpse or a shimmer of you. We know that you are here with us, just as you walked with every generation before, so we bring you our prayers.

Thank you for creating space for us. Thank you for seeing our scattered thoughts, our impostor syndrome, our fragments of doubt, and still saying, “Come on in.” Thank you for seeing our ordinary selves with anxious concerns and unflattering habits and saying, “I have bigger plans for you.” Thank you for seeing our fragile egos, and our uncertain relationships, and saying, “You still belong here.”

Your expansive love makes room for us to breathe, and we want to love with our lungs and hearts full. So today we pray—teach us how to make that same room for others. When we

come face to face with stories that are different from ours, show us how to add chairs to the table. When we find ourselves face to face with stories that frustrate and test our patience, show us how to build bridges instead of walls. When we find ourselves face to face with stories that feel foreign or unrelatable, remind us to open the door and to listen fully.

God of generations, today we pray for your world and all of those in need, we remember before you this day ...

From Abraham to Mary, you made room for every story—and that love continues to make room for us. Teach us to do the same for our neighbor so this world will know love.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(You may wave, shake a hand, or offer the peace sign.)*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Soon and Very Soon”
Celebration Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope, love, joy, and peace. We give with the hope for your coming reign, with joy because of your presence with us even now and in love for our neighbors in need. Receive these generous offerings and use them for your work of peace for our broken world. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Please be seated.

Please stand as you are comfortable, in body or spirit.

fuoco mp
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
f mp
God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Loving God...

Gathered at this table:

We will never be the same

We will be more tender

We will protect the vulnerable

We will stand watch

We will come running to soothe the pain,

to befriend the lonely, to lift up the lowly

To live as your people,

to walk with you in love

We pray all of this in the name of Emmanuel, God with us.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God“

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins
 of the world: have mer - cy

Please be seated

on us.

mp Lamb of God, you take a

sfz way the sins *mp* of the

world have mer cy

on us.

Lamb of God, you take a way the sins

p of the world;

ff grant *fff ritardando* us *p* peace.

Please stand as you are comfortable, in body or spirit

- #247 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"
- #262 "Wait for the Lord"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon." May it be so. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #949 “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” vs. 1
All Creation Sings



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

SENDING

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

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