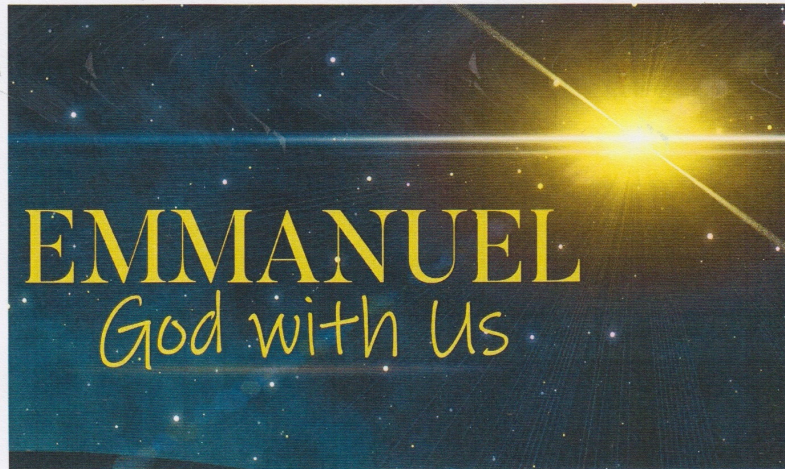


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Each week during the Advent season, at church and in our homes, we light Advent candles. The Advent celebration is always two-fold: a reminder of Jesus' first coming as a baby in Bethlehem, and our expectation of His coming at the end of the world as the ruler of every man. The liturgical color we use is blue, the color of promise and hope.

HOPE The first candle reminds us of the hope we find in Jesus Christ. This hope gives us vision, strength and courage even against overwhelming odds. With Christ on our side all things are possible.

PEACE

JOY

LOVE



1st Sunday of Advent

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

November 28, 2021

WELCOME

CONFESSION



C C/E F G(sus4) G C C/E F G(sus4) G
 I con-
 fess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned... I con-fess to You, O Lord, all my
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 C C/E F Gsus G C C/E
 sin with - in... I have failed to live for you... in the things I say and
 sin with - in... I have placed my-self a - bove, and have hurt the ones I
 F Dm7 F Gsus G F
 do, and have fall - en short of liv - ing in Your love... Lord, have mer - cy
 love, and I know that on - ly You can set me free.
 G C F G Am G/A Am
 on me... Lord, have mer - cy... set me free... O for-
 F G E/G# Am F2 G
 give me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin a - way, by the cross and emp-ty grave for my



1. C 2. C F G
 soul... I con - soul... Take us back to the wat - ter,
 Am G F F G Am G
 Wash a - way our sins... Wel-come us, O Fath - er, back to Your home a gain.
 F F G Am G F
 Bless Your sons and daught - ers, and let the feast be gin, let it be gin.
 Gsus G F G C F
 Lord, have mer - cy on me... Lord, have mer - cy
 G Am G/A Am F G E/G#
 set me free... O for - give me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin a -
 Am F2 G 1. C 2. C
 way, by the cross and emp-ty grave for my soul...
 F G Am G F
 You take us back to the wat - ter... You wash a way our sins... You
 F G Am G F
 wel-come us, O Fath - er, back to Your home a - gain... You

F G Am G F Gsus
 bless Your sons and... daught - ers... Now let the feast be gin, let it be gin...

ADVENT ABSOLUTION

P: The Lord has had mercy on you and has sent His Son Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice for your sins. By his Word and Promise as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority I declare to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are forgiven. You are set free. Amen.

G F G C F
 Lord, Your mer - cy cov - ers me Lord, Your mer - cy
 G Am G/A Am F G E/G#
 has set me free. You've for - giv - en me to - day, and my sins are washed a -
 Am F# G 1. C
 way, by the cross and emp - ty grave for my soul.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING SONG Prepare The Way Of The Lord

Prepare the way of the Lord
 Prepare the way of the Lord
 and all people will know the salvation of our God

GREETING

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

I Thessalonians 2:8

SONG OF PRAISE All Hail, King Jesus

All hail King Jesus
 All hail Emmanuel
 King of kings, Lord of Lords
 Bright morning star
 and throughout eternity
 I'll sing your praises
 and I'll reign with you throughout eternity

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING (New Living Translation)

Romans 8:31-39

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for

us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing

with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us. Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) No, despite all these things,

overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PSALM My Soul In Stillness Waits

ALL:

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,

tru - ly my hope is in you.

HOLY GOSPEL (New Living Translation) Matthew 1:18-23

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,”

the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: “Look! The virgin will conceive child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

SONG OF THE DAY O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to your tribes on Sinai’s heights
in ancient times once gave of the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain:

O Come strong branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell your people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain:

O come blest Day-spring
come and cheer, our spirits by your advent
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain:

O come, O key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery. Refrain:

WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Reverend Claudia D. Raggie

For your sermon notes

CHORAL RESPONSE

God With Us

*Who we are that You would be mindful of us?
What do You see that's worth looking our way?
We are free in ways that we never should be;
sweet release from the grip of these chains.
Like hinges straining from the weight,
my heart no longer can keep from singing.*

*All that is within me cries, for You alone be gloried.
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song;
the debt is paid, these chains are gone. Emmanuel, God with us.*

*Lord, you know our hearts don't deserve Your glory.
Still, You show love we cannot afford.*

*All that is within me cries, for You alone be gloried.
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song;
the debt is paid, these chains are gone. Emmanuel, God with us.*

*Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary;
Never the less we lay it at Your feet.
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Never the less we lay it at Your feet.*

*All that is within me cries, for You alone be glorified.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
My heart sings a brand new song;
the debt is paid, these chains are gone. Emmanuel, God with us.*

You Emmanuel, God with us.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SONG OF PREPARATION Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle lu jah!
Halle, halle, halle lu jah!
Halle, halle, halle lu jah!
Hallelujah, Halle lu jah!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION SONGS What Child Is This

What child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold , and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross


**KING OF
KINGS**
JESUS THE CHRIST
**LORD OF
LORDS!**

For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
Praise forever to the King of Kings

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of His mercy
as deep cries out to deep.

We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of His mercy
as we cry out to deep.

We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.
Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.

As deep cries out to deep.
We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Our God Is Greater

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness, You shine Out of the ashes, we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Into the darkness, You shine. Out of the ashes, we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.
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And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against?
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CLOSING SONG Give To Our God Immortal Praise!

Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with power to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
When lords and kings are known no more.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord

R: **Thanks be to God.**