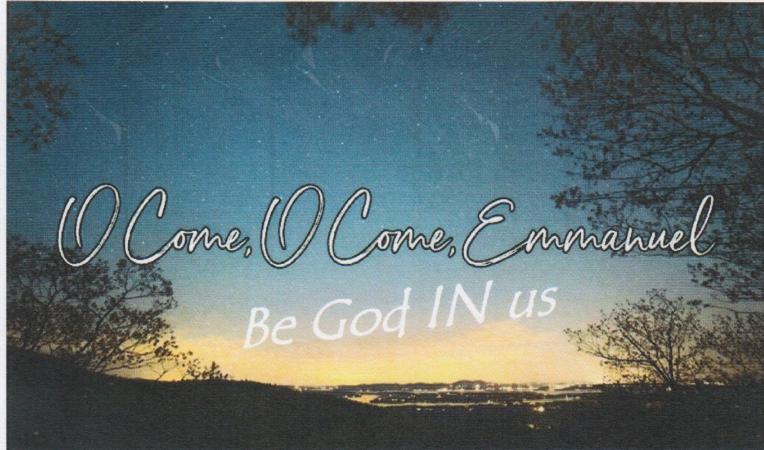


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## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK

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**        The second candle reminds us that the Prince of Peace has come into the world. As this candle burns brightly it reminds us that His peace does rule our hearts and minds.

**JOY**

**LOVE**



*2nd Sunday of Advent*

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Lake Ronkonkoma, NY**  
**December 5, 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 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) Ephesians 3:14-19**

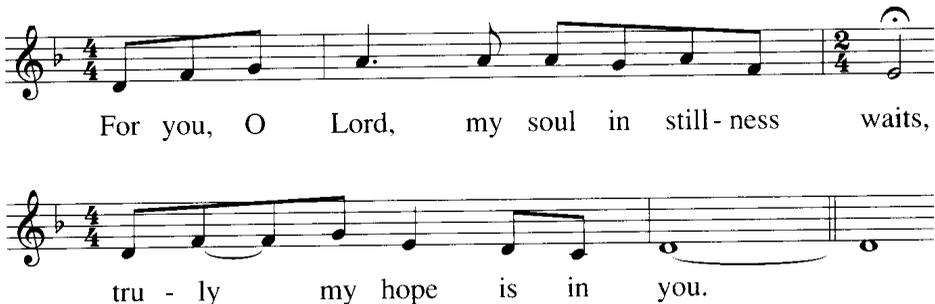
When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's

love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of

Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

**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) Luke 1:25-35, 38**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be

afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a

virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be

called the Son of God." Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

**SONG OF THE DAY O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n  
No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!



*For your sermon notes*

**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 Breathe**

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence, Living in me.

This is my daily bread, This is my daily bread  
Your very word, Spoken to me.

And I . . . I'm desperate for you. Jesus.  
And I . . . I'm lost without you. I'm lost without you.

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe  
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This is the air I breathe.

### **Lord, I Offer My Life To You**

All that I am, all that I have,  
I lay them down before You, O Lord;  
All my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain,  
I'm making them Yours.

Lord, I offer my life to You, everything I've been through,  
use it for Your glory;  
Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You  
as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer You my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,  
wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;  
All of my hopes, all of my plans, my heart and my hands  
are lifted to You.

Lord, I offer my life to You, everything I've been through,  
use it for Your glory;  
Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You  
as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer You my life.

What can we give that You have not given;  
And what do we have that is not already Yours?  
All we possess are these lives we're living  
and that's what we give to You, Lord.

Lord, I offer my life to You, everything I've been through,  
use it for Your glory;  
Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You  
as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer You my life.

### **Thank You, Jesus**

Thank You Jesus You set me free  
Christ my Savior You rescued me

Take this life delivered A vessel of Your love  
Wholly now devoted To see Your kingdom come

Thank You Jesus You set me free  
Christ my Savior You rescued me  
Thank You Jesus You set me free  
Christ my Savior You rescued me

You've given me life You've opened my eyes  
I love You Lord I love You Lord  
You've entered my heart You've set me apart  
I love You Lord I love You Lord

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Thank You Jesus You set me free  
Christ my Savior You rescued me  
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### **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.  
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Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.  
Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.

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

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

### **BLESSING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **CLOSING SONG Let You Glory Fall In This Room**

Father of creation, unfold Your sovereign plan.  
Raise up a chosen generation that will march through the land.  
All of creation is longing for Your unveiling of power.  
Would You release Your anointing?  
Oh, God, let this be the hour.

Let Your glory fall in this room.  
Let it go forth from here to the nations.  
Let Your fragrance rest in this place  
as we gather to seek your face.

Ruler of the nations, the world has yet to see  
the full release of Your promise, the church in victory.  
Turn to us Lord, and touch us. Make us strong in Your might.  
Overcome our weakness that we could stand up and fight.

Let Your glory fall in this room.  
Let it go forth from here to the nations.  
Let Your fragrance rest in this place  
as we gather to seek your face.

Let Your kingdom come. Let Your will be done.  
Let us see on earth the glory of Your Son.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace, serve the Lord  
**R:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Advent Mid-Week Worship** ***There's More Than Meets The Eye***

**Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
***The Spirit of the Season***

**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
***The Voices of the Season***

**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
***The Gifts of the Season***

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

*"For unto us a Savior is born...  
Unto us a child is given...who is Christ the Lord."*

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