

Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Service

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Welcome

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your

paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on †Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

“Emmanuel”

<p>REFRAIN Come, come Emmanuel Son of God appear Heaven and Earth rejoice Salvation is drawing near Salvation is drawing near</p> <p>Verse 1 O come, O come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lowly exile here Until the Son of God appear</p>	<p>REFRAIN</p> <p>Verse 2 O come, O wisdom from on high Who ordered all things mightily To us the path of knowledge show And teach us in her ways to go</p> <p>REFRAIN</p>	<p>Verse 4 O come Desire of nations bind In one the hearts of human kind Make all our sad divisions cease And be for us the King of Peace</p> <p>REFRAIN</p> <p><small>Text and refrain: Steve Angrisano c. 2004 Steve Angrisano OCP Publications</small></p>
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Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

My Spirit Is One with You

People: My spirit is one with you, Great Spirit.

Leader: You strengthen me day and night to share my very best with my brothers and sisters.

People: You, whom my people see in all of creation and in all people, show your love for us.

Leader: Help me to know, like the soaring eagle, the heights of knowledge.

All: From the Four Directions, fill me with the four virtues of fortitude, generosity, respect, and wisdom; so that I will help my people walk in the path of understanding and peace.

From Lakota prayer tradition

Prayer of the day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14

Children's Time & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. Amen.

Song "We Are Waiting for Jesus"

Verse 1

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace. (2x)
Sun of justice, shine upon us; we are trusting in your promise.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

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Mission Moment and Offering

Offering Prayer: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation. *Alleluia.* (Ps. 85:7)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Reading of the Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: (*reads the gospel*)

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

1 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.

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

3 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!

Sermon

"O Give Thanks to the Lord"

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Song

"Isaiah 11"

Verse 1

A green shoot will sprout up from Jesse
The roots will grow a budding branch
A wolf will dwell with a gentle lamb
They'll leap and play in the green green grass

CHORUS 1

A little child will lead them
A little child will lead them
The lion and the lamb lie down together
A little child will lead them

Verse 2

Not as a king in robes of purple
Not as a judge in halls of might
But a little baby born from the branch of Jesse
Come to set this wrong world right

CHORUS 1**INSTRUMENTAL****Verse 3**

A green shoot will sprout up from Jesse
A banner of love like a melody
Singing Come back children come back hurry
Singing over you singing over me

CHORUS 2

The good good King will lead them
The good good King will lead them
The spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him
The good good King will lead us
The good good King will lead us

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Act of Faith

We believe in God, Mother and Father of all,
who has called us all to work together to build a
new world of unity and peace.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and our
brother, who suffered, died and rose again for
us, that we might learn to live for others, and
find hope in his victory over death.

We believe in the Spirit, in the power of truth,
of peace, and of love.

We believe in the church, the unity and fellow-
ship to which all are called, that we may heal the
shattered world, and find a new and better life,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the church *prayer response: hear our prayer*

The Lord's Prayer
Benediction

Closing Song "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'"

<p>Verse 1 Mothers ... don't you stop prayin' Fathers ... keep right on prayin' Children ... don't you stop prayin' For the time is drawing nigh</p> <p>REFRAIN Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin' (3x) See what greatness the Lord has done</p> <p>Verse 2 Sisters ... don't you get weary Brothers ... don't you get weary Children ... don't you get weary For our work is almost done</p>	<p>REFRAIN</p> <p>INSTRUMENTAL</p> <p>Verse 3 People ... won't you work together Nations ... won't your work together Children ... please come together For the time is drawing nigh</p> <p>REFRAIN</p> <p>Ending See what greatness the Lord has done. See what greatness the Lord has done.</p> <p>BW Johnson. Traditional Spiritual. Public domain.</p>
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Go in peace; serve the Lord!
Postlude
Ringing of the Peace Bell

10:00 a.m. service Musicians may include Joe and Janey Paterno, Barbara Passolt-Pineiro, Mark Wells, Maile Grumm, Andrew Fort

11:30 Spanish language Service with leaders/musicians Francisco Aguirre, Carlos Guevara, Elvio Gonzalez, Oscar Hernandez Amaya, Jackeline Luna, Dora Reyna, Aranza and Miranda Aguirre

Livestream/Tech Crew (rotating): Ben Joy, Dave Schmidt, Jenny Schmidt, Lane Johnson, Andy Fort, Mark Wells, Francisco Aguirre, Marilyn Keller, Glen Jacobs, Nate Fort, Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu, Calvin Stuczynski, Ed Granshaw, Annali Smith, Linnea Smith, Brandon Knutson (remote), Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt (remote), Tamrah Knutson (remote), Rick Gordon (advisor); David Schmidt (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor)

Bell ringers, Property, Tellers: Ansel Johnson, Jeremy Barber, Glen Jacobs, Judy Embler

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