

2021

*"Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE
who promised is Faithful"*



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who
promised is faithful.* Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

*"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.

All: **Jesus said to them, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."** John 13:34

(The candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Loving God,

All: **Your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive Your love; and following the example of Your SON, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, Who loved us to the end. Amen."**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you** *(Wave and/or Honk to each other)*

HYMN

Away In a Manger

LBW #67

Verse 1

**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed;
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;**

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing; the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky;
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care;
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

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.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so
we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this
world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare
us to receive Him and to see His glory for He is Your
only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives
and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One
God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

Micah 5;2-5a

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39 - 45

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Of Old and Ancient Times

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LBW# 42

Verse 1

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the world began to be;
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see; Evermore and evermore!

Verse 2

Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race.
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

Verse 3

This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful
word;
Now He shines the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

Verse 4

Let the heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel hosts; His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring; Evermore and evermore!

Verse 5

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee;
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory;
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: **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.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

Fling wide the Door

LBW #32

Verse 1

**Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
The King of glory comes in state;
The Lord of lords and King of kings,
The Savior of the world who brings
His great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
And praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

Verse 2

He is the rock of our belief,
The heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
His scepter is His loveliness;
He brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
And worship him with song
For saving us from wrong.

Verse 3

Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
That live by their true king's commands,
And blessed be the hearts He rules,
The humble places where He dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
Who fills our lives and makes us his,
Creator of the world,
Our only strength for good.

Verse 4

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
Our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now Your lovely grace,
Upon our sorrows shine Your face,
And let Your Holy Spirit guide
Our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise Your holy name,
From age to age the same!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!



Merry Christmas

Christmas Eve Worship -
Friday Dec. 24th at 7 P.M.



*Sing with Great JOY!
A Savior has been BORN!
He is Christ our LORD.
Emmanuel, GOD with US!
We'll worship The Greatest Gift
ever Given with
Carols, Candlelight and Holy Communion.
Bring your whole family!
Bring your Friends!*

NEXT SUNDAY December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

Service of Lessons & Carols

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