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**November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent**

**10:30 AM In-Person Worship - simulcast on [www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran](https://www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran)**

Prelude “Carol Medley” - Piano Music

Welcome - Announcements - Introduction to Today’s Worship

***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 God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

*Amen.*

*Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires. **(Silence is kept for reflection.)***

*Loving and forgiving God,*

***we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.***

***We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another.***

***Restore us, Oh God.***

***Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.***

*People of God, hear this glad news: by God’s endless grace*

*your sins are forgiven, and you are free-*

*free from all that holds you back*

*and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.*

*May you be strengthened in God’s love,*

*comforted by Christ’s peace,*

*and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

## Lighting of Advent Candle 1

### Song - "People Look East" Addyson Mammana (verse 1)

**Prayer of the Day** - Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### First Reading – Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

### Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; Shine forth, you that are enthroned up- on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**



<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>4</sup>O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O god of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

### **The Holy Gospel - Matthew 25: 31-46**

But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

# Hymn ELW #257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verse 1)

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## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way.  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: Hear us, O God,

People: Your Mercy is Great

Holy Communion-

Offer Prayer- Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer- "Eat and Drink"

Communion Blessing- Prayer after Communion

Sign of Peace

Final Blessing



# Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

ANTIOCH  
 CM and repeat

## Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Addyson Mammana
Ushers/Guides	- Joe Hlavaty
Lector	- Maggie Fischer
Preparation of Bulletin	- Scott Gaun
Altar Guild	- Linda Sauter, Bea von Watzdorf
Technology Leader	- Ken Anderson
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

## PRAYER

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams; Joanne Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Gregory Chubrik; Josie Crown; Nancy Edelin; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Douglas Harris; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Aleena Lang; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Steven Neff; Kyle Newman; David Parker; Jeff Petrino; Lisa Pezzino; Les Pross; Donnie Pyne; Sarah Rhine; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Ulrey; Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Lea Kneebone; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; Manfred & Elfriede Marschewski; Rudolf von Watzdorf; and Duane Lehr.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

**Essential Food Workers:** Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

**Essential Postal Workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

**New Baby:** Please keep Kristi Lee and Dane Reiman and their newborn son, Dane Charles, in your prayers.