

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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November 28, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM - Worship

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Organ Prelude - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - arr. David Lanz

Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,

The Rev. James Heckman

Introduction to Worship

Lighting the First Candle on the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace" ... **ELW 247** vs. 1

Confession and Forgiveness (Stand if you are able)

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with your favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #244 - "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

(Stand if you are able)

Greeting

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

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Please be Seated)

First Reading- Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.** PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 25 (read responsively)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let not who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

(sung) *"O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."*

Pastor: **The holy gospel according to Luke:**

PEOPLE: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

The Holy Gospel - Luke 21: 25-36

[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: **The gospel of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - The Rev. James Heckman

Hymn of the Day - ELW #257 - “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vv 1 & 2)

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(Please stand , if able)

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who 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 and Intercessions:

Pastor: Hear us, O God.

People: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Blessing (Pastor) : The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through
Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn- ELW # 260 - "The King Shall Come"

(Stand if you are able)

Dismissal:

Pastor: Led on by saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Piano Postlude - "O Come O Come Emmanuel" - Arr. George Lauchenauer

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Addyson Mammana
Altar Guild	- Linda Sauter & Bea von Watzdorf
Lector	- Beth Snyder
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Kathy Hlavaty, Becky Praster
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday of Advent
- Next Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent/Holy Communion - with Deacon Kathie Afflerbach
- The Adult Sunday School class is meeting in the church library at 9:15 every Sunday.
- The Adult Bible study will not be meeting during December. We will resume on Thursday Jan. 6, 2022.
- DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS - DECEMBER 2nd - Clayton Leichliter
- NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BAPTISMS - NOVEMBER 29th - Bruce Crouse, Dean Litzenberger; NOVEMBER 30th - Kathy Hlavaty, Jordyn Trauger; DECEMBER 1ST- Kerri Rhine; DECEMBER 2nd - Blake Trauger; DECEMBER 4th - Rowan Froehlich
- DECEMBER "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" go to AHUB - support code blue effort for our community
- CHRISTMAS EVE Service: December 24, 7 p.m., Rev. Marcia Bell - guest pastor

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Cheryl Mesko; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams and Joanne & Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Harry & Terry Bachart; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Leah Dawn; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Clarence Hoover Jr.; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkham; Clint O'Connor; Sue Odor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Ron Steele; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Rocco Vonelli; Linda Wilson; and Jesse.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; and Jayne Miller.

For the Grieving: The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr; and Dean Litzenberger

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

Essential postal workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson.