

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 5, 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM - Worship

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Organ Prelude - "What Child is This" - arr. Mark Hayes
Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,
Deacon Kathie Afflerbach

Introduction to Worship

Lighting the Second Candle on the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. 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. 2

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 #239 - "Hark the Glad Sound"

(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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (Please be Seated)

First Reading- Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Psalm Luke 1:68-79 (read responsively)

Blessed are you, Lord, the god of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free

**⁶⁹You have raised up from us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

**⁷²to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham;

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Second Reading- Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Itureaea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

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

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - Deacon Kathie Afflerbach

Hymn of the Day - ELW #257 - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 3 & 4)

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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- "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(Stand if you are able)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re -
child and yet a King, born to reign in us for -



lease us, let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's
e - ver, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine



strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the
own e - ter - nal spi - rit rule in all our



earth thou art; dear de - sire of ev - ery
hearts a - lone; by thine all suf - fi - cient



na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
me - rit, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Dismissal:

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

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Piano Postlude - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - Arr. Gordon Young

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Deacon Kathie Afflerbach
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Nicholas Phillips
Altar Guild	- Mark Harwick and Val McGinn
Lector	- Maggie Fischer
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Scott Gaun and Mark Harwick
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent
- Next Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent with Rev. John Bernsten
- The Adult Bible study will not be meeting during December. We will resume on Thursday Jan. 6, 2022. We are meeting from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty. We are currently studying Corinthians and sharing in leading each session. Car pooling from the church is available.
- DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES- DECEMBER 8TH - Dianna & Peter Streletz (31)

- DECEMBER BAPTISMS - DECEMBER 6th - Brian Ashmore Sr.; DECEMBER 8th - Brendan Snyder; DECEMBER 9th - Lois Altemose; DECEMBER 10th - Jocelyn Frey and Hunter Frey; DECEMBER 11th - Alex Crouse
- 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; Vicky Cyphers; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; 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; Clint O’Connor; Sue Odor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Steven Streletz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Rocco Vonelli; and Linda Wilson.

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.