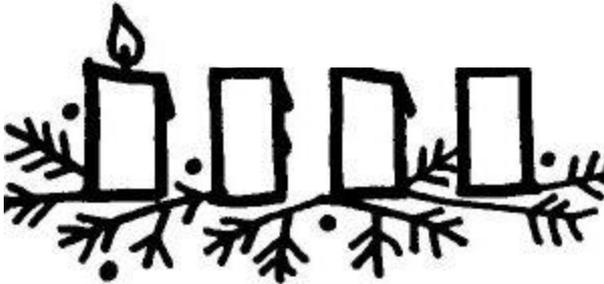


10am, November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent
Service of the Word

HOPE



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PRELUDE
WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Doug Jahns)

L: Come into God's house with a hope and a promise:

C: Despite the darkness, the light awaits us.

L: Set down roots and find a new normal,

C: And when sought, God will be found!

OPENING HYMN: ELW 242 – Awake, Awake, and Great the New Morn

GREETING:

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

C: And also with you.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

LITANY (Litzenberger Family)

November ends. December begins.

We find our beginning and our ending in God.

Month after month, our God attends us and supports us.

For God's company, we offer thanks and praise.

Let us worship the God who gives us Jesus Christ:

God who is the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end,

the Living One and our Redeemer, now and forever.

CANDLE LIGHTING DIALOGUE

Reader One: Just as Jeremiah spoke to a nation in despair, we see a world suffering, and struggle with our own challenges, wondering 'How long, O Lord?'

Reader Two: But Jeremiah speaks a word of hope, proclaiming God's promise of restoration, even if we must wait patiently for it.

Reader One: (*light candle 1*) We light this candle as a sign of that expectant hope.

Reader Two: A flame of anticipation that points to God's mighty deeds in a dark world desperate for God's radiant love.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN:

All Creation Sings 905 - We Are Waiting For Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings hope.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings hope.



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Sun of jus - tice, shine up-on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,

C: Your word is meant to free us, not frighten us into believing. Strengthen our hearts and open our eyes that we may be powerful witnesses of what we have seen and heard, proclaimers of Christ, your son. Amen.

WORD

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:14-16

(Marlene Grinde)

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.'
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CREATIVE EXPRESSION (Zinken Family)

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV 640 - Gloria



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Luke 21:25-36 (Marlene Grinde)

‘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.’

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 241 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ADVENT CREED

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
Maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator;
The Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
Our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Doug Jahns)

Sing aloud, rejoice, exult, the Lord is in your midst, and we bring our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need. Petitions will end with “**Comforting God,**” The congregation is invited to respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”

A brief silence.

We do not always like what we are being asked to do, O Lord. Show us, Lord, that where we are now is exactly where you need us to be, and assure us of the blessings which you have promised. **Comforting God, Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, discourage us from seeking after temporary assurances or flimsy hopes. Instill generosity and care within us for all you have created. Open us to the unfolding mystery of your presence among us. **Comforting God, Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for a time to pause in gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. Guide all our leaders to care for your people, especially those who find themselves living on the margins of society, and make of us one great human family. **Comforting God, Hear our prayer.**

There is more suffering in the world than we can sometimes comprehend, and yet you hold us all in the palm of your hand. Pour out your healing spirit on all who cry to you. Send a special blessing this day to... **Tammy Chapman, Connie Kuraitis, Tammy Massa,** the people listed in the bulletin, and for those we now name silently or aloud. – (15 seconds of silence) - **Comforting God, Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Handbell Quartet)

OFFERTORY HYMN: Now the Feast 775 - Now In This Banquet (*Congregational Refrain, soloist verse, Congregational Refrain*)

Refrain

1.* 2.

Now in this ban-quet, Christ is our bread;
Advent: God of our jour-neys, day-break to night;

Here shall all hun-gers be fed.
Lead us to jus-tice and light.

Bread that is bro-ken, wine that is poured,
Grant us com-pas-sion, strength for the day,

Love is the sign of our Lord.
Wis-dom to walk in your way.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Even when we are lost or broken, we know that healing comes when we reach out, rather than isolate, give, rather than withhold. So, we bring our offerings to you in the hope that abundant blessings come not only for us, but for those who benefit from these gifts that we offer. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OF THE WORD:

It is ancient
as old as the first word
for it is the first word ever
spoken by a God
who was feeling the divine voice
for the first time
its sound has taken many forms
through
the ages, but it speaks
still, the single
truth it always has

some hear it beating swords into
ploughshares
others hear it hammering spears
into pruning hooks
and still others hear the
original word
that shaped these others
the first word:
the word,
love.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**As we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

ADVENT COMMISSIONING: READY TO SHARE

Can you be a voice crying in the wilderness?
Can you proclaim that God is active in the world?

Maybe?

The time is near, of the crowning of the year.

**We sing with angels,
setting the roadways and the buildings humming**

As people who are being changed,
we go into a world that is being changed.

**Ready to share the Good News
that the long expected Jesus is coming,
that we are being freed from whatever binds us.**

Glory be to God!

Who walks with us, sings with us, and struggles with us,
each and every day. Amen

BLESSING:

P: God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
+bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: ELW 264 – Prepare the Royal Highway

DISMISSAL:

P: Let us go with one another preparing the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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With thanks to those serving today:

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| Candlelighting Liturgy | Litzenberger Family |
| Creative Expression | Zinken Family |
| Organist | Colleen Jahns |
| Special Music: Handbell Quartet | Helena Hendricksen, Claire Casault, Palty Spicer, Isabela Ramos |
| A/V Technology | Sam Robinson, Clayton S.R. |

TODAY

10am Service of the Word Livestream

11am Sunday School ZOOM

11:15am Choir

5pm Chorale Colibri

THIS WEEK: November 29th – December 5th

MONDAY 8pm AlAnon

TUESDAY 10am Painters/ 1pm Staff Meeting / 5pm Confirmation/
7pm JRF Church/ 7:30pm King’s Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 9:30am Care/ 11am Quilters/ 7pm Youth/
7:15pm Stewardship

THURSDAY 10am Bible Study/ 2pm Food Bank/ 6pm JRF Church

FRIDAY 7pm JRF Church

SATURDAY 8am 12 Step Group/ 2:30pm JRF Church

SUNDAY 10am Service of the Word/ 11am Sunday School ZOOM/
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5pm Chorale Colibri

❖ **STAFF AWAY DATES:** Pastor Anna on furlough Nov.22nd – 27th, 29th – Dec.4th

❖ **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** The **DECEMBER** “Notes from Hosanna” newsletter is in your inbox, on our website, and at the church on the Black Counter.

❖ **LAST FEW DAYS IN NOVEMBER! Socks, Undies and Mitts**

campaign: On any Sunday or any week-day during November (extended to December 5), when the office is open, bring NEW Socks, Undies & Mitts to Hosanna's narthex for distribution to those in need through the Jasper Place Wellness Centre. They need

- BOTH men's and women's,
- BOTH basic items and special winter wear,
- AND various sizes, to keep people healthy and warm.

OR you can contribute through your offerings marked "Socks, Undies and Mitts"

- in envelopes or cheques
- or through e-transfer to donations@hosannalutheran.ca.ab,
- or by credit card online at <http://hosannalutheran.ab.ca/ministries/give>.

Volunteers will then shop on your behalf. Questions? Talk to Marilyn Bella, Carl Betke or Tom Kieren.

❖ **Attention ALL Hosanna Members and Friends:** each Hosanna household will be receiving a call from a Community Connections Group Leader in the next few weeks! If you do not receive a call please contact the Hosanna office so we can ensure you are assigned to a group. Community Connection groups is a new small group ministry experiment being undertaken at Hosanna in an effort to ensure all those who call Hosanna home are intentionally being included within the community no matter if you worship in-person or online. If you have questions about this ministry or would like more information please reach out to Pastor Anna. If you wish to serve as a CC group leader please speak with Pastor Anna ASAP. We can't wait to see how connections are deepened and formed as we begin this new ministry together.

❖ We are looking for as many members as possible to be in **candle lighting** videos. This type of video will show you, and any family members who are willing to participate, lighting a candle and holding it for at least a minute. Video would be preferable to a picture but if a picture is what you can share please do! *Pastor Anna*

❖ I am hoping you to tell me about your **favorite Christmas hymns** and songs and why it is your favorite. Maybe it's a memory, or you love the tune or the words – whatever it is I would to hear about it on video. If you know a tune but not a melody I would be happy to help you figure this out too. We need at least 16 people or couples to share what their favorite Christmas hymns are to be part of worship services on Dec. 26 and Jan 3. *Pastor Anna*

- ❖ You can drop off your loose change in **Melanie the Owl**, who is roosting on the Black Counter, and the money will be used for bus tickets for people using the food bank and others at the Jasper Place Wellness Centre.
- ❖ **SOLAR PANEL UPDATE:** Thank you to all who have made pledges and/or donations towards Hosanna's Solar Panel project. Preliminary work has begun, so at this time we invite you to make your pledged donations, if you have not already done so. Donations can be made by cheque/cash through your regular offering envelopes, by sending an e-transfer, or through CanadaHelps. *Again, thank you for your support of this project.*
- ❖ The **HOSANNA QUILTERS** are continuing to quilt every Wednesday from 11am – 2pm in the Peace Hall. We invite you to view completed quilts online. Go to: hosannalutheran.ab.ca and click on the “Quilts for Sale” screen. After ordering, a notice will be sent to the church office, and Karen Moore will make arrangements for the quilt to be picked up.

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| | <p>The Hosanna Quilters would like to thank all those who purchased quilts through our online sale site and to the Waterford Seniors Residence. The Quilters will be taking a break after Dec 1st, 2021 and are hoping to meet again in the New Year 2022. We are wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday and we are looking forward to planning a quilt sale in the Spring.</p> <p>Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness for 2022!</p> | |
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- ❖ The devotional **ETERNITY FOR TODAY** is on the Black Counter. Please call the church office if you would like one.
- ❖ The devotional resource, **GOD’S STORY, OUR STORY**, is available on the Hosanna website.
- ❖ If **committees** would like to **meet by ZOOM**, please contact a pastor for setup details.



WE ARE OPEN!

In-person services with livestreaming on Sundays at 10am.

- . You no longer need to pre-register.
- . Singing is allowed, with masks.

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VACCINES SAVE LIVES

We require that those eligible for vaccines are fully vaccinated before participating in programs at Hosanna Lutheran Church.

Hosanna Council and Staff



DONATIONS:

We want you to know how you can make donations to Hosanna. Our operations and expenses continue even though we are meeting in a variety of ways.



If you are on PAR, everything will proceed like normal – thank you.



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