

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021**

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's timing.

**C: We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.**

P: In Him our hearts rejoice,

**C: for we trust in His holy name.**

P: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,

**C: even as we put our hope in You. (Psalm 33.20-22)**

P: Today we now light the first Advent Candle, the Hope candle.



*After the candle is lighted, we speak together:*

**C: Jesus, You are the world's hope and answer to the brokenness of this world! We place our hope and trust in You, Amen!**

ADVENT OPENING HYMN: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"  
(348)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SONG SELECTION: "O Come All Ye Faithful"  
(379)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

**C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).**

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

ADVENT LITANY PRAYER

P: O Christ,

**C: In Your first Advent You fulfilled Your promise to come to Your people.**

P: O Christ,

**C: You came to save us from our sin. (Matthew 1.21)**

P: O Christ,

**C: You have promised to return and to liberate all of creation from the bondage to decay. (Romans 8.21)**

P: O Christ,

**C: We look forward to that day when You return!**

P: O Christ,

**C: May we not become weary as we wait for You!**

P: O Christ,

**C: May we be watchful and ready for Your return.**

P: O Christ,

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!**

ADVENT HYMN OF PRAYER: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (357, vs. 1-2)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Jeremiah 33.14-16**. The Lord announced through the prophet Jeremiah of a day of hope that was connected to the line of King David.

The Gospel reading is **Luke 19.28-40**. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was a hope-filled event as the crowd joyfully praised God.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH      The Nicene Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (332, vs. 1-4, 6-8)

THE SERMON      Jeremiah 33.14-16

"Hope Fulfilled"

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response is "**Hear our prayer**"

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“O Living Bread from Heaven” (642, Screens): “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” (618); “Let Us Break Bread Together” (Screens)

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***Please come to the church following the service if you desire to receive Holy Communion.***

HOLY TRINITY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C: CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!**

BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown" (921)

P: Go in peace! Love one another! Share the faith!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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