

# ***First Sunday of Advent***

**November 28, 2021    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      Rachel C.

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**      Advent I

***Christ Be Our Light***      ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in your church gathered today.**

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## Words of Welcome and Introduction

***Blessed Be the God of Israel***      ELW 250

Blessed be the God of Israel  
Who comes to set us free  
And raises up new hope for us:  
A Branch from David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared  
That with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies  
And all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still  
 The covenant recall,  
 The oath once sworn to Abraham,  
 From foes to save us all;  
 That we might worship without fear  
 And offer lives of praise,  
 In holiness and righteousness  
 To serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord  
 You will prepare the way,  
 To tell God's people they are saved  
 From sin's eternal sway.  
 Then shall God's mercy from on high  
 Shine forth and never cease  
 To drive away the gloom of death  
 And lead us into peace.

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

**Response: *And also with you.***

### **Canticle of Praise**

ELW, pages 148-149

Glory to God in the highest,  
 And peace to God's people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 Almighty God and Father,  
 We praise you for your glory.

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We worship you, we give you thanks,  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **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.

### **First Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill 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."*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

**Psalm 25:1-10**

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

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

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

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

## Second Reading – I 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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## Gospel – Luke 21:25-36

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

*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 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 the Lord.

**Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Sermon**

Pr. Mandsager



**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

ELW 257

O, come, O, come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lonely exile here  
 Until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to you, O Israel.**

O come, O Key of David, come  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery.     **Refrain:**

O come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer  
 Our spirits by your advent here;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.     **Refrain:**

O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 Refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 Restore the broken, make us new.     **Refrain:**

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## Prayers of the Church

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

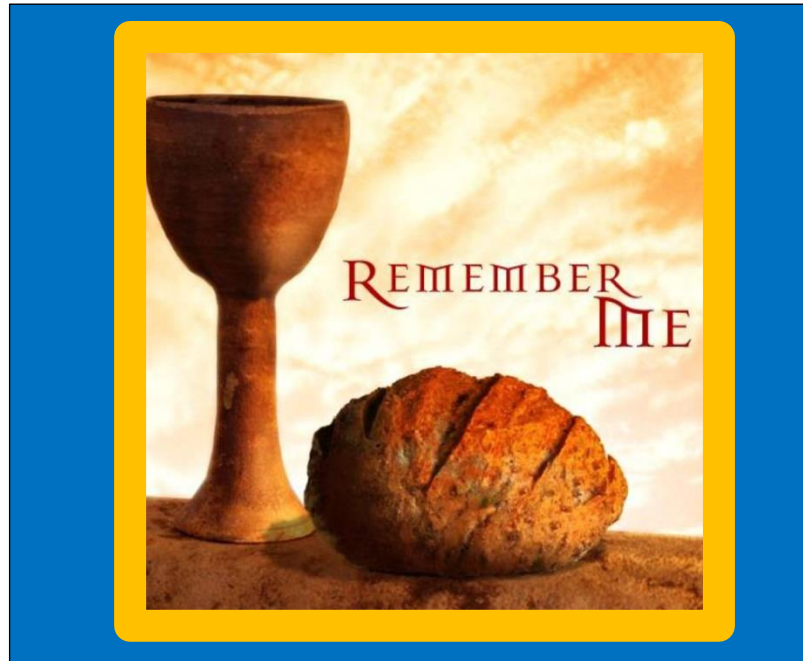
### Offertory

*Lo! He Comes  
with Clouds Descending*

Rachel C.



## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



### Invitation and Instruction for Communion at Home

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in  
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive**

**us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Communion Distribution**

**Communion Song***Lamb of God*

ELW, page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Prayer**

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food  
while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you  
free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none  
can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in  
endless joy. **Amen.**

***O Lord, Now Let Your Servant***

ELW 313

O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the nations unto our holy hill,  
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light,  
Till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;  
Till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore,  
Where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

***Response: Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**     *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*     Rachel C.



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**Advent Worship Calendar**  
**10:30 AM on Channel 105**

Advent II	12/05/2021
Advent III	12/12/2021
Advent IV	12/19/2021



**Installation of**  
**Pastor Michael Mandsager**

Bishop Regina Hassanally presiding  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
10:30 AM  
Channel 105



**Christmas Worship Calendar**  
**3:30 PM on Channel 105**

Christmas Eve Service	12/24/2021
Christmas Day Carol Service	12/25/2021