

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."



Welcome

Prelude - O Sing a Song of Bethlehem...arr. John Purifoy
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Call to Worship

Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty,
claims us as God's very own!

Rejoice in the Lord!

Good news!

The times of trouble are nearly over!

Rejoice in the Lord, always!

Good news!

God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!

Rejoice in the Lord, always!

Again I say rejoice!

Good news! Good news!

The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!

We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving.

Thanks be to God!

Let us gather round the words
the prophets spoke long ago
and believe:

Emmanuel is on the way!

Special Music - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus...Mark A. Miller

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Gail Allison, Gail Lafferty, Lynne Banzhoff, Sherwood Geiger

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart. Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come. While we wait, while we pray, come, O Savior, come. Hope of all heaven and earth, come, Jesus come. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone. By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

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.**

Hymn - What Feast of Love (ELW No. 487, vss. 1 & 3)

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What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Confession & Forgiveness

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world.

We confess **that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.**

We confess **that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.**

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.

Prepare us for His return.

Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.

silence

May the God of peace cleanse you through and through. The promise is that our whole being—spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Gospel – Luke 23:1-5

Children's Message

Narrative Reading – Daniel 6:6-27

Sermon – The Rev. Gordon A. Camp

Special Music - Prayer of Consecration...Deborah Dressie, trans. Deborah Governor ©1997, 2002 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. Gail Allison, vocalist

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to You. Come to me and still my fear until my song is Yours alone. Sing to me, Lord of life; make my voice Your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of You. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are Yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life; make my mind Your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor You. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are Yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart Your own.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers

We seek the mighty God in the most unlikely places as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear these prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

A brief silence.

God, we pray that you deliver the church from hypocrisy, timidity, and judgmentalism; increase our trust in your Spirit, active in our words and deeds.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God, we pray that you deliver creation from exploitation and destruction; lift up advocates and protectors of the wild places of the world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God, we pray that you deliver the nations from violence and injustice; grant wisdom and compassion to all leaders of tribes and peoples.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God, we pray that you deliver those battling loneliness and fear; help us to see the hidden needs of our neighbors and to reach out in love and grace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God, we pray that you deliver those enduring illness and disease; rain down your healing power upon all those who need it.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God, we pray that you deliver us from apathy and lethargy; grant us boldness of speech and action on behalf of the Gospel.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, we give you thanks for all those who have gone before us and whose lives have proven your great faithfulness and deliverance.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Praise Song - Emmanuel (Sung Twice)

Text & Music: Bob McGee ©1976 C.A. Music

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel,

God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel,

God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

Announcements

Benediction

May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder
May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger
May promise fill these days as you watch at the edge of birth
and may faith tell you... Emmanuel will be with us soon!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Postlude - Emmanuel/ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel...arr. Larry Shackley

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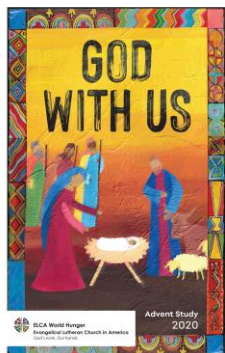
Week of November 29, 2020

Children's Sunday School – Ages 3 through Grade 6. A Sunday School link is sent out via email every Sunday via the Sunday Xpress. Please click the link and participate at any time.

Youth Group (*Christ's Café*) – Grades 7 -12. Every Sunday 9:30 – 10:15

Outdoors (weather permitting) or via Zoom.

"Happy Hour" (*Adult Class*) – Happy Hour is a gathering of adults. (*Come one week a month or come every week-it doesn't matter*). Every Sunday 10:30 via Zoom.



Come join us to view a video and to join the discussion of "God With Us", an Advent Study created for us in this crazy year of 2020 by the ELCA. This study draws parallels between "waiting" during this pandemic to "waiting" for the arrival of the Christ child. Each week we will email the study and scripture readings. You can read and ponder on your own or join us on a Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for a Zoom discussion with your church family. Not a fan of technology, please call the church office at 610-767-6884 and we will mail a copy to your home.

Sunday Worship Services - will continue to be emailed to you every Sunday morning. Check out previous worship services or Wednesday devotions by going to our website: www.ulclv.org. Click on the blue button "Click here for Virtual Worship".

Listen to Worship Services on your Phone - Hearing Pastor Camp's weekly scripture reading and sermon is only a phone call away...just call 610-885-8237. This phone call is free and will allow those who do not have access to a computer to hear Pastor's weekly message. Check it out...Call 610-885-8237!

Drive Thru Communion –December 6th and 20th Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime between 11:00 AM to noon. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the covered entrance way. There Pastor will offer prayers, communion and a blessing. Communion will be served using individual sealed cups which include both the wafer and grape juice.

Drive-in church – will be held every Sunday. You will be able to stay in your car and tune your radio to our very own Union Lutheran FM radio "station", 94.3 FM, or you can simply open your window and listen live! Note if you have a larger vehicle, please be considerate of others and park your vehicle in the back or sides of the lot. If you prefer sitting outdoors, no problem, seating will be available in the parking lot. Please continue to bring your chairs and to wear your masks.

Singer's Masks - You may have noticed some of our talented vocalists wearing black masks when performing. They are specially designed "singer's masks" with semi-rigid frames that keep the three layers of cloth away from the area of the face involved in singing. The construction makes it easier to take deep breaths, articulate consonants and project resonance while effectively containing the super spray of aerosols produced when singing. Combined with social distancing, we are now able to safely rehearse and record indoors. ULC has purchased enough of these special masks to also outfit the

Chorale. If you have been considering joining either of these singing groups, we'd love to include you! Please speak to Susan Frickert (484-788-9476) or call the church office.

Christmas Eve Services – will be held at 3 pm, 8 pm & 11 pm. All services will be held outdoors in the parking lot by way of car parking and the 94.3 FM radio station.

Second notice of the Bi-annual meeting – Join us on Sunday, December 6th following the outdoor worship service, for our Bi-annual meeting. The purpose of this closed agenda meeting is to approve the 2021 church budget and to elect Church Council members. If worship is cancelled on December 6th due to inclement weather, the Bi-annual meeting will be postponed to Sunday, December 13th following the worship service.

Adopt-A-Family Gift Giving – We have received an overwhelming commitment to all of the items posted on the site! We are full!!! THANK YOU! All gifts will need to be returned to ULC by December 6th. There are instructions on each gift if it should be wrapped or unwrapped and the gift spending limit. Please call the church office or Sally Grim (610-248-8952).

Lil Pantry – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

Hunger Corner by Social Ministry - Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. Since our building is currently closed, it is difficult to drop off food donations. Dianne Gillikin has volunteered her front porch as a drop off spot. Dianne and Carl live only a minute or two from the church at 5168 Stahley Dr. Schnecksville. Place your bags on their porch and Dianne will ensure that your donations get to the food banks.

You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have you join our ministries.* Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or office@ulclv.org. Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

Prayer Card Ministry - Patti Hoffman mails cards to all members of our church family who are on the prayer list. If you are adding a non-member to the prayer list, please provide their mailing address as well. We would love to mail them a card!

Clothing Donations - Place your gently used clothing, shoes, belts, hats, bedding, linens, towels, and drapes in a bag and place them in the COLLECTION BINS located in lower parking lot. Proceeds from the used clothing collection will continue to benefit our youth ministries!

Journeyman – meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 7 am. Ron Pugh sends a Zoom link the week prior. For access to the link and to participate Zoom, please call the church office 610-767-6884, email the church office at office@ulclv.org or email Ron at ronpugh@rcn.com.

Keeping in our prayers:

Kenny Muth, Scott Cummings, Judy Schild, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Jeffrey Trapp.

Stacie Folk, daughter in law of Irene Folk

Marlyn Wall, Father of Dianne Gillikin.

Luis Marmolejos- friend of Steve and Tammy Diamond who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer.

Sandy Hoffman – undergoing cancer treatments and scheduled surgery.

Barbara Fung, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Tina Doll - undergoing cancer treatments

Charles Kopcho, treatment for mantle cell lymphoma.

We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

We pray for the church of St. John, Bath – The Rev. Terrence M. Walsh.

Please contact Pastor Camp pastor@ulclv.org or the church office office@ulclv.org to share prayer concerns

Report of November 22, 2020

Today's

Weekly Offering: \$4,004	9am Outdoor Worship Attendance: 89
Vision 2020: \$0	Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 53
	Virtual Wednesday Devotional Attendance: 26
	Drive Thru communion: 5
	Total Weekly Attendance: 173

Worship Participants

Online Worship Readings	<i>Sierra Hohenshilt</i>
Music	<i>Lynne Banzhoff, Gail Allison, Gail Lafferty, Sherwood Geiger</i>

Join us this week...

Sun. 11/29	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
	Catechetical Class Zoom	1 – 1:40 pm
Weds. 12/2	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Catechetical Class Zoom	7 – 7:40 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Sat. 12/5	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 12/6	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Annual Meeting	9:30 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
	Annual Meeting	9:30 am
	Bell Polishing	Immediately Following Meeting
	Drive Thru Communion	11 - Noon
	Reopening Team Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm

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