

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020

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



Welcome

Prelude - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence...arr. Cathy Moglebust

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Glory Ringers

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!

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 3

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory.

Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Hymn - While We Are Waiting, Come

Text: Claire Cloninger, Music: Don Cason ©1986 Word Music, LLC

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1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

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 4:16-21

Children's Message

Narrative Reading – Isaiah 61:1-11

Sermon – The Rev. Gordon A. Camp

Special Music – For Everyone Born...Shirley Erena Murray and Brian Mann

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Lynne Banzhoff and Sherwood Geiger, vocal duet

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing. For everyone born, a star overhead. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

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.

Anoint the church with a spirit of proclamation; make us bold in crying out for justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Anoint your creation with a spirit of healing; turn our hearts away from selfishness and make us better stewards of the bounty you bestow upon the world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Anoint our leaders with a spirit of humility and wisdom; reform our systems that liberating news may be proclaimed to the captive and the oppressed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Anoint the lonely with a spirit of hope; open our eyes to the needs of those around us and keep us steadfast in service and care for others.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Anoint the sick and suffering with a spirit of healing; restore wholeness to whose struggling with disease and illness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Anoint this congregation with a spirit of witness; open our lips that we may proclaim your praise wherever we may find ourselves this week.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for anointing the saints with a spirit of faithfulness; anoint us too that we may, one day, join the saints in eternal praise of you.

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.

Hymn - Prepare the Royal Highway (ELW No. 264, vss. 1 & 4)

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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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 - God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen...arr. Mark Hayes

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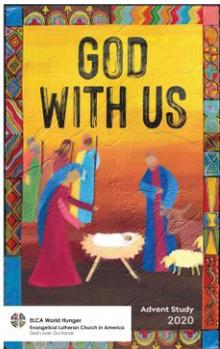
Week of December 13, 2020

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 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.

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.

Book Club Zoom - Hello, all Readers out there! I'm sure, like me, many of you have still been reading during these crazy months. Sadly, we had to abruptly stop book club back in March and I have really missed talking about books! I am hoping many of you feel the same way. I am proposing starting the Book Club again via Zoom in January 2021. We would begin where we left off by discussing the book *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng that was scheduled for March. To continue we will need to choose a new book to read as well as a date and time to discuss it. This will be the tricky part - When do we want to meet? For our first meeting I would like to schedule the Zoom for Sunday, January 10 @ 11:00 am. If you are interested in being a part of the group please e-mail me at bjsm2@ptd.net or call the church office. Happy Reading! Barb Mahoney

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 Rebeck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Jeffrey Trapp.

Family of Bill and Amy Forte – Bill’s mother passed away suddenly.

Ronald Bealer, Jr. – surgery for intestinal problem

Stacie Folk, daughter in law of Irene Folk

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

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 Holy Trinity, Catsaqua – The Rev. Brian S. Riedy

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

Report of December 6, 2020

Today's	Weekly Offering: \$3,803	9am Outdoor Worship Attendance: <i>114</i>
	Vision 2020: \$	Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance:
		Virtual Wednesday Devotional Attendance:
		Drive Thru Communion: 6
		Total Weekly Attendance:

Worship Participants

Online Worship Readings	<i>Cathy Smith</i>
Music	<i>Glory Ringers & Lynne Banzhoff & Sherwood Geiger</i>

Join us this week...

Sun. 12/13	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
Weds. 12/16	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Sat. 12/19	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 12/20	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
	Drive Thru Communion	11 am- Noon

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