

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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



**Welcome**

**Prelude** - Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne...arr. Craig Curry  
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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!**

## Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 2

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 - He Came Down That We Might Have Love (ELW No. 253, vss. 1,2,3,4)

Text & Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949, ©1986 Iona Community, admin. GIA Pub.

### He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

## **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 11:13**

## **Children's Message**

## **Narrative Reading – Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

## **Sermon – The Rev. Gordon A. Camp**

**Special Music** - Glory (Let There Be Peace)...Chris Stevens, Mat Maher and Rachel Popadic – Praise Band

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*One star burns in the darkness, shines with the promise, Emmanuel. One child born in the stillness, living within us, Emmanuel. We're singing: Glory, glory, Let there be peace. Let it start in me. One voice speaks for the voiceless, hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel. One love brings us together, now and forever, Emmanuel. Do not be afraid. His love is strong enough to save us. Nothing stands in the way. His love is strong enough to lead us.*

## **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.*

Pour your spirit upon the church, O Lord, grant us patience as we await your coming again and strengthen our trust in your eternal promises.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pour your spirit upon creation, O Lord, renew the waters and the earth and move us to nurture all that you have made.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pour your spirit upon the nations, O Lord, bring wholeness and healing to our broken systems of justice and power.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pour your spirit upon all peoples, O Lord, help us to find joy and blessing in the great diversity you have given to the world.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pour your spirit upon those in pain, O Lord, grant healing, comfort, and hope to those suffering from disease of any sort.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pour your spirit upon this assembly, O Lord, comfort those who are alone or grieving in this season and use us to surround one another with your love.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

You poured your spirit upon the saints, O Lord, we pray that their example strengthen our work and our lives of faith.

**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 - You Shall Go Out With Joy (Glory to God, No. 80) Sung Twice**

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*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;*

*the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;*

*There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;*

*The trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

### **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** - Watchman, Tell Us of the Night...arr. Mark Hayes

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**Annual Congregational Meeting** - The purpose of this closed agenda meeting  
is to approve the 2021 church budget and to elect Church Council members.

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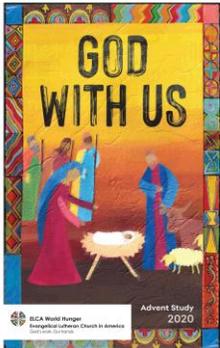
## Week of December 6, 2020

**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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 **TODAY!!** 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).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:office@ulclv.org) or email Ron at [ronpugh@rcn.com](mailto: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 Sherwood and Kathy Geiger; Kathy's mother passed away.

Stacie Folk, daughter in law of Irene Folk

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 Grace, Belfast – Pastoral Vacancy

Please contact Pastor Camp [pastor@ulclv.org](mailto:pastor@ulclv.org) or the church office [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) to share prayer concerns

**Report of November 29, 2020**

**Today's**

<b>Weekly Offering:</b> <b>\$2,962</b>	<b>9am Outdoor Worship Attendance:</b> 111
<b>Vision 2020: \$158</b>	<b>Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance:</b> 77
	<b>Virtual Thursday Devotional Attendance:</b> 51
	<b>Total Weekly Attendance:</b> 239

**Worship Participants**

<b>Online Worship Readings</b>	<i>Lynne Banzhoff</i>
<b>Music</b>	<i>Praise Band</i>

**Join us this week...**

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
	Bell Polishing	Immediately Following Meeting
	Drive Thru Communion	11 - Noon
	Catechetical Class (Rescheduled from 11/29)	Zoom 1 - 1:40 pm
	Reopening Team Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm
Mon. 12/7	Christian Education Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm
Tues. 12/8	Social Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm
	Property Committee Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm
Weds. 12/9	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Sat. 12/12	Journeymen Meeting	Zoom 7:00 am
	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
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

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