



ADVENT 1: KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 28, 2021

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Organist	Julie Urban
Vocalists	Sara Birkeland, Johan Christopherson
Instrumentalist	Marc Olson, percussion
Lector	Linda Grieme
Recording/Editing	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, Charlie Olson, Dick Pelinka, Blanca Raniolo's sister Nelly, and Eric and Piper Roome; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

**In-person worship in the Sanctuary
Sundays, at 10:00 am.**

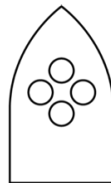
**Adult Forum in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am,
Sunday School in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.**

Masks are required.

Online worship premieres at 10:00 am every Sunday.

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Prelude and Variation on 'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah'" Wold

WELCOME

CANDLE LIGHTING

L: Each week
as we approach the Advent
of our Savior Jesus Christ
on Christmas,
we acknowledge what God's people
have always known:
Even when God is active in this world,
hope is a work in progress.
Each candle on our wreath
represents a person
or a place
or a moment in time
that still awaits God's goodness.
Yet we are witnesses to God's work in this world.
Just as a small spark
can give new life to a dead wick,
we believe
the fire of God's presence
can ignite God's purpose in this place.

**C: God, through your love,
a familiar light
can banish the fear of the other;
Through your love,
the warmth of good cheer
can extinguish cold-hearted injustice.
Through your love,
the song of faith
can rekindle hope for the hopeless.**

L: We light this candle as a small act of our great anticipation.

During the singing of the hymn, the first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit:

HYMN 240 ELW (st. 1)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord, we are watching you.

Like the high-schooler watching the minute hand

at the end of the schoolday's last class;

like the hourly worker checking her watch

before shift change;

like the child waiting for the little wooden bird

to sound its coo-coo from the clock;

our eyes are fixed on you.

Give us a sign that it's time.

It's time, God, for you to show up.

Tine for you to free us.

Time for our redemption.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (ACS 904)

“Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus”



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y
2 Ven, y te - je_un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
nan - do_en la ver - dad, pa - ra
set your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new

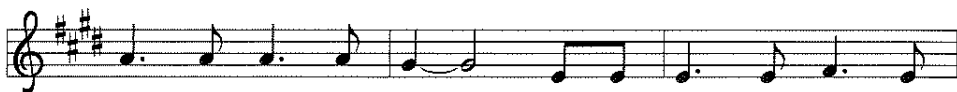
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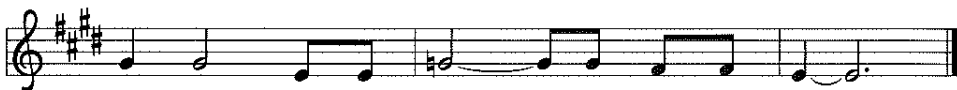
na - ce_en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
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 pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
 life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de_in - jus -
 tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre_el fu - tu - ro de tu
 ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
 good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia_y a - flic - ción; ven, re - u - ne nues - tros
 rei - no de_a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba_es - te gran
 suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y_en com - pren - sión.
 mu - ro que_hoy se - pa - ra no - che_y di - a.
 rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

WORD

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

L: "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 Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN 949 ACS

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.

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Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea-ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea-ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea-ry, for this work's al-most done.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence

L: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind, especially... (*members and friends in need of prayer*).
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Conclusion

L: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

PRAYERS RESPONSE 949 ACS (st. 4)

4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

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trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

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Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;
 chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERING 695 ELW (st. 2)

"As Saints of Old"

2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.

The image shows a musical score for an offering. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat, E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

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The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:

a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of our waiting and watching,
 we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
 to the service of all your people.
 Prepare the way before us
 as we meet you in this simple meal,
 through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, our duty and our delight
 to give thanks and praise to you, Lord God,
 through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
 whom the angel announced,
 whom Mary embraced,
 whose impossibility you made possible.
 And so, with prophets old and new,
 with shining stars and leaping seas,
 with heavenly hosts armed with adoration,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE MAGNIFICAT (st. 1)

Haugen

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
 2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
 down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
 heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

fine last time

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: United at this table, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, O God, and send her into and through this gathered people, that, fed and strengthened with this holy food, we may magnify your presence in our world, until Christ comes again in glory.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: We await his advent, O God, with all the saints of every time and place. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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**

COMMUNION MUSIC

"All Earth Is Hopeful"

Oliver

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L: Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
C: Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

**L: The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
C: Amen**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare on ‘Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying’”

Burkhardt

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