



## **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**November 28, 2021 — First Sunday of Advent**  
**Matins (8:15 AM) & Traditional (11:00 AM) Worship Services**

## Setting Four—Holy Communion

### INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

### PRELUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT (11:00)

*Unexpected and Mysterious (Elise Helms)*

**Calvin Hampton**

*We stand*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter into this first Sunday of the Advent season, turning our attention to You, God. We acknowledge the darkness that is within us, and that permeates the world.

**Father, forgive us.**

We acknowledge the suffering, tragedy, and pain by which humanity is afflicted, which seems at times to overwhelm us.

**Draw near to us, Oh God.**

We consider the mystery of your ways, that you might choose to send our Savior as an innocent baby and not as a warrior or a king; as one who humbly accepted suffering and humiliation and called it glory.

**Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.**

We choose in this moment to focus our attention on HOPE; the hope of Jesus Christ and all his coming represents for suffering people, the hope for restoration of all that is broken in the world, the hope of new life and resurrection.

**Hope is the light we wish to see by.**

Grant, Oh God, that when he comes, Christ may find us waiting in expectation, our souls quieted, our hearts soft and open.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

In Christ all things are made new, and we look forward to the day our hope is fulfilled, each heart reconciled, the work of Christ completed in all the earth.

**Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen.**

### HYMN 436

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

**WACHET AUF**

### GREETING

**ELW p. 147**

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

**And also with you.**

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

(Choir) Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he.

(REFRAIN)

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,'. The second staff contains the melody for the final phrase: 'ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

## SPOKEN LITANY

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can heal the wounded and mend the broken.

**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Today we light the first candle — the candle of hope — reminding us that Jesus was sent not only to be our Savior, but also to be our Wonderful Counselor; the one who hears our prayers with compassion, and who offers guidance when we seek it. As we begin the season of Advent, we remember that our rest can be found in God, and through the gift of God's son our hope is restored.

(Choir) Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

## (REFRAIN)

(Choir) Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 150

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

*In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.*

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

Cantor and Congregation W K Davis



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in-deed.

- <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me. R**
- <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- <sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting. R**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way. R**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.
- <sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. R**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW p. 151**

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

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 21:25-36**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

**SERMON**

**HYMN 435**

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

**HELMSLEY**

**CREED**

**ELW p. 152**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**PEACE**

**ELW p. 152**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00)**

*Advent Hope*

**Joseph M. Martin**

**HYMN 257**

*O come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vss 1 and 2)

**VENI EMMANUEL**

**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 Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Refrain.**

*We stand*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**ELW p. 152**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN 262 (11:00)**

*“Wait for the Lord”*

**WAIT FOR THE LORD**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**ELW p. 153**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

**HYMN 262 (11:00)**

*“Wait for the Lord”*

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

**HYMN 262 (11:00)**

*“Wait for the Lord”*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**ELW p. 154**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**ELW p. 154**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION SONG**

**ELW p. 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.**

**HYMN 254**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**JEFFERSON**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**ELW p. 155**

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**ELW p. 155**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN 259**

*Fling Wide the Door*

**MACH HOCH DIE TIER**

**DISMISSAL**

**ELW p. 155**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

**Simon Sector**

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**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

**Altar Flowers.** Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Hyde & family in memory of her father, Wesley Smith, on his birthday.

**Bulletin Covers.** Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Norma Riddell in honor of her mother, Donna Shumerski.

**Advent Wreath.** Today's Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God by Tom & Carol Stork in honor and in memory of their family and friends, especially Charlotte Jeffcoat for her birthday.

**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Shawna Busbee, Gavin Carrion, Marielle Downing, Acy Flora, Karen Foley, Aubrey Horton, Rachel Hunnicutt, Randy Klapman, Lynda Mason, Ella Senn, Thomas Tuten, Lindsey Witcher.*

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Robert Cromer, Boyd Steele, Katlynn Steele, Cheryl Hall, Nancy Allen.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Foster McLeod, Brenda Smith, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Rick Moorer, Gale McLeod, Barbara Stilwell, Jeanie Jacobs, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Boyd Steele, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Lisa Long.

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Lori Gladiness, Wickey Shumpert, Robert, Tracie & Harper Hendrix, Murray Hoskins, Linda Goodson, Cole Jacobs, Rick & Jennifer Richardson, Joann Roof, Bill Hunnicutt.

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, John Post.

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews.

**The Family Of:**

Ann Cook, Elise Harmon, Henry Robinson, Linda Wessinger, Caroline Swicegood.

*Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.*

**11:00 Service Worship Assistants**

*Lector*

*Greeter*

*Ushers*

*Communion Assistant*

*Worship Assistant Coordinator*

*Tex Davis*

*Lilli Sox*

*Jack Sox, Foster McLeod*

*Kendrick Kerr*

*Tom Smith*

**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Vicar Christine Taylor, Intern*