

# **Worship Plan for Sunday, November 29, 2020**

*First Sunday of Advent*

*ELW Setting Seven*

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,  
**let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (ELW 242)

## Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



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.

## GREETING (ELW p. 175)

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.**

## KYRIE (ELW p. 175)



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad;      ten pie - dad      de no -*  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . .



*so - tros.      Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
mer - cy.      Lord, . . have mer - cy on



*dad;      ten pie - dad      de no - so - tros.*  
us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . mer - cy.



*Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad;      ten pie - dad      de no -*  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us;      O . . . Christ,      have . .



*so - tros.      Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -*  
mer - cy.      Christ, . . have mer - cy on



*dad;      ten pie - dad      de no - so - tros.*  
us;      O . . . Christ,      have . . mer - cy.



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad;      ten pie - dad      de no -*  
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . .



*so - tros.      Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
 mer - cy.      Lord, . . have mer - cy on



*dad;      ten pie - dad      de no - so - tros.*  
 us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . mer - cy.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 178)**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **CHOIR (An Advent Awakening)**

Awaken, our Saviour is coming,  
 Make straight the way and prepare.  
 He's coming to free and forgive us  
 from darkness, pain, and despair.

Rise up and sing to the heavens.  
 Praise His reign without end.  
 Our holy Saviour is coming.  
 Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Amen.

Be ready, Messiah is coming.  
 Tune ev'ry heart with praise.

He is coming to save us  
 shining with glory and grace.

Salvation's wonderful glory  
 will shine through the darkest of  
 nights.  
 Give praise and thanks to the Saviour.  
 Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Amen.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel.  
 Prepare Emmanuel's coming.

Prepare for He's coming at last.  
from the root of Jesse  
will spring forth a heavenly branch.  
One that is mighty and righteous

who'll vanquish sadness and strife,  
grants us His kingdom forever.

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Amen.  
Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Amen.

## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

A reading from Isaiah.

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock**

1. O Shepherd, hear and lead your flock,  
as lambs, we crave your care.  
what strength on earth approaches yours,  
what mercies can compare;  
Restore, O God, your favour, the radiance of your face,  
to lighten and reveal the gift of your redeeming grace.
2. Our selfish prayers deserve God's wrath, our pride, a sudden burst;  
we have but stones to serve as bread, and tears to quell our thirst.  
Restore, O God Almighty, the radiance of your face  
to lighten and reveal the gift of your redeeming grace.
3. God's lineage, like a vine, once spread and flourished in the land;  
but now the vineyard fails, the fruit lies withered in the sand.  
Restore, Lord God Almighty, the radiance of your face  
to lighten and reveal the gift of your redeeming grace.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 179)**

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (ELW 435)**

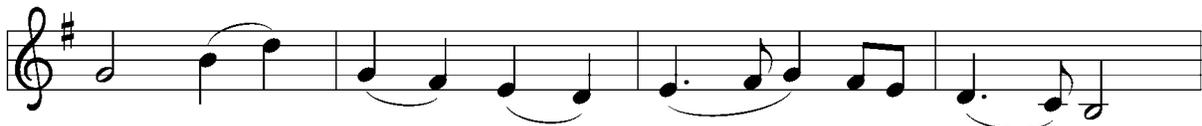
# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



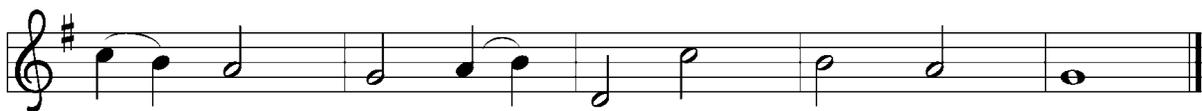
thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:  
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

## SERMON

### SONG AFTER SERMON: The Potter's Hand

1. Beautiful Lord  
wonderful Saviour,  
I know for sure  
all of my days  
are held in Your hand,  
crafted into Your perfect plan.

2. You gently call me  
into Your presence,  
guiding me by  
Your Holy Spirit,  
teach me, dear Lord,  
to live all of my life  
through Your eyes.

I'm captured by  
Your holy calling.  
Set me apart I know You're drawing  
me to Yourself,  
lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mould me,  
use me, fill me.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me,  
lead me, walk beside me.  
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I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me,  
lead me, walk beside me.  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

### CREED (ELW p. 180)

**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.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## SONG AFTER CREED: Who Will Set us Free

### Who Will Set Us Free?

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1 Who will set us free? Who else can set us free?  
2 Who will o - pen our eyes? Who else can o - pen our eyes?  
3 Who will be our light? Who else can be our light?  
4 Who will give us new life? Who else can give us new life?



Je - sus, Je - sus, we're wait-ing, we're wait-ing for you.



You said you'd be com-ing, you said you'd be com-ing.



Don't let us hope for noth-ing, don't let us hope for noth-ing.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. (*Local feeding or housing ministries may be named*). Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses (*especially*). Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 182)

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

**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.**

## PEACE (ELW p. 180)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (ELW 247)

### *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* *Ososǒ, Ososǒ*



*O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gǔm*

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.*

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,  
you have created all that is,  
and you provide for us in every season.  
Bless all that we offer,  
that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.  
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW 257)

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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