

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Advent - Kindness

December 3, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME by Jubilee (*Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org*)

+OPENING SONG

“Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”

C. Tomlin, Cates & Ingram/G. Wall

Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway
a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2

Call back the sinner
wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride
waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King
We sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Bridge

So we wait
We wait for You
God we wait
You're coming soon

So we wait
We wait for You
God we wait
You're coming soon

Chorus

Tag

Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Mark Roberts)*

L: Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world.
Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Mark Roberts)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome those around us with a greeting. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}*

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *{Lectern} (The Newby Family)*

Screen

L: I will recount the kindness of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. Isaiah 63:7

CANDLE LIGHTING (first candle is lit) *{Lectern} (The Newby Family)*

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L: Gracious God, We are grateful for the kindness and generosity You show us every day. We ask that You help us to see those around us in the same way that You do. Shape our hearts to be like Yours, and guide our hands by Your spirit in showing kindness and generosity to others today.

C: Amen

SONG:

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

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Verse 2

Verse 2

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a singing,
His humble song is quiet and near,
Yet fills the earth with its ringing;

Music to heal the broken soul
And hymns of loving-kindness,
The thunder of his anthems roll
To shatter all hatred and blindness.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (Emily)

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Eric Murphy)

Jeremiah 30:8-10

On that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will break the yoke from off his neck, and I will burst his bonds, and strangers shall no more make a servant of him. But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. But as for you, have no fear, my servant Jacob, says the LORD, and do not be dismayed, O Israel; for I am going to save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and no one shall make him afraid.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

W. & H. Pritchard/B. Henderson

Verse 1

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find ourselves rest in thee:

By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Israel’s Strength and Consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 3

I will praise my great Redeemer,
Lord of Lords and King of Kings.
Let the worship rise within me.
“You are Lord” my heart will sing.

Verse 2

Born, thy people to deliver:
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring:

Lost, now found, sick, now healed,
Saved to show Your matchless grace.
Waiting with hope and great assurance
‘til I see Your glorious face

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Mark Roberts*) *Screen*

C: 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.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Mark Roberts*) *Screen*

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (*Rob*) *Screen*

L: Holy God, Open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit

C: upon us, within us, among us.

L: For our apathy in the presence of oppression,

C: Forgive us.

L: If we have contributed to the broken heartedness of anyone,

C: Forgive us.

L: When we are deaf to your good news,

C: Have mercy and open our ears.

L: When our mouths remain too tightly closed,

C: Loosen our lips with songs of praise.

L: Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive our sins.

C: Hold us in your mercy, now and forever.

A: In Jesus. Amen.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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 DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"What a Beautiful Name"

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Jubilee Praise Team

Please stand as you are able.

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Mark Roberts*)

L: We thank you, O God that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use our gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION

L: The hour has arrived for us to stop sleeping and wake up. Let us throw off the trappings of darkness and walk in the Light, blessing all creation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

+SENDING SONG

“The Blessing”

C. Brown, C. Carnes, K. Jobe & S. Furtick

Verse 1

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Verse 1

Chorus 1

Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse 1

Chorus 2

Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen

Chorus 2

Bridge 1

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Mark Roberts)

L: Go to love and serve the Lord with Kindness!

C: In the name of Christ. Amen!

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by
Adam and Michelle Roberts
In celebration of Leni's 7th birthday.*

Bridge 2

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning
In the evening
In you coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Bridge 4

He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you

Chorus 1