



Extended Season of Advent,
November 14– December 19th, 2021
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA
10:00AM Worship and Holy Communion

GATHER

We show up for community and grace from God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ADVENT LITANY

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 unlit candle 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.

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.**

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

(candles are lit)

GATHERING SONG

In Silence We Wait

In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you
come to us; bring us your light.

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 line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Each candle we light is a sign: in a world so thirsty for mercy, God's love spreads like fire. Each unlit candle reminds us that God's healing has not yet fully spread throughout the earth. How long must this world wait to see God's glory?
 You are God's people, called to serve this world and to let your light shine.



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.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

**Verses to be sung will be
 announced in worship each
 week**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY– will change weekly. Refer to bulletin notes.

WORD

We hear the Word, truth and promises that nourish our lives.

READINGS WILL CHANGE WEEKLY– REFER TO BULLETIN NOTES

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Wait for the Lord

ELW #262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

+ GOSPEL READING– REFER TO BULLETIN NOTES

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY—REFER TO BULLETIN NOTES

+ APOSTLES CREED

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 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 OF THE PEOPLE

*For the season of Advent, we will hold a brief silence after each petition.
There will be no response required of you.
Simply settle in and allow yourself to rest in prayer.*

+ SHARING GOD'S PEACE

God's peace be with you always.
And also with you.

Meal

Jesus is present with forgiveness, salvation and new life that starts now.

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." There are triplets marked with a '3' above the notes in the second and third systems.

+OFFERING PRAYER

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 Jesus Christ, our pathway and our peace. **Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Emmanuel be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight to give you thanks and praise, Composer of the Universe through Jesus Christ, your only Son. His victory song has shattered death and resounds to every corner of creation, filling us with the hope for his coming again. And so, with prophets old and new, with shining stars and leaping seas, with heavenly hosts and unlikely saints, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+ SANCTUS

Hymn #190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name! From generation to generation, you have shown mercy to those who call on you. The strength of your arm has scattered the proud and cast down kings. The opening of your hand has filled the hungry with bread and with justice. In the fullness of time, you kept the promise you made to our ancestors, giving to us your own Son, Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

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.

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.

Source and Ground of all Goodness, teach us to pray:

**Our Father, Mother, God 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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Even as the world ends and begins again, Christ is here. Come, eat and drink.

The body of Christ is given for you. The blood of Christ is shed for you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious and abundant God,

you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SEND

We head out to share the good news and serve our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ FINAL 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.**



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

+ DISMISSAL

As we wait, watch and wonder, God is with us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The plus symbol (+) indicates where all who are able may stand.

Special thanks to our musicians and servant teams for leading us in worship today.

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