
St. Philip Lutheran Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: *“Morning”*

[Evard Gried]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of God.

We sit or kneel.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.

We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in ✝ Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

We stand.

GATHERING SONG: "Hark, The Glad Sound!"

[CHESTERFIELD]



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

O Lord of joy, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

We sing verse 1 of "He Came Down"

[HE CAME DOWN]



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

We light one candle on the Advent wreath.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of hope, how often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence! Restore us and let us find you when we seek you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in

marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:27

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] ²⁷“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

(10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(10:30) SONG: "Jesus Loves Me!"

[JESUS LOVES ME]

At this point in time, we will not excuse the children to Children's Church in the nursery. Rather, they will return to their parents in their seats.

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

[PUER NOBIS]



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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 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

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

We sit or kneel for prayer.

A brief silence.

The assisting minister leads the prayers, each petition concluding:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

Amen.

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
- 2 Corinthians 8:9

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary. You can easily give to St. Philip through our website; please go to www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com and click "Give to St. Philip" or you can use your phone's camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!



OFFERTORY MUSIC MEDITATION

"Andante Sostenuto"

[Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy]

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

We stand.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

For this, we thank you, O God. We live in hope and await his coming again, raising our voices in joyous prayer.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

We sit.

During this time of sanitation and physical distancing, our communion practices have changed. On your way into worship, you will find a pre-packaged wafer and grape juice for you. If you do not have a packet, please notify an usher. As the pastor says the words, “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you” you may eat the bread and drink the grape juice.

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

[Johann Sebastian Bach]

At the invitation of the pastor, we stand.

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

Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of steadfast love grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

[FOREST GREEN]



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Prelude in C”

[Johann Sebastian Bach]

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Church News:

This morning, we thank Judy Duva for filling in while Arthur Ghere is away.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Jean Read in honor of Spencer's 23rd birthday, and by Tom and Roz Hanlon in memory of Harriett Hanlon.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: This week, we wish a very *Happy Birthday* to Dave McClellan, December 1; and Debbie Catley, December 3. And a very *Happy Anniversary* to Chuck and Donna Krohn, December 30.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: The next new member's class will be on Sunday, December 5, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Pastor Jason to let him know you will be attending: prjlee@aol.com or 843.274.8725. New members will be received at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services on December 19.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Blood Connection mobile unit will be at St. Philip on Wednesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. – Noon. With a goal of 9 units, they will need at least 15 people to sign-up to donate. If you are able, here is the link to sign-up:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/175553

Prayers Requested

Pray for those in the hospital and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers. Pray for all victims of war and violence in our nation; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world; for all missionaries near and far. Pray for our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.

For church members: *Betti Taggart, Barbara Myers, Paulette Miller, John Gonzalez, Hans Duerr, Karen McIlrath, Marty Poloni, Mike Lucatuorto, Dave McClellan; our homebound members: Betty Herring, Don Williams, Barbara Stemler, Beth Letts; Maxine Robinson, and Carol Michaels.*

Prayers for loved ones of members and regular attendees:

Adam & Ashley Chamberlain - *Lorene Lynn*

Arthur & Pako Ghere - *Lupe Serna Muñoz, George Giblin, Jr., Eloy Herrera Serna*

Audrey McVean - *Lora Dugard*

Beth & Randy Neubauer - *Judith Worsley, Joan Scheck*

Bob & Betti Taggart - *Helen Gombert, Marie Plantz, Corbin family, Brenda Grubbs, Lewis Hunt, Young Giles, and Jayne Zanglein.*

Carol Renne & Joan DiLorenzo - *Betty & Monty Gardner*

Chuck & Donna Krohn - *Bob Morgan*

Dave & Cynthia McClellan - *Harvey Gluckin, Allison Grzan, Cheryl Frisby Wade*

David & Sherri Crawford - *Bill Davenport*

Elsie Angus - *Ivan Lopez*

Gail Kane - *Mike Lynn, Sherry Lynn*

Jessica Lowe - *the Peterson family, and the Serge family*

Joe Baxter - *Paula Baxter, Grace Nappi, Chuck Higgins, Richard Giampetro, Lucy Elder,*

Wayne Massi, and Earl Watkins.

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James McIlrath - *Donald McIlrath*
 Jonah Lee - *Mallory and Camden Wiker*
 Kathy Buckley - *the Cameau family*
 Martha Sosebee - *Darlene Swaim, and the family of Barbara Wise*
 Marty & Barb Poloni - *Rob & Deb McCulloch, Kris Kauffman, Kay Jordan*
 Mike & Elaine Lucatuorto - *Bob and Debbie Hille*
 Millie Wolf – *the Carlson family*
 Patsy Moose - *Ginger Williams, Jackie Freeman, John Chamblin, Bud Mees*
 Paulette Miller - *Elliott Jollans*
 Skip Barth - *Mother Superior Stella, Ann Schley*
 Susan & Kinter McClelland – *Skip Wylie*
 Teddy Janosick - *Sandy Janosick, Jessica Diaz, Margo Mohan*
 Tom & Roz Hanlon - *Shelby Sachs (and baby), the Todd family, and Jeff Sachs & family*
 Walter Wright, Jr - *Carmel Wright*
 Sandra Schamber - *Bennett Schamber*

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Serving this morning:

Pastor: Rev. Jason M. Lee

Supply Pianist: Judy Duva

Assisting Ministers:

(8:30) Linda Albert; (10:30) John Iredell

Lectors:

(8:30) Linda Albert; (10:30) Wendy Seidel

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(8:30) Jack Ledford; (10:30) Dave Ramsey

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