

GET READY FOR WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Welcome to worship! We join our hearts to pray, hear God's Word, and receive the Lord's Supper. As we worship, you are invited to join along in singing and speaking the congregation's part of the service. Whether you are by yourself or with others, you are joined by the Holy Spirit and connected with the whole congregation as one body of Christ.

8:15 am worship is livestreamed online at

www.youtube.com/c/ResurrectionLutheranChurchAnkeny/

HOW WE SHALL RECEIVE COMMUNION

Worshippers joining online are encouraged to have gathered both bread and wine or grape juice in the space where family members will gather for worship, so that everyone may participate in the full liturgy of the Eucharist. Even if you are alone in your home, please partake of the body and blood of Christ in the forms of bread and wine. We are together in the Body of Christ, by God's loving Spirit, even when we are not present with another in our own flesh.

Worshippers gathered in person will receive individually packaged communion elements from the ushers at the beginning of the service. Gluten-free element are available upon request. All pre-packaged elements include grape juice.

Sunday

November 28, 2021

Accompanist

Dave Vagts

Liturgists

Vickie Boelman & Jerry Tonneson

ELW = the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

Gathering

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

By the waters of Babylon, there we wept when we remembered.

By the waters of the kitchen sink, there we wept. And on the living room couch, and in the empty school room, and beside the makeshift dining room table office.

How could we sing God's song in a strange land?

How could we sing God's song over Zoom?

By the waters of Babylon,

There we wept when we remembered.

We remembered that ancient rhythm Of separation and homecoming,
Exile and return, Going out and coming in.

You who are by the waters of Babylon: Come!

From kitchens and home offices, Sidewalks and parking lots, we come!

You who remember and you who do not: Come!

Sometimes remembering clearly, sometimes confused by nostalgia, we come! By car and by computer, we come!

God goes with every exile;

God rejoices with every return.

In Babylon and Jerusalem, in strange lands and familiar rooms
In sanctuaries and on screens, In pews or chairs, couches or recliners,
LET US WORSHIP GOD.

Gathering Song: *God Is Here!*

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God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;

help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Liturgy of the Word

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.**

Kyrie

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

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Prayer of the Day

God of hope, you have been faithful to your people in every generation. From our places of exile, you gather us together. From our unity, you send us out to share what we have gathered with a world in need of what we have to give. Transform our lives so that, by our words and deeds, we may experience your gift of a future with hope.

Amen.

READING: Jeremiah 29: 10-14

For thus says our God: 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. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says God, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, 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.**

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord

Matthew 28: 18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Beth

Sermon

Pastor Beth

Hymn of the Day: *We've Come This Far by Faith*

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Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith,
leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy word,
he's never failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn around,
we've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by faith.

Leader

Just remember
the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.
Oh! Refrain

Leader

Don't be discouraged
with trouble in your life;
he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife.
Oh! Refrain

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.

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.

Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

Offering: *The people gather and disperse, gather and disperse. It is the way of life with God. As with the people, so with our money: gather and disperse, gather and disperse. As with the people, so with our money: the more we gather, the more we can disperse. As with the people, so with our money: the gathering is good, but the giving, the sending out into the world, is even better! It's the heart of the heart of everything! Friends, the offering will now be gathered and sent, all for the sake of "a future with hope."*

Offering Prayer

God of love and generosity, for the gifts you have dispersed into the world, we give you thanks: the people, the money, the hope, and the life. For all that has been gathered here from that dispersal, the people, the money, the hope, and the life, we give you thanks. Give us the strength to

be separated, the courage to be commissioned, the generosity to give, and the wisdom to send ourselves and our money where you would have them go. Send your Spirit on us and in us, wherever we are, O God, and on this gathering of your gifts, for we have gathered ourselves and our offerings in the name of our Good Shepherd, the One who lives in exile with us, the One who leads us home: In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

As often as you drink from this cup

Do it in the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lamb of God

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, Lamb of God

Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for these candles
that mark our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle,
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.

Sending

Sending Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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