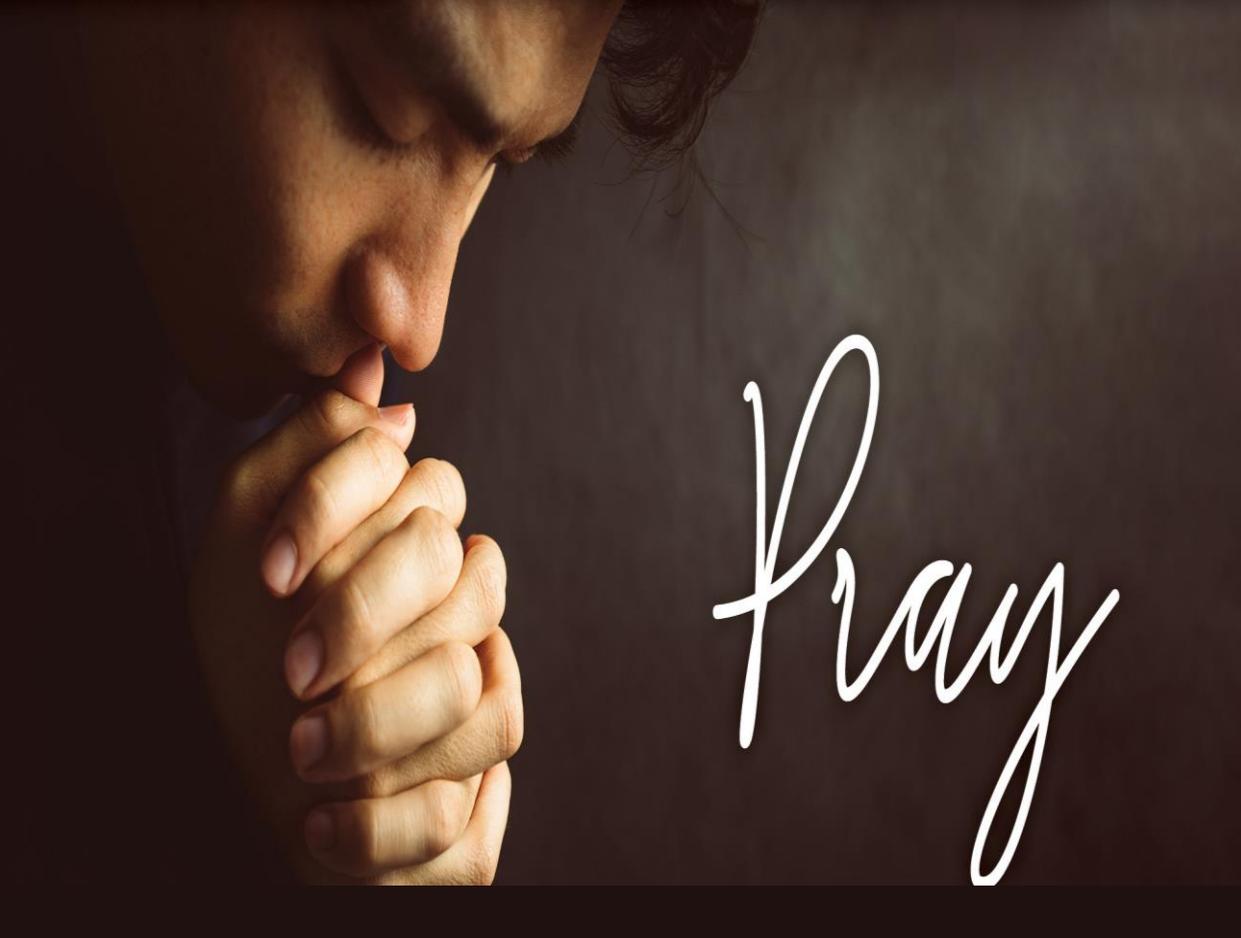


PREPARE YE



Pray

O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361; vs. 1 & 4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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It Came upon the Midnight Clear LSB 366; vs. 1 & 3



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
3 All you, be - neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all - gra - cious king.”
Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.

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Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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PREPARE YE

A Series of Special Services for Advent

December 9, 2020 | 6:30pm

My prayer is to you, O Lord. Psalm 69:13

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

FAMILY ADVENT CRAFT & CONVERSATION

INVOCATION

P: God says, "wherever two or three gather in my name, there I Am with them."
(*Matthew 18:20*)



✠ LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH ✠

(Two blue candles are lit.)

C: Jesus you are the light of the world.

P: We always live in your presence

C: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Now is the time to worship.

C: Now is the time to stop and be still and know that Jesus is God.

P: Today we remember that God promises to hear our prayers.

C: Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers.

P: God says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" (*Psalm 50:15*).

C: Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to deliver us!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, you want us to come to you in prayer, but we do not always turn to you. We do not follow your Word and your will. Forgive us and help us to walk in your ways.

P: God sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to deliver us!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord Jesus, during this Advent season and always help us to turn to you in prayer. You have commanded us to pray and you are eager to hear our prayers and help us. As we look forward to celebrating your birth, we also look forward to the day when you will come again, as you have promised. Amen.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. Come.

SENTENCES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

*(The leader says the lines and performs the motions.
The children and adults REPEAT the words and copy the motions.)*

Zechariah prayed to God (Place hands together in prayer)

And his prayers were heard. (Cup hands to ears)

An angel was sent down to earth, (Point up, then point down)

Bringing God's own Word: (Open hands as an open book)

"Your wife will have a son named John, (Rock "baby" in your arms)

And John, with prophet's voice, (Cup hands to mouth as if shouting)

Will shout the good news everywhere: (Sweep one hand in a big circle)

'The Savior comes! Rejoice!'" (Raise both hands in praise)



† ADVENT READINGS †

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 28:12-14

And [Jacob] dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:13-17

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

LORD'S PRAYER

(tune: LSB 365)

**Our Father in heaven, We pray in Your name! Your kingdom among us,
Your will done the same By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day; As we forgive others,
our sins take away; In times of temptation, lead us to be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things You reign. And Yours is the power;
all things You maintain. To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen!**

MESSAGE

*"God Hears and Answers"
Rev. Shea Pennington*

SONG

“Even So Come”

**All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway,
a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon.**

**Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let every 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.**

**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)***

(Ending) **Even so come, Lord Jesus come.**

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BENEDICTION

P: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances;

C: **For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

P: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

C: **Amen.**

P: Now let us go praying without ceasing and with the Light of Christ to connect people to Jesus, because we are now entering the mission field.

C: **“Here am I. Send Me!”**

CLOSING SONG *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’ w/King of Heaven”* *LSB 380/SS*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven, come.
King of heaven, rise up; Who can stand against us;
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name, King of heaven, come.**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven, come.
King of heaven, rise up; Who can stand against us;
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Serving the Lord
this Advent evening:

Worship Leader.....Rev. Shea Pennington
Music Leader.....Christine Mansell
Praise Team
Health Professional.....April Walkenhorst
Elder on Duty.....Wayne Warner

HOPE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Sunday, December 20
8:00 & 10:30AM
with live-stream @ 10:30

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P R E P A R E Y E

In this special mid-week Advent worship series, we contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas, taking cues from the psalms of old and from those whom God chose to play a part in the story of our Lord's birth. As we draw near to the manger bed of our Savior from sin and death, our hearts prepare him room for his everlasting love.

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

4:30PM—Traditional Worship

6:30PM—Family Worship

(NO fellowship meals this year)

DECEMBER 9: Pray (Psalm 69:13 & Luke 1:13-17): We think about ways in which we can take more time during this season to communicate to our God through prayer as we wait for Christ. Zechariah, who went to the temple to pray, serves as an example for us of how hard that waiting in prayer can be.

DECEMBER 16: Praise (Psalm 30:4 & Luke 1:41-44): We celebrate the upcoming arrival of our Savior through songs and shouts of praise as we prepare for him. Elizabeth, in her greeting of Mary, provides a benchmark for rejoicing with others over the good news of salvation in Jesus, even as we wait.

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ADVENT WORSHIP

Advent begins November 29

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM — Worship

10:30AM — Live-Stream

4:00PM — Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

4:30PM — Traditional Worship

**6:30PM — Family Worship
w/Live Stream**

Christmas Eve, December 24

6:30PM — Candlelight Worship & Live-Stream

10:30PM — Candlelight Worship w/Communion & Live-Stream

Christmas Day, December 25

10:30AM — Christmas Worship w/Communion & Live-Stream



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Family Advent Conversation

Pray

1. When does your family pray together?
2. Where is your favorite place to pray?
3. What/who have you been praying about? Share with your family and then pray.

