

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Call to Worship

*Out of the darkness you came God, and in your light,
You created this world and all creatures within it.*

We praise you for creating humanity, for creating us in your own image and calling us to be your people.

*We thank you for sending your son, Jesus;
meek and mild, as an infant into a hurting world.*

**He came to deliver us from sin and death by his obedient life,
by his suffering on the cross as payment for our sins and saved us from death with his resurrection from the dead.**

We come today to worship , glorify and praise you most holy God.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea!

- * Opening Song: "Indescribable"

From the highest heights to the depths of the sea, creation's revealing Your majesty.

From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings.

All exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable; You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name. You are amazing, God;
All powerful, untamable; Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
or seen heavenly store-houses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom.

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and You know them by name. You are amazing, God;
All powerful, untamable; Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God. You are amazing, God.

- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Lighting of the Unity Candle / First Sunday of Advent (From Genesis 1 and Romans 5)

Reader 1: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He filled the universe with stars and planets, and he filled the earth with plants and animals.

Reader 2: Then, God made mankind in his image, to rule over all the creatures and to have dominion over the creation. And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Reader 1: But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered the world and the whole creation was damaged. The good became twisted, and the harmony of creation went off-tune. Every human since then has struggled with both goodness and evil in their hearts.

Reader 2: But God gave them hope. Another Son of God would come to overcome sin, to heal what was broken, and to eventually restore goodness with a new heaven and a new earth. This morning we light the candle of hope.

Song of Response: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" *Sing! A New Creation* #117

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:27-31; 2:15-20, Romans 5:12-17

Genesis 1:27-31

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2:15-20

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

¹⁸ The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Romans 5:12-17

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Message: "Pointing to Christ: Adam, Made in His Image"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

- * Song of Response: "O Come, O Come. Emmanuel" (Vs. 1,2,6.7) *Lift Up Your Hearts #61*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- * Blessing

- * Closing Song: "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" *Lift Up Your Hearts #97*

Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

- * Postlude

- * Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Laura Hufford, Pam Voss, Rex DeBruin

This week's **special offering** will be for the **Benevolence Fund**. Trinity CRC maintains this special fund in order to have resources available to help members who may experience unexpected or emergency needs.

Communion Next Week: We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

Ways to serve Sawyer Elementary— If you would like to occasionally assist with taking food boxes or donuts to Sawyer Elementary, please let Christina know.

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School - For those that are in town, there will be play practice. There will **NOT** be youth Sunday School classes. Also, there will not be youth classes on 12/19, 12/26, and 1/2.

Adult Sunday School Class is on break until the new year. Please stick around to enjoy this extended fellowship time.

Women's Bible Study - The monthly women's Bible study will meet on **Monday, December 6th at 9:00 a.m.** The study will now meet each month in the Fellowship Hall. This month's faith practices will be generosity. You don't have to attend each month to participate. Any questions you may contact Melody Franje.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will NOT meet this week. We will meet again on Dec. 5. Marv Bakker will lead the study of Psalm 151. This will conclude our study for the fall season.

Breakfast Club meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at the Lincoln Center HyVee at **8:30 AM**.

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent: A Time of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Waiting for something can be hard. Looking forward means that something special hasn't arrived yet. Have you given your life to Jesus yet? So, what are you waiting for? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

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