

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Ist week of Advent

We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."

# And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you." Galatians 3:8

In this first Wait Upon the Lord service for Advent, we wait upon the Lord with faith. Abraham and Sarah waited with faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, and we wait with faith for the birth of God's Son, Jesus, trusting that he will come at Christmas to save all people.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Wait upon the Lord.

#### Be strong and courageous.

Wait upon the Lord. That's what Abraham did, even though he was about a hundred years old.

# And Sarah's womb was barren.

Still, Abraham waited in faith.

# Fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Wait upon the Lord.

Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light the first candle on the Advent wreath with praise to God, who is a light unto our path.

We light the Rising Light candle with praise to Jesus, the light that shines in the darkness, the light the darkness did not overcome it.

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257 vs.1,4,6,7 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 Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.

Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of Christ who came and indeed, will come again. **Amen.** 

Wait upon the Lord.

Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy. Give us patience.

Christ, have mercy. Give us patience and peace.

Lord, have mercy. Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, rend the heavens and come down.

Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Abraham and Sarah; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-9

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and WLD1 21 you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 4:13-21

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Hallelujah!

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 1:16-25

And Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and

unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus."

# SERMON "Wait Upon the Lord with Faith"

HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **OFFERING**

Reminder that the offering plate and the Globe offering can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for contributing financially to the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

#### **BENEDICTION**

May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous.

As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.

SENDING HYMN It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years

shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

#### DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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The Cornerstone Rescue Mission houses veterans at its main facility. Along with a warm place to sleep, meals and coffee, homeless veterans also have access to case managers who are able to help in various ways, from replacing birth certificates and obtaining photo I.D.s to arranging for medical services, obtaining clothing and linking up with other services in the Rapid City community. Everything they do is intended to help residents find jobs and a permanent place to live. Cornerstone Rescue Mission constantly strives to reach homeless veterans not staying at their shelter in order to help them connect with service as well.

If you would like to financially support this fund, place your contribution in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Donations for the Mission of the Month can also be made online through Tithley. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for showing your gratitude to homeless veterans in this way.

We are truly blessed to be a blessing.



Nov 29th to Dec 3rd

MONDAY- Lasagna TUESDAY-Hearty Soup and Sandwich WEDNESDAY- Taquitos THURSDAY- Chicken Fried Steak FRIDAY- Closed

American Legion Post 303 Building East End of Hermosa on HWY 40

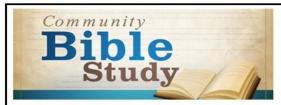
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

Home-cooked, buffet-style meals Main dish, sides, salads, fruit, dessert, drink

> Adults \$8 Kids \$5 12:00 Noon Sharp



- \*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort.
- \*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including: Clay Walberg; Esther Downen; Dean Schumacher (Friend of Pastor Deb and Rod); Terry Richie Sr (Brother in law of Russ and Cathy Dahl); Jason Boll (son of Linda Boll); BJ McGuire (Friend of Carmen Lakner); Bob Tesch; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson); Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)
- \*\*Those with on-going health concerns, including Marsha Vrooman; Ron Wagner; Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Peg Tesch; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter);; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer
- \*\*For those devastated by drought or floods
- \*\*For our military members and their families
- \*\*For areas torn apart by violence
- \*\*For those in long-term care facilities
- \*\*For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.
- \*\*For our leaders at every level.
- \*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



# Wait Upon the Lord

Mondays at 9:30 am Nov. 29 - Dec. 20 Hermosa Coffee House 13 2nd St, Hermosa

All are welcome to join Pastor Deb as we journey together during Advent waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas. We will look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We will also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us. Please join us in Advent as we wait upon the Lord with faith, hope, rejoicing and gratitude.

No experience is necessary. Bring your own Bible. Study guides will be provided. Drinks and treats available for purchase if you desire. (You don't have to purchase something to be a part of the group.)



#### Sunday, Nov 28th

9:30am Worship in building and live online-Advent Begins

Potluck after Worship

6:30-8:00pm HS Youth Group

Monday, Nov 29th

9:30am Bible Study with Pastor Deb @ Hermosa Coffee House

Wednesday, Dec 1st

5:30-7:00pm DOG Night

Sunday, Dec 5th

**9:30am** Worship/Communion in building and live online-Advent Begins *Fellowship Follows* 

10:30am Worship Committee Meeting

5:00-6:00pm Confirmation

**6:00-8:00** HS Youth Group

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Announcements