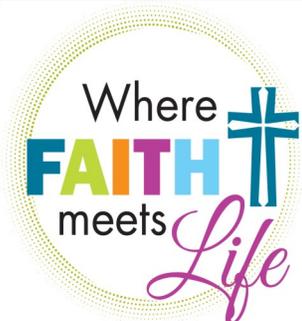


Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church



November 28, 2021, 8:30 Drive-In Worship 1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Season: Advent

What does this mean?

Advent means arrival. During this four-week Advent Season the church prepares in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Blue represents hope, and we use this color to remind us of our hope in God's promises that are fulfilled in Christ.

Today's Theme: Hope

It was a dark time. Israel was exiled in a strange land. And yet, God promises them a future and a hope. As we wait in the dark for the arrival of the Christ child, let us also cling to the hope of God's promises.

Pre-Service Music

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Opening Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW #436, st. 1, 3

**Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.**

**Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.**

The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running.

- Jan Richardson

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. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

The ushers will collect offering at this time.

Anthem

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People
Scott, Kristine, Hannah, and Emma Deyo

Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 NRSV

These 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. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take 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. But 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. For 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, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD. For 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. For 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. 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 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.

Advent is a season of longing and waiting while we cling to the hope of God's promise.

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

Sermon Questions:

How do God's promises provide you hope in times of uncertainty or darkness?

How are you preparing to welcome Christ into your life this Christmas?

Sermon

Advent Hope

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Hymn of the Day

People, Look East

ELW #248, st. 1, 2, 4

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.

People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.

Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east, and sing today— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

MEAL

Christ invites us to a common table of grace,
feeding us in bread and wine.

Prayers of the Church

Offering Litany

We give because God first gave to us.

We give to support God's work in this place.

We give to remind ourselves that we can put our trust in God.

Words of Institution

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.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(sung to the tune of *HYFRYDOL*)

ELW #254

**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.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Go in Peace, Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Arne Bergland

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Andy Jacob, Keyboard

Vocalists/Song Leaders: Scott Deyo

Kristine Deyo

Hannah Deyo

Emma Deyo

Lay Reader: Bill Larson

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer any questions you may have. You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, *Augustana Life*, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at augustana.com.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Luke 3:1-6.

Today we celebrate the lives of Shaun Stafford, who died on November 14, Ryan Lynch, who died on November 15, and Jackie Olson, who died on November 19.

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