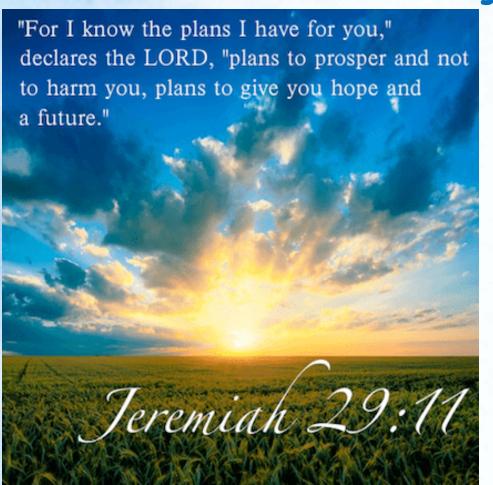
# Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent



- Prelude by Roxanne Groff
- Office of the Acolyte
- Ringing of the Bell

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

## • LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE HOPE

- L: Just as Jeremiah spoke to a nation in despair, we see a world suffering, and struggle with our own challenges, wondering 'How long, O Lord?'
- P: But Jeremiah speaks a word of hope, proclaiming God's promise of restoration, even if we must wait patiently for it.

# • LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE HOPE

- L: (Light candle 1)
  We light this candle as a sign of that expectant hope.
- P: A flame of anticipation that points to God's mighty deeds in a dark world desperate for God's radiant love.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism...

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Healing God,

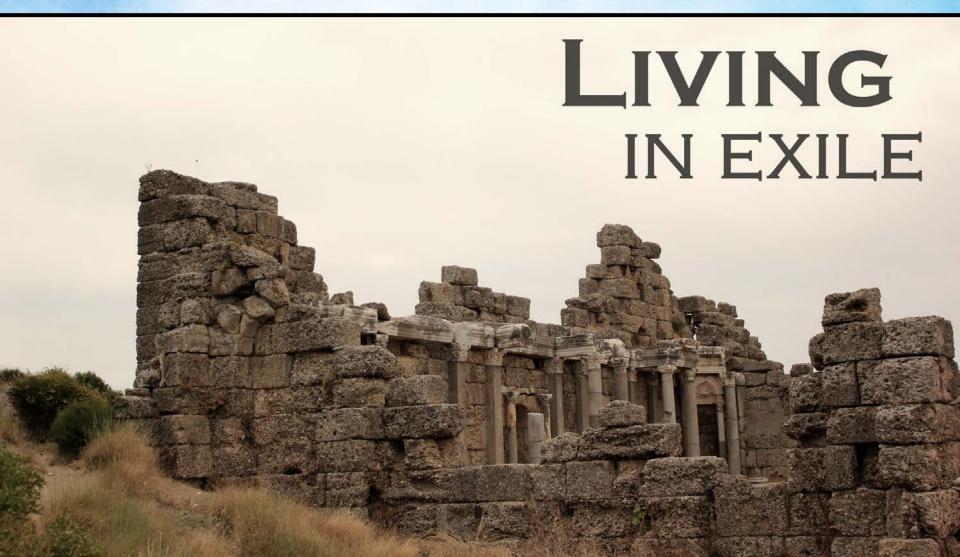
C: We come into this house broken and lost. We bring our worries and our fears. We bring the weight of having acted out in ways that hurt others, you, and ourselves. We wonder if there will ever be a time when light will find us.

C: Forgive what we have done and heal us, for the sake of the one who gave everything for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: God offers light and healing. God invites us into a new way of being. Despite our sin, God forgives. Receive and welcome God's forgiveness, for you are made clean and whole again. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

\* Hymn of Praise
Spirit of Gentleness
ELW 396



#### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

#### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

#### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

#### Refrain

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#### \* Spirit of Gentleness

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

## Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

#### \* APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... God of restoration, when the Israelites were exiled, you invited them to accept a new normal. Show us how to move forward when it seems all is lost.

C:Amen



Scripture Reading

R: The Scripture reading is from the Prophet Joel, the 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you O' Lord! (Spoken)

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.

<sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to

Babylon: 5Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6Take 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. <sup>7</sup>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. 8For 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, 9for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. <sup>10</sup>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. 11 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. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

<sup>14</sup>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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ (Spoken)



Sermon



SPECIAL MUSIC

\* NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

#### \* NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

C: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

#### \* NICENE CREED

C: We acknowledge one
Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

# • QUILT TYING FOR BRYCELIN TROUTWINE

Please remain Socially Distanced as you come forward to tie your prayers to this beautiful quilt.

#### \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Comforting God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

## \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

# The prayer concludes...

P: We have asked, and you have heard. Surround all those for whom we pray with your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



OFFERING PRAYER

### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Jesus is the tie that binds us together as one Body. So, let us pray as Jesus taught...
- C: 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,

## \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

## \* SENDING BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, 

+ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

# Sending Song Crown Him with Many Crowns LBW 170 Verses 1-3 Only



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1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns LBW 170 Verses 1-3 Only

2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns LBW 170 Verses 1-3 Only

3 Crown him the Lord of love-behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

#### \* DISMISSAL

P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,

# C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

### Postlude by Roxanne Groff

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