

TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP - "Come, Emmanuel"**

Lorelle Banzett, Susan Horst, Kathy Manifold

LITURGICAL DANCE - "While We Are Waiting, Come"

Lorelle Banzett, Solo

WELCOME

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

The Retzlaff-Huggins Family

♪ "Christ Be Our Light"

PRAYER

*♪ **GATHERING SONG - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Wulfe Retzlaff

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake and hear your Word that we might be ready for your coming.

Amen.

FIRST READING **Psalm 25:1-10**

To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in thee I trust,

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Yea, let none that wait for thee be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know thy ways, O Lord;

teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me,

for thou art the God of my salvation;

for thee I wait all the day long.

Be mindful of thy mercy, O Lord, and of thy steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions;

according to thy steadfast love remember me,

for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING Luke 21:25-36**

Stein Retzlaff

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel, The Good News of God!

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “The Psalms of Advent: The Reality of It All”

Pastor Jeanie

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – "Days of Elijah"

From writings by composer Robin Mark:

The song came from watching a television “Review of the Year” at the end of 1994, the year of the Rwandan civil war tragedy, which claimed 1 million people’s lives. I found myself despairing about the state of the world and, in prayer, began asking God if He was really in control and what sort of days were we living in.

He replied to my prayer by saying that indeed He was very much in control and that the days we were living in were special times when He would require Christians to be filled with integrity and to stand up for Him just like Elijah did... We also needed to be a holy and just people and hence the reference to the “days of your servant Moses”, meaning that righteousness and right living was important in all our attitudes and works. “Days of great trial, of famine, darkness and sword” is a reflection of the apparent times in which we live when still thousands of people die every day from starvation, malnutrition and war. In the midst of it all we are called to make a declaration of what and who we believe in.

The second verse refers to the restoration of unity of the body, what Jesus prayed for, by reference to Ezekiel’s prophetic vision of the valley of the dry bones becoming flesh and being knit together. The restoration of praise and worship to the Church is represented by “the days of your servant David”. Of course David didn’t get to build the structural temple, but David was used by God to introduce a revised form of worship, praise and thanksgiving.

Finally, the “days of the Harvest” point towards what is the purpose of the Christian to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. “The fields are as white in the world” is from the old King James version and means they are ripe for harvest. The chorus is the ultimate declaration of hope. It is paraphrased from the books of Revelation and Daniel and the vision that was seen of the coming King and refers to the return of Christ and the year of Jubilee. I reckon that a Jubilee is an apt description of what happens when Christ comes into anyone’s life at any time: debts are cancelled and a captive is set free.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

♪ **SONG OF THANKS - "Give Thanks"**

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please conclude your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and all will respond, "Hear our prayer."

*** 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.

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ **COMMUNION SONG - "Wait for the Lord"**

*** PRAYER OF THANKS**

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.
Amen.

*** ♪ SENDING SONG – "Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"**

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING**

Go out in peace. Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

*We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk **

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