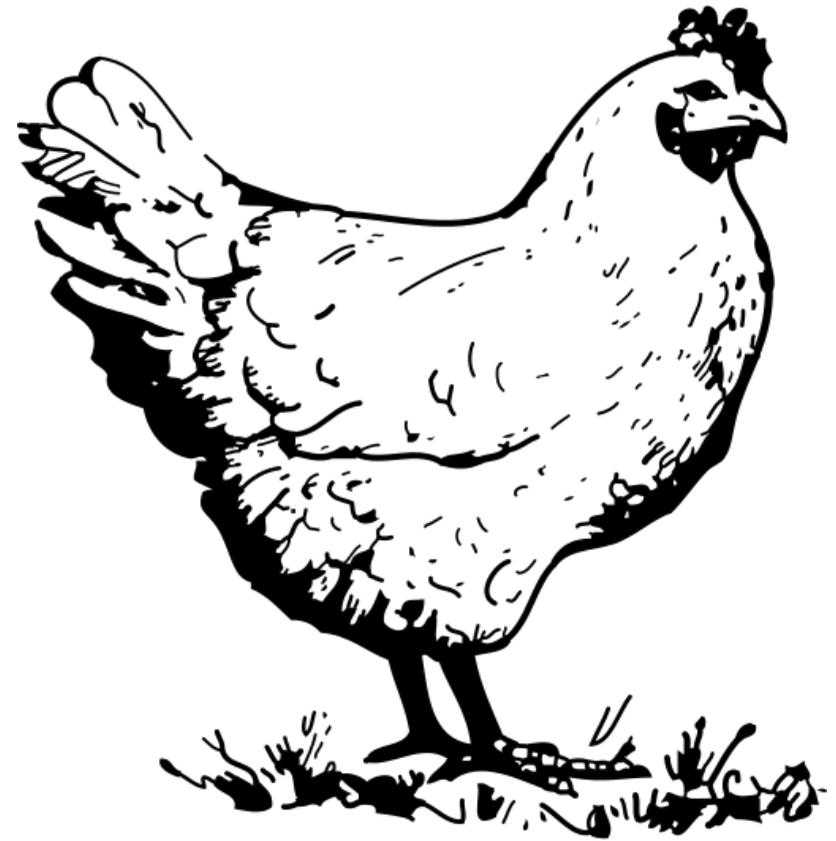


NOTES

# ADVENT ANIMALS



December 1, 2019  
8:08 & 11:08am

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## WELCOME ALL

P= Pastor L= Assisting Minister

NOTES

### WELCOME

Pastor Sarah Wright

### PRELUDE 8:08

Michael Chambers

11:08

*“Advent Processional”*  
St. John’s Bronze

- arr. William Mathis

*Advent candles on the altar will be lit starting the first Sunday in December  
to countdown four Sundays until Christmas.*

### LIVE THE STORY

Assisting Minister

L: Please kneel or sit as you are able for living the story of confession and forgiveness.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: God of justice,

**All: Our songs of praise, offerings of money and prayers for peace all ring hollow without our hands and feet working for your vision of justice. Until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, you will not be satisfied. Forgive our apathy to injustice. Give us a hunger for justice in this world with all your people and all your creatures. Empower our hearts, hands and feet as we hear the message you send through your prophets, O God of justice. Amen.**

L: The Lord is quick to forgive and eager to grant second chances. Take comfort that God is merciful, and never failing in compassion. You are forgiven. Proclaim it, rejoice in it, and live it, for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

**All: Amen**

L: Please rise as you are able.

### HYMN

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*  
*Please rise.*

ELW # 257  
*(vss. 1, 3, 5, 6)*

### GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Lift up in prayer:**

John Abendschein  
Jack Arsenaault  
Darrell Bledsoe Jr.  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Partee Boliek  
James Brunner  
Wendy Caffrey  
Donna Copeland  
Diane Corkran  
Norma Culbertson  
Beverlae & Ken Davis  
June Dodson  
Gertrude Fox  
Mitchell Greene  
The Hobbs family  
Bob & Maude Holewinski  
Ruth Honnas  
Anna Koerber  
Ray Lawson  
Jackie Lober  
Barry Lucas  
Jim Marshall  
Sandy Matthai  
Bob Mickey  
Bill Moesinger  
Tony & Valerie Montone  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Charles Napfel  
Heike Niesius  
Ernie Nuetzel  
John Phelps  
Mary Prime  
Claire Sigwart  
Wayne Stolins

Warren & Ann Theill  
Kathleen Wajer

**Special needs:**

All those devastated by natural disasters  
All affected by acts of violence  
Turmoil in Haiti

**This week we pray for:**

† Funeral Buffet Team  
† Garden Ministry  
† Dominican Republic Mission Team

**Our mission partners:**

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie  
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)  
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)  
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl  
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala  
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA  
– Pr. Josh Knipple  
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

**Members of the week:**

Bob Breiner  
Jim & Joan Bridges,  
Ellen Bruck  
John & Kathy Bruck  
Welcome Norah Hope! She was born on  
11/21 at 8:17pm, 7lbs. 13 oz. and 21  
inches. Her proud parents are Jeremy &  
Samantha Morelock.  
Scott & Michelle Schober are blessed with  
grandchild number 4– Stella Sophia Schober  
arrived safely on 11/26.

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!*

Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

L: Glory be to God in heaven!

**All: Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Glory be to God in Heaven....”* Setting 10 ELW page 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

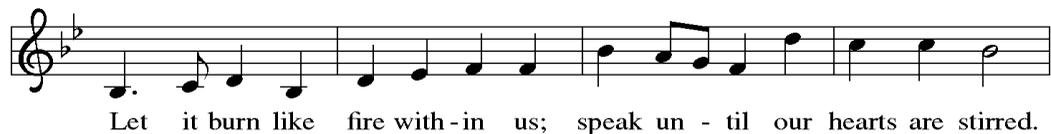
**ADVENT PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(NOT FOR SCREEN) for leader copy only

L: In this season of Advent anticipation, we remember Your Son was born in the midst of homelessness. We pray for all who hunger. We pray for all those who live in food deserts. We pray for all those who cannot drive to the grocery store. Bless all our missions, especially our mission with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, the food pantry and the hot Tuesday meal. Fried chicken goes a long

way to feed over a hundred people each time. May we also share Jesus, the greatest gift we all need. **Amen.**

Let us sing our Advent verse for our Advent Candles and God's living Word: pg. 205



L: Please be seated for Tell the Story.

## TELL THE STORY

**BIBLE READING:** Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader

*We are in Act 4 of the Bible: Israel. The most quoted prophet in the New Testament is the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah has sixty six chapters covering the time 740 BCE to 538 BCE. In chapter 11 a new shoot will emerge from the stump of Jesse who is King David's father. There are references to a peaceful kingdom to come and reconciliation even among animals who are usually in the relationship of predator and prey. What kind of kingdom is coming? A reading from the prophet Isaiah:*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling to-

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LAMB OF GOD

Setting 10 ELW page 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW # 471  
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” ELW # 490

BLESSING AND PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

L: Please rise as you are able for the blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior unite us, bless us, and keep us rising as the church of Christ in grace and love.

All: Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Pastor Sarah Wright

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Jeremy Miller, Eagle Scout Candidate

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Wright

P: Go in peace, Love and care for one another in the name of Christ. May the warm light of Christ shine in the dark valleys of the world. May the spirit of God lead us out to love God’s creatures and creation. Amen.

HYMN

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” ELW # 435

SENT WITH A MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

All: Welcome all. Tell the story. Grow as Disciples.

gether, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: Word of Wisdom. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Lisa Arrington

GROW AS DISCIPLES

HYMN

“The King Shall Come” ELW # 260  
(vss. 1, 2, 3, 5)

APOSTLE’S CREED

Assisting Minister

L: Let us together renew our faith with the Apostle’s Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Assisting Minister

*You are invited to kneel or sit for the prayers*  
When you hear “Lord in your mercy,” please respond “hear our prayer”

SHARING PEACE

L: Please rise as you are able for the sharing of the Peace.

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And also with you.

*You are invited to share signs of peace with one another and welcome visitors.*

