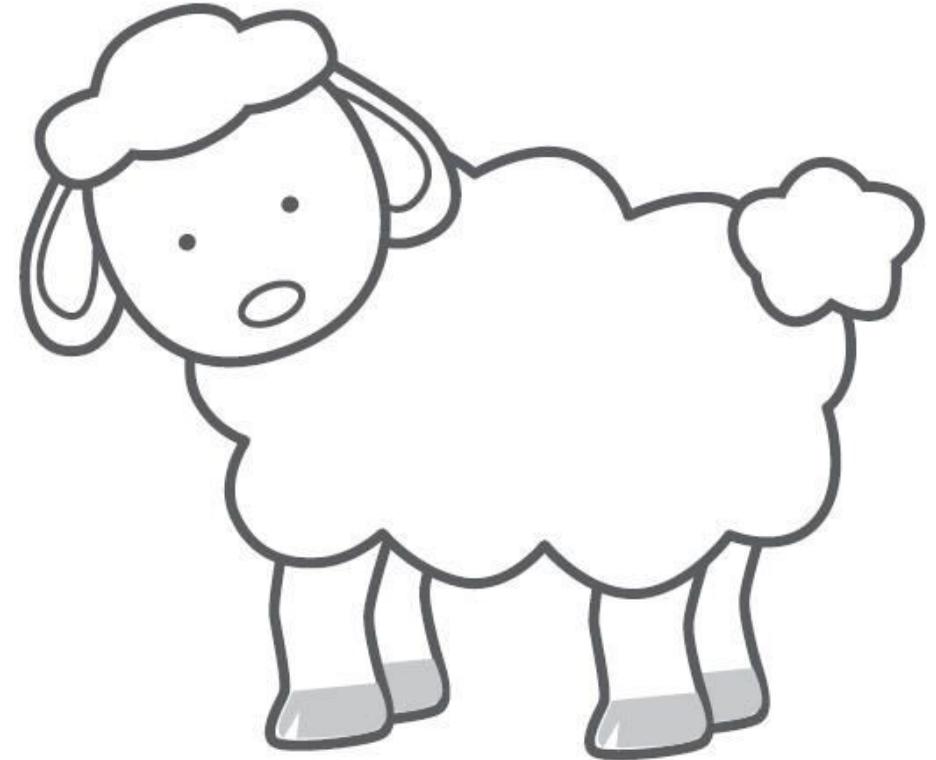


NOTES

ADVENT ANIMALS



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

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WELCOME ALL

P= Pastor L= Assisting Minister

NOTES

PRELUDE

Michael Chambers

WELCOME

Pastor Sarah Wright

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

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"

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GREETING

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

All: And also with you

L: Glory be to God in heaven!

All: Amen



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 Bethlehem, the city of David, where there was no room in the inn. We pray for all the families of the world. We pray for families that have known natural disasters, abuse, or desperate poverty. Bless all our missions, especially our mission with the children of Haiti, and Rev. Randy's mission team. Raise up righteous shepherds to guard your flock. We pray for the adoption of orphans. May we protect all your children in Jesus' name **Amen**.

L: Let us sing our Advent verse for our Advent Candles and God's living Word:

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

L: Please be seated for Tell the Story.

TELL THE STORY

BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader

We are in Act 4 of the Bible: Israel. Jeremiah is a major prophet in the Bible. The message from God is about shepherds who scatter the flock and lead people astray. God promises a righteous branch of King David. A reading from the prophet of Jeremiah:

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: Word of Wisdom. Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein
 Linda Arrington
 Jack Arsenault
 Harvey Blevins
 Pastor Partee Boliek
 James Brunner
 Wendy Caffrey
 Donna Copeland
 Diane Corkran
 Norma Culbertson
 Beverlae & Ken Davis
 June Dodson
 Freda Flury
 Gertrude Fox
 Mitchell Greene
 The Hobbs family
 Bob & Maude Holewinski
 Anna Koerber
 Ray Lawson
 Jackie Lober
 Jim Marshall
 Sandy Matthai
 Howard Matthews
 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

Condolences:

To the family of Ruth Honnas
 on her passing

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
 Pastor Sarah & Mychael Wright in this time
 of transition to a new sense of call.
 Rev. Randy Terry & the mission team
 to Haiti.

This week we pray for:

† New Orleans Mission Team
 † Finance Team
 † Cemetery Care

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:

Angela Bushman
 Barbara Bushman & James Estermyer
 Brett & Ericka Butler,
 Alexander, Blake

*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!*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW # 479

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

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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW # 264

SENT WITH A MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Lisa Arrington

GROW AS DISCIPLES

HYMN

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

ELW # 250

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 8:08

Michael Chambers

11:08 *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

-M. Praetorius

Jubilee Singers

Don't forget to drop in a yellow or green card.

Did you know you can safely text your offering to St. John's 410 698 6178?

OFFERTORY

“The Friendly Beasts”

All of the beasts, by some good spell, in the stable dark were glad to tell of the gifts they gave Emmanuel, the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray together:

All: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit. Receive this offering. Receive our time, talents and treasures. And with this holy food of your table, may we all be fed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Sarah Wright

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, as we anticipate the Advent of our Lord. The earth is full of your goodness and glory. You made all creatures to live in peace and safety, and sent a little child to lead us. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all creatures great and small, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed by his followers, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

May your light shine upon our anxious hearts and your peace descend upon our hurting world. Give hope and strength to those who call upon your name. Feed us with the bread of life and fill us with the spirit of joy so that we may share your grace and peace with all the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let all the children of God pray...

All: 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.

You are invited to continuous communion. It is a meal of God's grace and love for all believers. Ushers will invite you down the center aisle. Please share your name. Receive bread or a blessing. Dip the bread into red wine or white grape juice and return to your seats by the side aisles.

LAMB OF GOD

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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.