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December 20, 2020: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude, Ringing of the Bells  
Announcements and Prayer Concerns  
Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Chalice Hymnal #128 VS. 1-4 "One Candle Is Lit"

**Responsive Reading:**

**P** Where does the story of Jesus and the promises related to him start? Who speaks of Jesus? And what should we call him? God speaks to the serpent in the Garden about future conflict with Jesus.

**C We call Jesus Lord!**

**P** Moses, Luke and Priscilla point to the line of Judah. Jesus will be called the Lion of that tribe.

**C We call Jesus Lord!**

**P** Moses, Isaiah and Matthew speak of a virgin birth for Jesus The Messiah.

**C We call Jesus Lord!**

**P** Micah, Matthew and Luke speak of a babe, born in Bethlehem. They would call Him Jesus!

**C We call Jesus Lord!**

**P** Hosea and Matthew tell of Jesus' family fleeing to Egypt. We don't suggest He walk like an Egyptian.

**C We call Jesus Lord!**

**P** Jeremiah and Matthew speak of Jesus' time being dangerous and morally offensive. Without political power or advantage, it appears hopeless to some, but we know better.

**C We call Jesus Lord!**

**All: The world is in trouble. People mock God with scorn. We thank God the Christ Child was born. Rulers may rage and nations rise and fall. But someday everyone kneels to declare that Jesus, is, Lord of all.**

Community at Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)  
Chalice Hymnal #133 "like a child" (1 verse)

Scripture: Matthew 1:23-2:6

Message: **Come thou long expected Jesus**

Prayer

Christmas Communion - Blessing the Communion emblems -Bread & Cup (Please hold and wait to partake together)

Chalice Hymnal #125 "Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

Benediction  
Postlude

**Happy Anniversary!** 12/20 Elwood & Drelah Grieger



**Happy Birthday!**

12/20 Allison Parks  
12/20 Rosa Hamann  
12/21 Suzi Carpenter  
12/22 Kyle Homan  
12/23 Mitchell Wolff  
12/24 Ed Marks

Even though we are not worshipping in person, we encourage everyone to remember Salem's annual drive for toiletries (sponsored by the Ladies' Fellowship) for the local food pantry. If you are so inclined, add a couple (or more) personal items for those in-need to your cart while shopping - whether that be in person or online. Or if you prefer, monetary donations can be given to the Supplemental United Food Pantry as well (feel free to send directly to them or if you send it to the church, we will make sure they get it). Items can be dropped off at the church during the Advent season or contact the church office so arrangements can be made for someone to pick them up at your home if needed (no contact if you prefer). God willing our normal "Angel Toilet-Trees" for this project will be back for 2021!

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**Food Pantry items needed-** canned meat, canned pasta, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, apple juice, tomato juice, cereal, boxed potatoes, soup crackers, flour, sugar, kidney beans, tuna, hot chocolate, tea, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish soap.

*Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry!*

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**PEOPLE FOR WHOM I CAN PRAY THIS WEEK:** *those working in hospitals and nursing facilities; those dealing with cancer; those with medical concerns; victims of violent crimes, and their families; those dealing with dementia, and their families; Janet Wallace and family as she enters Hospice;*

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Donations to the Youth Fellowship in memory of Andy Batzka and Tim Brown were made by Bill & Gerry Rosenbaum.

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Our Church Staff:

Custodian: Kathy Wallace  
Secretary: Kris Bertsch

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