

# STOCKHOLM LUTHERAN CHURCH

## First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

### GATHERING

\*Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal ("Worship")\*

GATHERING MUSIC Barb Froemming

WELCOME / "NOISY OFFERING"

SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1) # 257

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

("Emmanuel means "God who is with us.")

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for your Son, who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us to your coming.**

P: We gather to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable that you may do. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us to your coming.**

P: We wait for the day when God will change swords into tractors and transform minefields into fields of grain. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us to your nearness.**

P: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of Your future and stir up dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us to a new Day with you.**

P: Lord Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills our hearts with the glow of hope in you.

**All: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG "He Came Down" # 253

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

**C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ and come.

**C: By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for the life of justice, for you live and reign with the**

Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### WORD OF GOD / WORD OF LIFE

FIRST BIBLE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM (The Psalms begin on page 339) Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND BIBLE READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

GOSPEL SONG "Alleluia!" Page 151

GOSPEL BIBLE READING (stand) Luke 21:25-36

Before the reading: **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the reading: P: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Rev. Mark Little

### WE RESPOND WITH LOVE FOR GOD

SONG "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (v. 1-3) # 244

APOSTLES' CREED (stand) Inside back cover / p. 105

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (please stand)

(P: Lord, in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**)

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE WITH EACH OTHER

OFFERING--SHARING GIFTS OF LOVE WITH OTHERS

OFFERING SONG "What Child Is This" (v. 1,3) # 296

OFFERING PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung) Page 152

HYMN OF PRAISE (Tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of hosts, by all adored.  
Heaven and earth cannot contain, all the glory of  
your Name!**

**Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who  
now draws nigh. In the name of God, the King!  
Hallelujahs glad we sing: Hail, hosanna! Praises  
due, be forever, Lord, to you!**

CONSECRATE BREAD & WINE / JESUS IS PRESENT

LORD'S PRAYER Page 154

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S BANQUET P: Goodness  
is stronger than evil. Life is stronger than death.

Come and be filled with the goodness of God.

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God" Page 154

OUR LORD JESUS COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

SONGS: # 480,487,279

COMMUNION PRAYER (please stand)

POST-COMMUNION SONG "Praise to You" # 208

### WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

THREE-FOLD "AMEN"

SENDING SONG "Soon and Very Soon" (v. 1-3) # 439

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

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