

**Second Sunday in Advent – Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 9:00 am**

**Music Today**

**Cross Road**

**AS WE GATHER**

Today we consider Jesse's tree, that is, his family tree. His son David kept faithful to God, but succeeding generations wandered away, until only a stump remained. From that stump, a Branch would come: our Lord Jesus, who fulfills all ancient promises. Each week, we hear the story of several ancestors of Jesus - Each story showing God's plan of salvation and how He guided humanity to prepare for His coming. The tradition of the Jesse Tree dates back to the Middle Ages, and derives its name from Isaiah 11:1, *"Then a shoot will spring from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit."* Jesse is the father of King David, and from the family line of David, our Savior came. Today, come and see YOUR place in God's family tree!

**Gathering Song      The Holly and the Ivy**

The holly and the ivy  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown

The holly bears a blossom  
As white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus  
To be our dear Savior

The holly bears a berry  
As red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus  
To do poor sinners good

The holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus  
On Christmas day in the morn

The holly bears a bark  
As bitter as the gall  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus  
For to redeem us all

The holly and the ivy  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown

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**Welcome & Invocation**

*Pastor Aaron Boerst*

**Opening Song      Our God (Christmas Version)**

Water you turned into wine    opened the eyes of the blind  
there's no one like you    none like you

Into the darkness you shine    out of the ashes we rise  
there is no one like you    none like you **(Chorus x2)**

**CHORUS:** Our God is greater Our God is stronger  
God you are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer Awesome in power  
Our God, Our God

and if our God is for us then who could ever stop us  
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O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him **(Chorus)**

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### **Confession and Forgiveness** (Psalm 80:19; Isaiah 61:1)

Pastor: As God's people today, we confess our brokenness and ask to be restored into a right relationship into our Lord's family.

**People: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are bound to sin and cannot free ourselves. Like Adam in the beginning, we have "eaten forbidden fruit" in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not produced spiritual fruit in living the new life of faith You have won for us. We have acted as if we are not part of your family. For the sake of Jesus' sacrifice on the tree of the cross, grant us Your mercy.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: O almighty God, we come before you today, remembering your ancient words: *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse. And from His roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

Long before Jesus was born you gave life to a man named Jesse, whose son came Your promised King, David. And from David, you fulfilled your promise of a Savior, your Son Jesus Christ. Dear God, as members of your family today, we thank you that you have a plan for each of us in these last days. Help us to be patient as we wait for Jesus again.

**People: Amen.**

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. The circular wreath of evergreen branches reminds us of the eternal nature of our Lord God, and that He gives the promise of eternal life for all who believe, just as a circle is unending, and an evergreen lives through winter. The blue colors of the 3 candles remind us of the royalty of Jesus, and how He welcomes us into His Kingdom. The single pink candles reminds us to pause our lives and reorient ourselves to positivity and joy.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

**People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word we rest.**

**Reader**

*Dan Macejkovic*

## First Reading

*Exodus 2:23-3:14*

<sup>23</sup>During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup>And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup>God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Exodus 14*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup>and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the

wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Third Reading**

*Hebrews 11:1-3; 23-29*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message / Kid's Church

### Song of the Day Pharaoh Pharaoh

Chorus: (I said) Pharaoh Pharaoh  
Oh baby let my people go uh  
Yea yea yea  
I said Pharaoh Pharaoh  
Oh baby let my people go uh  
Yea yea yea

Well a burnin' bush told me just the other day  
That I should come over here and stay  
Gotta get my people outta Pharaoh's hand  
And lead them all to the promised land **(Chorus)**

Well a-me 'n God's people comin' to the Red Sea  
And Pharaoh's army comin' after me  
I raised my rod and stuck it in the sand  
All of God's people walked across dry land **(Chorus)**

Well a-Pharaoh's army is a comin' too  
So what do you think that I did do  
I raised my rod and I cleared my throat  
And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float **(Chorus)**

I said Pharaoh Pharaoh  
Oh baby let my people go uh

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### Sermon

### The Jesse Tree: Moses

*Pastor Aaron Boerst*

### Creed – APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From  
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Rejoicing in the hope of our Savior's appearing, let us pray together, saying,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: In thanksgiving for every man and woman who have been an example of faith to us, and who pointed us to Christ. May the Lord use us as an example until He comes again:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: For the Church, as we wait with eager expectation for the coming of Jesus once again, who rescues us from our sin and the evil in the world.:

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: For our Christian mission, that we bring glory to God and healing to many people through our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

***Local concerns may be added by congregational elder here.***

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

#### **Offering Christmas Dinner**

And it came to pass on a Christmas evening  
While the doors were shuttered tight  
Outside standing, lonely boychild  
Cold and shivering in the night

On the street every window  
Save but one was gleaming bright  
And to this window walked the boy-child  
Peeking in, saw candlelight

Through other windows he had looked at turkeys  
And ducks and geese and cherry pies  
But through this window saw a gray-haired lady  
Table bare and tears in her eyes

Into his coat reached the boy-child  
Knowing well there was little there  
He took from his pocket his own Christmas dinner  
A bit of cheese, some bread to share

His outstretched hands held the food  
And they trembled, as the door it opened wide  
Said he "Would you share with me Christmas Dinner"  
And gently she said, "Come inside"

The gray-haired lady brought forth to the table  
Some glasses to their last drop of wine  
Said she "Here's a toast to everyone's Christmas  
And especially yours and mine".

And it came to pass on that Christmas evening  
While all the doors were shuttered tight  
That in that town, the happiest Christmas  
Was shared by candlelight

#### **Presentation of Gifts**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. *[Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]*

People: **Amen.**

## Holy Communion

### Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**The Words of Our Lord** [*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*]

### Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
[*1 Cor. 11:26*]

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** [*Revelation 22:20*]

### Lord's Prayer

 [*Matthew 6:9–13*]

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People: 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.**

### Distribution

#### God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name **[Refrain]**

"Fear not" then said the angel "Let nothing you affright  
This day is born a Savior Of a pure virgin bright  
To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's power and might" **[Refrain]**

#### Do You Hear What I Hear

Said the night wind to the little lamb, Do you see what I see  
Way up in the sky, little lamb, Do you see what I see  
A star, a star, dancing in the night With a tail as big as a kite  
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear  
A song, a song, high above the trees With a voice as big as the sea  
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty King, Do you know what I know  
In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold Let us bring Him silver and gold  
Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the King to the people everywhere, Listen to what I say  
Pray for peace, people everywhere, Listen to what I say  
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light

### **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

### **Benediction** [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **Sending Song            The Days of Elijah**

<sup>1</sup> These are the days of Elijah Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of your servant, Moses, Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

**Chorus:** Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds Shining like the sun at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice; it's the year of Jubilee Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

<sup>2</sup> And these are the days of Ezekiel The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of your servant, David Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord. **(Chorus)**

**Bridge:** There is no God like Jehovah **(Chorus)**

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