

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, November 28, 2021**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel **arr. Melody Bober**  
*with Emmanuel* **Michael W. Smith, arr. Carol Tornquist**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

In hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Limited by mortality, yet destined for liberation,  
in hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Groaning as if in childbirth, sampling the fruits of God's harvest,  
in hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Trusting in what is unseen, believing the best is yet to come,  
in hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

In the shadows of a barn, where the Maker of All will be born,  
in hope the universe waits.

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Let Us Pray: **Here is a place for you, Lord Jesus. Just as our hands have made it ready, so make our hearts ready to love and to welcome you. Be born again, not in a manger, but in us. Make us your Bethlehem, where God is personal and all things and all people are made new. AMEN.**

**Gathering Song: Cloth for the Cradle**

**John L. Bell**

**Verse 1** *(will be sung once by Barb, followed by congregation)*

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who alone does wonders,  
 who lifts up the lowly,  
 who fills the hungry with good things.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God for whom we wait,  
 in the presence of one another,  
 we confess our sin before you.  
 We fail in believing that your good news is for us.  
 We falter in our call to tend your creation.  
 We find our sense of self in material wealth.  
 We fear those different from ourselves.  
 We forget that we are your children  
 and turn away from your love.  
 Forgive us, Blessed One,  
 and assure us again of your saving grace.  
 Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 † your sins are forgiven.  
 You are children of the Most High,  
 inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36**

*God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

**Pastor Justin Grimm**

**Hymn of the Day:** Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus

**ACS 904**

**Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus**

*Tú, Jesús, nuestra esperanza*

English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to  
 2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the

set road your peo - ple free. From op -  
 of ser - vant - hood; give new

pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -  
 life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to

ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who  
 good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your

suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the  
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man

rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.  
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

## **Apostle's Creed**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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 into hell.  
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.**

## **Installation**

### **Presentation**

Having been authorized by the church to install Timothy G. Maybee, our co-worker in the gospel, as Lead Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

*A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.*

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, have called Timothy G Maybee as Lead Pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

*The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.*

### **Address and Questions**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

*A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)*

*A reading from Matthew: **Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:18-20)

*A reading from First Timothy: **Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.*** (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Tim Maybee, in the presence of this assembly  
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,  
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures  
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures  
and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,

graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**Amen.**

People of God,

will you receive Tim Maybee as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for him,

help and honor him for his work's sake,

and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

Tim, the office of Lead Pastor is now committed to you

in the name of the God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism.*

*A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.*

People of God, I present to you Tim Maybee, your Lead Pastor.

Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

## **Offering**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters fires, floods, wind, and for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Other intercessions.*

God of healing, send your Spirit of healing to those we know who are suffering in body, soul, and Spirit. Today we remember before you Terrell, Jan, Muriel, Jerry, Sue, Steven and Brenda, and those we name before you now. Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**



God of all Joy, we give you thanks for the installation of Pastor Tim as our Lead Pastor. As he begins his ministry with and among us, give to us all, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of council and might, of knowledge and the fear of the Lord and the fullness of joy in your Presence as we minister and serve in your Name and to your glory. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **Holy Communion**

Words of Institution

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation**

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church practices open communion. Whether you are a member of AGLC or not, you are invited to the table that is set by Christ for you.*

**Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.**

### **Distribution**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*At this time, we will consume, together, the wafer and wine in the communion kit you received at the beginning of the service.*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

### Benediction

The God of hope

fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

so that we may abound in hope

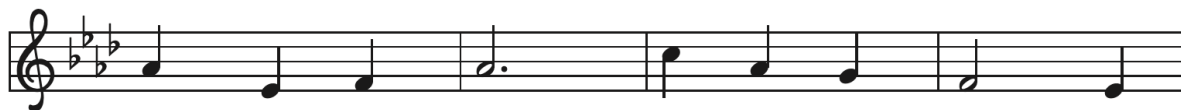
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

through † Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

## Sending Song: God's Work, Our Hands Verses 1 and 4

**ACS 1000**

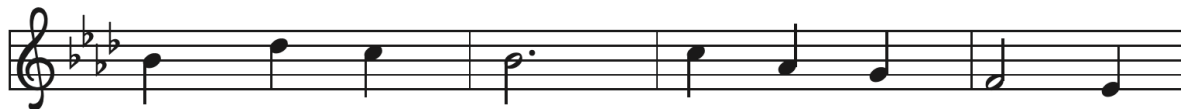
### God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus, to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near!

Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** Hatikva (The Hope)

Traditional Jewish  
Rami Bar-Niv