



Third Sunday of Advent

We gather this morning to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

P = Pastor **A** = Assisting Pastor **C** = Congregation **L** = Leader

Prelude: Two settings of this morning's Hymn of the Day are heard in preparation for worship. Both settings present the melody clearly. You are encouraged to follow along in the red hymnal.

Prelude

Two Settings on **MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR**
Flor Peeters and Max Drischner

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

Pastor Jeff Backer

- A** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the Son who comes to show mercy, and the Holy Spirit who grants us faith.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

- A** Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection.

- A** To you, O God,
- C** we lift up our souls. You know us through and through. We confess our sins to you, known and unknown; things we have done, and things we have failed to do. Remember not our sins; remember us according to your steadfast love. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us by your Word of truth. Amen.
- A** Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism and hear again the promise God has made to you. By the command and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You belong to Christ, who came into the world and will come again. The reign of God is near!
- C** Amen.

Entrance Hymn: The "thrilling voice" we sing about in this hymn is that of John the Baptist. In today's gospel reading, we hear of John, who proclaimed the good news to those waiting for the Messiah. As we sing in stanza three, Christ is the Lamb who "comes with pardon down from heaven." This is good news for you today!

Entrance Hymn 246

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"

Stanza 1 - All, in unison 2 - Four-part harmony 3 - Unison
4 - Four-part harmony 5 - Unison
MERTON

Apostolic Greeting

- A** Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near! May the grace of the promised Messiah, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
 pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
 wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - - men.

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray.
- Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: *The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.*

✚ Denotes this reading as today's sermon text.

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 ✚

OT page 902 in the pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Isaiah 12
Michel Guimont



Refrain: Cry out with joy and glad-ness; for a-mong you is the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

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| <p>1. Truly, God is my salvation.
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my Savior.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Refrain sung by all.</p> | <p>2. Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.
Refrain sung by all.</p> |
| <p>3. Sing a psalm to the Lord!
For he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
Refrain sung by all.</p> | <p>4. People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Refrain sung by all.</p> |

Second Reading: Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

NT page 190 in the pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

8 AM

Pastor Lars Olson

9:30 AM

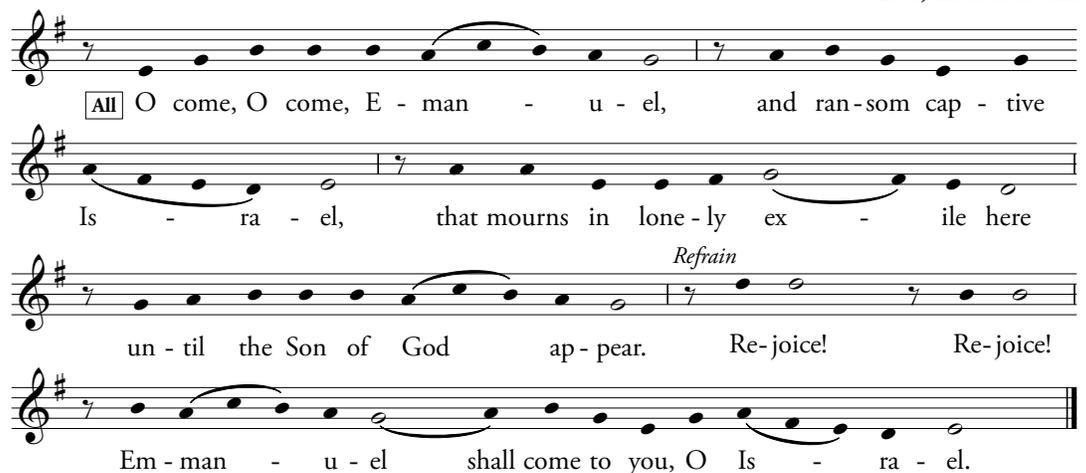
"Little Drummer Boy"
Scripture First Children

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: As we prepare to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and anticipate the joy of Christmas, we light the candles on the Advent wreath as a symbol of our Lord's presence in God's Word proclaimed.

Gospel Acclamation

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
VENI, EMMNAUEL



Gospel Announcement

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

NT page 56 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Lars Olson

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day: Salvation has come to us today in Jesus Christ! We sing with unbridled joy this day, as Christ brings his "great salvation" to all the earth here and now.

Hymn of the Day 259

"Fling Wide the Door"
MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR

Apostles' Creed

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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 of the Church

A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the Church, the world, and all creation.

Following each petition:

A Come, Lord Jesus.

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

A Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering: Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

Offering Voluntary: Offering music this morning is based on the Advent hymn, "Savior of the Nations, Come." Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel begins with short fragments of the melody, and later places the complete melody in the bass voice.

Offering Presentation: In two stanzas of this hymn by Martin Luther, we ask that our Lord would come to us - not only in the manger, but also here and now in Word and Sacrament, and again on the last day. This gives way to praise and thanksgiving to God for His mercy and grace shown to us in Christ Jesus.

Offering

Offering Voluntary

Voluntary on NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
Johann Pachelbel

Please stand.

Offering Presentation

"Savior of the Nations, Come"
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2. Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's son, in - car - nate word!

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
To the ho - ly Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly!

Offertory Prayer

- Let us pray. God of abundance,
- we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need with your mercy and forgiveness until the coming of your Son - Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

9:30 AM The Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- 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.

————— **Service of Holy Communion - 8 AM Worship** —————

Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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- C** 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.

- A** God fills the hungry with good things - the very body and blood of Christ for you.
- C** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

Agnus Dei: Though Advent is a time of preparation and expectation on the Church calendar, we do not cease mentioning Jesus Christ "who takes away the sin of the world." As we prepare to receive our Lord's body and blood in this place, we are sustained by Christ's promise to be present here, even as he has promised to return to judge the living and the dead on the last day.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion

Communion Music

Hymn 241

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

Hymn 262

"Wait for the Lord"

Sung continuously as a prayer.

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Please stand.

Blessing

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. God for whom we wait, you come to us in the bread and wine with your body and blood, promising new life and salvation. Strengthened at your table, send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

A May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn: This hymn proclaims the One in whom we place our trust and hope this Advent season. Jesus Christ is the promised Savior who releases prisoners held in bondage to Satan, binds the broken-hearted, and cures all hearts of sin.

Sending Hymn 239

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

CHESTERFIELD

Dismissal

A The coming of the Lord is near. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary on CHESTERFIELD

Healey Willan

Welcome to worship

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- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Personal listening device
- For a large print bulletin
- If you are a physician or nurse who is willing to help in an emergency.

Children are welcome in worship

- Children's bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 and children's activity bags may be picked up in the Children's Crossing.
- If your child becomes restless you may view the service on the screen in the Welcome Center.
- Nursery is available on Sundays from 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM.

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Worship Assistants

Cantor
Michelle Ahrens

Lector
8 AM – Birgit Peterson
9:30 AM – Brian Aamlid

Acolytes
8 AM – Chelsea Wessel
Madeline Russell

9:30 AM – Caitlyn Tooley
Ella Leiseth

Ushers

8 AM
Linda Gores (*Co-Capt.*),
Randy Olawsky (*Co-Capt.*),
Finn Backer, Tom Berens,
Cole Olson

9:30 AM
Joel Doeden (*Captain*),
Mark Bubak, Gordy Eggebraaten,
Eric Hernes, Suzie Hernes,
Quintin Hernes, Spencer Hernes,
George Lapp, Larry Satterlee,
Bill Stevens

8th Grade Ushers

8 AM – Luther Nesheim
Paige Himmerich

Worship Services

Saturday (Chapel)
5 PM Vespers with Communion

Sunday (Sanctuary)
8 AM Traditional with Communion
9:30 AM Traditional Worship
11 AM Contemporary Worship

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