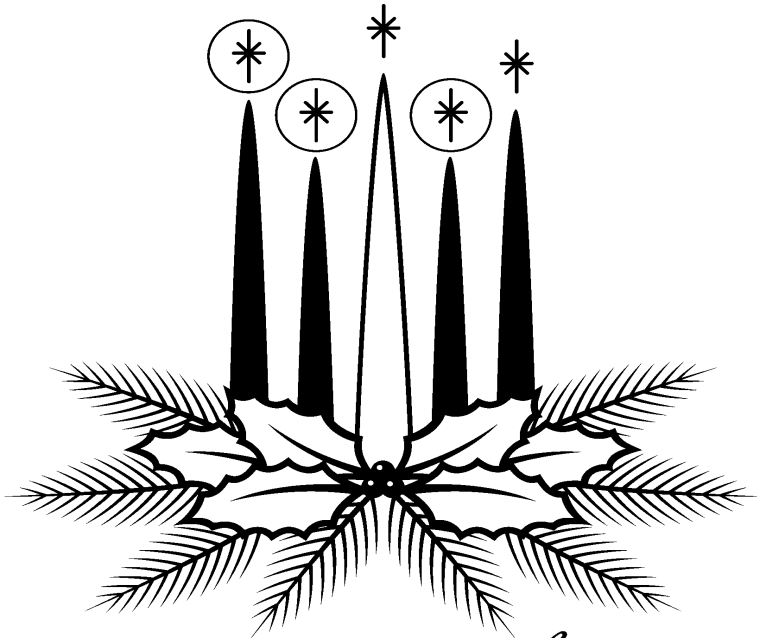


2021

*"Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE
who promised is Faithful"*



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who
promised is faithful.* Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

*"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY

All: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before You, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

Isaiah 55:12

(The candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Gracious God

All: You came to us in human flesh and You abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with Your Joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, Who makes our Joy complete. Amen.

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you *(Wave and/or Honk to each other)*

SONG

How Great Our Joy!

Verse 1

**While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.**

Chorus
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Verse 2
There shall be born, so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.

Chorus

Verse 3
There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.

Chorus

Verse 4
This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Chorus

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare us to receive Him and to see His glory for He is Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

Zephaniah 3:14 - 20

Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL

Luke 7:18 - 35

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Are You the One?

HYMN

LBW #24

Come, O Precious Ransom

Verse 1

Come, O precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals
Come, O Savior of the world; Open are to you all portals.
Come, Your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for you.

Verse 2

Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and never leave, Though I am but poor and lowly.
What vast riches will be mine When you are my guest divine!

Verse 3

My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray You;
Evermore, as best I can, Homage I will gladly pay You,
And in faith I will embrace, Life eternal by your grace.

Verse 4

Hail! Hosanna! David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Your kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation;
That forever we may sing; Hail! Hosanna to our King!

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: (*After each petition. . .*) Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

**All: 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.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN

LBW #55

Good Christians Friends, Rejoice

Verse 1

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

Verse 2

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

Verse 3

**Good Christian Friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Christmas Eve Worship -
Friday Dec. 24th at 7 P.M.

*Sing with Great JOY!
A Savior has been BORN!
He is Christ our LORD.*

Emmanuel, GOD with US!

*We'll worship The Greatest Gift ever Given with
Carols, Candlelight and Holy Communion.
Bring your whole family! Bring your Friends!*



The Christmas Card exchange Basket returns and will be in the Narthex. Drop off your Christmas Cards in the basket and they will be sorted alphabetically and be available for pick up the following Sundays. No stamps needed! Worshipping in the parking lot? No problem. Our Santa's Elf will bring your cards inside to drop off for you.

Remember....no cards will actually be mailed so do not include any mail for out of town members or shut-ins. Those cards should be mailed in the usual way.

**NEXT SUNDAY December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday
Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)**

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