

2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to
hear and join in today's Worship service

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

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.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING (based on Gen. 1:1 -5)

Leader: In the beginning God

All: created the heavens and the earth,

Leader: the earth was a formless void

All: and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Leader: the Spirit of God was moving

All: over the face of the waters.

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

Leader: And God saw that the light was good.

All: God separated the light from the darkness.

Leader: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called
Night.

**All: And there was evening and there was morning, the
first day.**

Leader: Like the dawn of a new day,

All: the coming light of Christ brings Joy.

(Light candle of Joy)

Leader: As light from the candle of Joy dispels the darkness

All: Joy fills our souls!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you (*Greet each other sharing Christ's
peace.*)

SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music lifts us sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

The APOSTOLIC GREETING

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The KYRIE

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The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The SALUTATION

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

All: We give thanks that in Your great mercy and compassion You sent Your dear Son to become incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever.
Amen. Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian

LESSONS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

GOSPEL

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Rejoice with the Joy of Salvation!

HYMN

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Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

Oh, come, Oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain

Verse 3

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Your people save
and give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

Verse 4

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

Verse 5

Oh, come, O Key of David, come.
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery. Refrain

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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The WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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**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 LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

The POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"LBW pg. 92

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life; and we
pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us,
through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Lord. 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.

SONG

To God Be the Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world That He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life An atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate That all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!!

O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, Great things He hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings for Next Sunday

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29)

Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

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