

2023

## *“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”*



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
FOURTH 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.”*

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### WELCOME AND PRAYER

### BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

LBW pg. 77

### 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 Love.**

(Light candle of Love )

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

**All: Love 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

### Amazing Grace

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

#### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

#### Verse 4

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

#### Verse 5

Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

#### Verse 6

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun;  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun.

## 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: 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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm 89:1-5, 19 - 29  
Romans 16:25 - 27  
Luke 1:26-38

## GOSPEL

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

# ETERNAL & INCARNATION

## SONG

### Mary Did You Know

#### Verse 1

Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know That your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?  
This Child that you delivered Will soon deliver you.

#### Verse 2

Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would give sight to the blind man?  
Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know That your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod,  
And when you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God? Oh, Mary did you know?

**Bridge**

The blind will see, The deaf will hear,  
The dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb.

**Verse 3**

Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know That your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb,  
and the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM?

**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.

## SONG

### What Child is This

#### Verse 1

What child is this who, Laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

#### Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; For sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

#### Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, The Son of Mary!

## THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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**NEXT SUNDAY December 31, 2023**

**First Sunday After Christmas**

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Isaiah 61:10–62:3 Psalm 111 Galatians 4:4-7**

**Luke 2:22-40**

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December 17, 2023

Attend: 34

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## TONIGHT

Christmas Eve Worship -  
SUNDAY Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.



*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!*

