

Dec 19, 2021

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*



Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful/What Child is This? Arr. Olson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 97:1-5 ^{ESV}

¹ The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³ Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

***Hymn of Praise**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 203

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-80
ESV (Pew pg. 856/LP pg.1068)

Prayer of Confession

Faithful heavenly Father, you are a covenant-keeping God, but we have forsaken your law and violated your statutes. We have not walked according to your rules or kept your commandments. Though you have always been faithful to us, we are unfaithful to you many times each day in our thoughts and with our words and actions. We know that we deserve to be punished for our sin. Father, because of your steadfast love, forgive us we pray. In our great weakness help us to believe that guilty and vile sinners like ourselves become spotlessly clean in the redeeming blood of Christ Jesus. Cause us to see him as our precious jewel, the one great treasure that we seek above all else. Grant us overwhelming joy in this Man of Sorrows who made full atonement for us and help us to believe and enjoy the truth that it is truly finished. Make us steadfast and faithful until that wonderful day when we see our glorious King and we are brought safely home. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 97:6-12 ^{ESV}

⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.¹⁰ O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 196

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king.
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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WSC 77-78

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Selection by CE

***Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, 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!

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Sermon

Peculiar Providence

Exodus 2:1-10
ESV (Pew pg. 45/LP pg. 56)

1. A Popular Providence
2. A Hidden Providence
3. A Heart Stopping Providence (vv. 5-6)
4. A Humorous Providence
5. A Hard Providence

Questions:

1. What is the difference between luck and providence? Why does it matter? What does it tell us about God?
2. Why do we so often look for God in the great and glorious providences of life? What does this say about you personally? What does this say about our churches?
3. God shows up at the 11th hour in vv. 5-6. What are some reasons why God allows such a tension in our lives? Does it mean that he does not care?
4. How does Exodus 2:1-10 prepare us for Advent? Does it surprise you that God does not withhold from us the hard providences of life? What does this tell us about Him?

***Hymn of Response**

Silent Night

No. 210

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

Selection by CE

* **Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Piano
Piano
Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson
Grayden Lash
Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 12/19	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM	Sunday School Worship Service Children's Choir Practice
THUR 12/23	11:00 AM	Women's Cookie Exchange
FRI 12/24		Christmas Eve Service
SUN 12/26	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School Worship Service
THUR 12/30	11:00 AM	Viking Luncheon (all welcome)
SUN 1/2	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	NO Sunday School Worship Service – LORD's Supper Communicants Class @ Gretzinger's (lunch provided)
SUN 1/9	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Communicants Class @ Gretzinger's (lunch provided)

Serving the Lord

	12/19	12/26	1/2
AM Nursery	Lorrie Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger
Greeters	Phyllis Sederberg	Arlene Lanenga	Lucy Hrivnak
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Forrest Carleton	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Jim Martin	Jason Lash	Jim Martin
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Choir Practice Today:** Youth Group choir practice today after church in the Sunday school room that has a piano.
- **No Sunday School:** Dec 26 & Jan 2 there will be no Sunday school. Plan to come to service at 10:30 like normal.
- **Communicants Class:** Sundays in January (Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) following the service @ Gretzinger's house communicant class will be held. All youth interested in joining the church should attend. Lunch Provided.
- **Jan 5 Family Night:** Please sign up at the welcome desk if you plan to come.