

December 20, 2020

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



### **Offering**

Please put tithe in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins.  
(Mark on memo line if designating for a specific fund i.e. Deacon's Fund.)

### **Prelude**

*What Child Is This*

arr. Carlson

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 40:4-5

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*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.

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: LOVE**

#### **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:8-21**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Father, thank You for Jesus, the true King who, in the face of the raging nations of the world who plot in vain, is seated enthroned at Your right hand til You make all His enemies a footstool for His feet. Would You help us in these challenging days to face them without fear, not because we are strong or wise or clever, but simply because we know we can utterly trust ourselves and all our tomorrows into the hands of Jesus Christ who is a steadfast and immovable Rock, a firm foundation in the shifting sands. For we ask it all in Jesus' name.

#### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 40:1-3

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

#### **Reception of New Member: Aaron Joseph Lash**

#### **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*Psalm 40*

Tune: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

<sup>1</sup> I waited for the LORD;  
He stooped and heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup> He Brought me from the pit,  
Out of the dungeon mire,  
My feet set on a rock,  
My footsteps made secure.  
<sup>3</sup> My lips He gave a song,  
A song to praise our God.

Many will see with awe,  
And so will trust the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed he who trusts in God,  
And turns not to false men.  
<sup>5</sup> You have worked wonders, LORD;  
No one compares to You!  
Should I declare each one,  
Their number is too great.

<sup>6</sup> You want no offering,  
Nor ask a sacrifice,  
But You have given me  
A ready ear to hear  
You ask no off'rings burnt  
Nor sacrifice for sin.

<sup>7</sup> So I say, "Here I come,  
As in the scroll inscribed.

<sup>8</sup> "To do Your will, O God,  
To me is my delight.  
Your law is part of me,  
Deep in my heart, O God."

<sup>9</sup> In congregation great  
I told Your righteousness.  
You know, LORD, I spoke out;  
I did not close my lips.

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism 104-105**

Q. 104 What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

**A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.**

Q. 105 What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. **In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Joy Has Dawned*

Insert

**Sermon**

Christmas with Isaiah

Isaiah 7:10-14

Outline

1. The Nature of Faith
2. The Substance of Faith
3. The Outworking of Faith

Questions:

1. The Westminster Confession defines faith as a knowledge, ascent, and trust. Do you agree with this definition? Read Romans 10:14-17. What kind of knowledge does the Apostle Paul have in view here? And how is that knowledge transferred?
2. It has been said in Isaiah 7:9, “that if you are not firm in your faith you will not be firm at all.” How does this apply to your everyday life? What are some ways that you can strengthen your faith?
3. According to the pastor, fear is the opposite of faith. Does this mean that we should never be fearful of anything? Explain.

**\*Hymn of Response**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

**Refrain:**

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created; **(Refrain)**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;  
Glory to God \_, in the highest; **(Refrain)**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing. **(Refrain)**

**\*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.

**\*Postlude**

*Joy to the World*

arr. Bock

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

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**Keyboard**

TBD

**Violin**

Chris Erickson

**Intercessory Prayer**

Yon Lindborg

**Weekly Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 12/20</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises</b>
	9:15 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
<b>THUR 12/24</b>	5:00 PM	<b>Candle Light Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>SUN 12/27</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises</b>
	9:15 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)

### Serving the Lord

	12/20	12/24	12/27	1/4
AM Nursery	Kathleen	N/A	Felicia	Cordie
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson	Lindborg
Advent Reader	Jason & Val Grayden & Aaron	Gretzinger	N/A	N/A

### Announcements

- **New Members:** If you are a new member or simply new to the church, this Sunday school class will help you learn more about Good Shepherd and our theology. Sign up at the welcome desk. Information will be announced in 2021.
  
- **Christmas Eve Service:** Want to invite friends? There are extra flyers at the welcome desk.