

December 27, 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**

*Go Tell it On the Mountain*

arr. Wolaver

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 42:11

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*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)**

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 2:1-23**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, our hearts are heavy and our souls' thirst for you, the living God. We are cast down, burdened with our sin, and wallowing in our own self-pity. Too often this week we have looked to our own desires as a source of hope and strength and failed to seek your face. Forgive us for we have fallen well short of your glory. Conform our hearts to your will and put to death in us the desire to sin. Make us more like your son, and instill in us a desire to think like Him, talk like Him, and to live like Him, in Jesus' name, amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

**Psalm 42:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup> These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.

## **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

### **As The Deer**

#### Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

#### Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

## Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything

## Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye

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## **Westminster Shorter Catechism 106-107**

Q. 106 What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

**A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.**

Q. 107 What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

**A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer, which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. And in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth.  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**Sermon**

Christmas with Micah

Micah 5:1-6

Outline

1. God's way of salvation is contrary to the expectations of men.
2. God delights to use unlikely instruments to better display his glory.
  - a. 1 Cor. 1:26-29

3. The true hope of believers lies in God's sovereign grace.

Questions:

1. When was the last time you read the Book of Micah? What are some of the themes of this book? Why is it included in the Bible?
2. How have your expectations in life changed over the years? Is there a time that you can remember when you were idealistic? How does the message of Micah 5 help you to adapt/endure/change with the changing tides of life?
3. Do you ever feel insignificant? What contributes to these feelings? How can you change that?
4. Does the church ever seem insignificant to you? How can you use your time, gifts, and abilities to help change that?

**\*Hymn of Response**

*O Come O Come Immanuel*

No. 194

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient time didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou 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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**\*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**

Sandy Schoon

**Intercessory Prayer**

Nelson Schoon

### Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 12/27	10:30 AM	<b>No Sunday School</b> (Winter Break) <b>Worship Service</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
SUN 1/3	10:30 AM	<b>No Sunday School</b> (Winter Break) <b>Worship Service- LORD's Supper</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
MON 1/4	6:30 PM	<b>Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group</b> (Zoom)

## Serving the Lord

	12/27	1/4	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
AM Nursery	Felicia	Cordie	Kathleen	Felicia	Cordie	Kathleen
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger

## Announcements

- **New Sunday School Classes:** Both the New Members Class & The Kingdom of God Class start on January 10. Sign-up sheets and books can be found at the welcome desk.



January Birthdays can be found in Church Directory.