

December 3, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24



**Prelude**

*The Holly and the Ivy/Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**\*Call to Worship**

Ps. 85:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah  
<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. <sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!  
<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? <sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus*

No. 196

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**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Deuteronomy 5:1-6

(Pew pg. 150/LP pg. 188)

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of

mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 85:8-11

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:5-24

(Pew pg. 855/LP pg. 1066)

**The Nicene Creed**

pg. 846 in Trinity Hymnal

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **Offering**

*We Three Kings*

#### **\*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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#### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

No. 193

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1. The Trees:

a. Tree 1 - Who were the sons of God in 6:2?

b. Tree 2 - Who were the Nephilim in 6:4?

c. Tree 3 - What does God regret in 6:6?

1. The Forest

a. In spite of God's blessing, the story of mankind on Earth is the story of degeneracy, depravity, and disobedience.

b. 2 Questions:

i. Are we that bad?

ii. Is God that mad?

c. V. 8 - There is one man with whom God is NOT angry...and this makes ALL the difference!

i. Have you found favor with God?

Questions:

1. Do you think that we often miss the forest for the trees in more challenging passages of Scripture? Why or why not? How can we guard against missing the point?
2. How do anthropomorphisms help us understand God better?
3. How does your view of sin help to shape your understanding of the Gospel?
4. How does your view of God's wrath shape your understanding of the cross?

**The Lord's Supper**

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

*Sursum Corda*

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Music

*What Child is This?*

**\*Hymn of Response**      *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*      No. 211  
Find in Trinity Hymnal

**\*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**

*The First Noel*

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

**Musician**

Chris Erickson

**Intercessory Prayer**

Jim Martin

## Weekly Calendar

<b>SUN 12/3</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service – LORD’s Supper</b>
	After Service	<b>Youth Choir Practice</b> (20 mins in the blue room) <b>Adult Choir Practice</b> (10 mins in blue room)
<b>TUES 12/5</b>	6PM	<b>Women’s Evening Study</b>
<b>WED 12/6</b>	6 PM	<b>Family Night</b> (All Welcome)
<b>THUR 12/7</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Women’s Morning Study</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>Men’s Study</b>
<b>SUN 12/10</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	After Service	<b>Youth Choir Practice</b> (20 mins in the blue room) <b>Adult Choir Practice</b> (10 mins in blue room)
	Details in announcements	<b>Shepherding Groups</b>
<b>WED 12/13</b>	1 PM	<b>Senior (PM) Group</b>
<b>FRI 12/15</b>	6 PM	<b>High School Christmas Party</b> (Dinner Provided)
<b>SAT 12/16</b>	10:30 AM	<b>Cookie Exchange</b> (Brunch Provided)

## Serving the Lord

	12/3	12/10
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Cassy Erickson & Grace Martin	Robbin Kern & Andrea Tummond
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan Veenstra	Phyllis Sederberg
<b>Treats/ Clean Up</b>	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
<b>Audio</b>	Joel Tummond	Ben Armstrong
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jim Martin	N/A
<b>Officer on Duty</b>	Yon Lindborg	Chris Erickson

### Announcements

- **Lord's Supper:** Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Participation is open to all who are trusting in Christ for salvation, living a life of repentance from sin, and in good standing with a Christian church. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for more information.
- **Christmas Cookie Exchange:** December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am at the church. Brunch provided. Bring as many cookies as you would like to exchange. You can come even if you don't bring cookies, it is always a wonderful time in the holiday season we'd love for you to join us! Please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Youth Group:** High School will have their own Christmas party and dinner on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM (white elephant included and parents welcome).
- **Choir:** The youth group Christmas Choir practice today. No singing experience required, all who are interested please join after church in the blue room. The adult choir will also meet today briefly following the youth practice in the blue room.
- **Next Hymn Sing:** Save the date- our next hymn sing will be on Dec 31st (new year's eve). Hymn request she on the welcome desk.
- **Shepherding Groups: Sunday Dec 10th.** Details listed below. If you have questions talk to the elder in charge.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong)</b><br/>Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> after church at Gretzinger house.</li> <li>❖ <b>South/West (Martin/Curtis)</b><br/>Talk to Jim for details</li> <li>❖ <b>East (Lindborg/Erickson)</b><br/>Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm, at Lindborg Home.</li> </ul> |
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