

Dec 5, 2021

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



Prelude *Selection by CE*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 95:1-5 ^{ESV}

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

***Hymn of Praise**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 167

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resounds:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-25
ESV (Pew pg. 855/LP pg. 1066)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, on this first Sunday of Advent, we praise, bless and adore You, for the privilege of celebrating your great faithfulness and your immeasurable generosity. You sent Jesus to us, and have given him for us. Every promise you have made finds its emphatic “Yes!” in Jesus (2 Cor. 1:20). Fuel our wonder and enflame our hearts, Father. Help us to engage again, with the story of Jesus’ birth, with childlike wonder and renewed hope. Bring familiar Scriptures alive in fresh and transforming ways. Help us not to trust in a season, but in our Savior. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 95:6-11

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” ¹¹Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 224

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel's chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

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2. Christ, by his obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are thus justified, and did make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to his Father's justice in their behalf. Yet, inasmuch as he was given by the Father for them; and his obedience and satisfaction accepted in their stead; and both, freely, not for anything in them; their justification is only of free grace; that both the exact justice and rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.

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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***Hymn of Preparation**

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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1. The Time & Place

2. The Audience

3. The Battle

Questions:

1. What does the timing of this prophecy mean for us today?
2. Who are the central characters found in this prophecy? What is the significance of each?
3. How do you see the enmity played out in our world today between God's offspring and Satan's?
4. How does Gen. 3:15 teach us and train us to fight?

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: Selections from the Hymnal

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*Hymn of Response

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

No. 195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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*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
Intercessory Prayer**

Chris Erickson
Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 12/5	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service- Lord's Supper
WED 12/8	6:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study (Hebrews)
SAT 12/11	1:00 -4:00 PM	Christmas Youth Group
SUN 12/12	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
WED 12/15	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Hebrews) Women's Evening Bible Study (Hebrews)
THUR 12/16	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Hebrews)
SUN 12/19	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
THUR 12/23	11:00 AM	Women's Cookie Exchange
FRI 12/24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
SUN 11/26	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
THUR 12/30	11:00 AM	Viking Luncheon (all welcome)

Serving the Lord

	12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26	1/2
AM Nursery	Jenni Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Lorrie Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger
Greeters	Lash Fam	Alice Lindborg	Phyllis Sederberg	Arlene Lanenga	Lucy Hrivnak
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Jim Martin	Ben Armstrong	Forrest Carleton	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Jim Martin	Jason Lash	Jim Martin	Jason Lash	Jim Martin
Communion Prep	Yon Lindborg	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg

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 Poinsettia:** If you want to purchase a poinsettia in memory of someone this Christmas please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Youth Group:** The youth group has a fun event planned including singing, hot chocolate, and Christmas cheer for missionary families. Please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Sunday School Refreshments:** Just a reminder that if you want to help provide treats for the time before Sunday school or help clean up after, you can sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Winter is coming:** If you are not currently on our email list then please email info@goodshepherdpcanet and let us know. If there is inclement weather this is the easiest way of contacting our congregation.