

December 6, 2020

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



Offering Please put tithes in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins.

Prelude

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
What Child is This?
Pachelbel's Canon with the First Noel*

arr. Vandall
arr. Bastien
arr. Zentz

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 38:21-22

***Hymn of Praise**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

No. 200

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“PEACE on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King”;
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
when PEACE shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: PEACE

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess yet again that we have fallen short of your glory this week. We have violated your law many times this week in thought, word, and deed. We stand guilty now before you, rightly deserving your righteous condemnation. We plead now, as your people, for your mercy in our lives that you would wash us clean from all of our sins by the precious blood of your only Son, Jesus. And we would ask that you would instill in each one of our hearts a deep desire for holiness in all areas of our lives, and that by your Spirit's bidding, you would enable us more and more to follow after your law that you have prescribed for us in your Word. Awaken us to our great need of holy living we pray, In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 38:15-22

¹⁵ Lord, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.¹⁶ For I said, "Do not let them gloat or exalt themselves over me when my feet slip."¹⁷ For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me.¹⁸ I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.¹⁹ Many have become my enemies without cause; those who hate me without reason are numerous.²⁰ Those who repay my good with evil lodge accusations against me, though I seek only to do what is good.²¹ Lord, do not forsake me; do not be far from me, my God.²² Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my Savior.

Reception of New Members: Kathleen Elizabeth Kerr Gretzinger, William John Gretzinger, Grace Victoria Martin

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

No. 222

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he – for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind -
"glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town this day, is born of David's line,
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:

The heav'nly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will henceforth, from heav’n to men, begin and never cease!”

Westminster Shorter Catechism 100-101

Q. 100 What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Q. 101 What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation**

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.”

Outline

- 1. Why Judah Was Chosen

- 2. True Riches

- 3. Final Fulfillment

Questions:

- 1. What is the difference between grace and mercy?
- 2. According to today's sermon, what is one of the easiest ways to tell if someone is a Christian?
- 3. In Luke 19:1-10, the fruit of Zaccheus' repentance is what? How does heartfelt repentance lead to greater generosity in our financial giving?
- 4. Why does sanctification hurt so much?

The LORD's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: "Lift up your hearts!"

Congregation: **"We lift them up to the Lord!"**

***Hymn of Response**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Diadem), 297

Verse 4 & 6 on Insert

***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**

Carol of the Bells

arr. Schaum

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

Keyboard
Piano
Orff Metallophones/Violin
Tenor Sax
French Horn
Intercessory Prayer

Sandy Schoon
 Grayden Lash
 Chris Erickson
 Leam Armstrong
 Becky Schoon
 Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 12/6	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Opening Exercises Sunday School Worship Service – Second Sunday of Advent LORD's Supper (available YouTube & Facebook)
SAT 12/12	5:00 PM	Caroling Night
SUN 12/13	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Opening Exercises Sunday School Worship Service- Third Sunday of Advent (available YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	12/6	12/13	12/20	12/24	12/27
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Gretzinger	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson
Communion Helper	Aaron	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Advent Reader	Jim & Lorrie	Craig & Deanna	Jason & Val	Gretzinger	N/A

Announcements

➤ **Advent Season:** Keep an eye on the Christmas Calendar for upcoming events. We still need a volunteer (single, couple, or family) to read the advent wreath prayer and verse for Christmas Eve. If you feel led to serve in that way, please contact Andrew or Cassy.

➤ **Cancelled events:**

The cookie exchange is cancelled for this year.

And the Women's Morning Bible study will not meet Wed. Dec. 9th.