

December 8, 2024

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

Psalm 118:24



## **Prelude**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Introit**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

## **\*Call to Worship**

Rom. 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 311

## **\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

## **Reading of the Law**

Matthew 5:27-30

(Pew pg. 810/LP pg. 1011)

## **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has often been praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, your righteousness exalts us to your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in you plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear your assuring voice; that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you have been made sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

1 John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**    *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*    No. 298

**Scripture Reading**    1 Sam. 13:15b-23    (Pew pg. 235/LP pg. 296)

**Westminster Shorter Catechism**    pg. 969

### **Q. 19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?**

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

**Offering**    *What Child is This?*

**\*Doxology**    No. 567

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**

**Sermon**

Isaiah 9:1-7

(Pew pg. 573/LP pg. 719)

1. Grace (vv. 1-2)
2. Praise (vv. 3-5)
3. The Child (vv. 6-7c)
4. Passion (v. 7d)

Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus Christ knows you by name?
2. What is the source of the praise that God receives in vv. 3-5? Why should we praise Him according to these verses?
3. Most of the descriptors of God in this passage are militaristic. Are we, as Christians, meant to be militaristic in our language, attitudes towards others, or speech? Are there certain safeguards we should put in place to guard our hearts and minds against extremes in certain instances? Explain.
4. Explain the various nuances of each of the following names for Jesus: Wonderful Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Now apply that to everyday life and explain briefly how that makes a difference to you.

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Once in Royal David's City*

No. 322

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 572

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**

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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

**Musician**

Cathy Reed

**Intercessory Prayer**

Jim Martin

**Weekly Calendar**

**SUN 12/8**

9:20 AM  
10:30 AM  
After Service

**Sunday School  
Worship AM Service  
Older Kids Choir Practice  
Shepherding Groups (No PM Service)**

**THUR 12/12**

9:30 AM

**Women’s Morning Study**

**FRI 12/13**

9:30 AM

**Younger Kids Choir Practice**

**SUN 12/15**

9:20 AM  
10:30 AM  
After Service  
4 PM  
5PM

**Sunday School  
Worship AM Service  
Older Kids Choir Practice  
Adult Choir Practice  
Worship PM Service**

**Serving the Lord**

	12/08/2024	12/15/2024	12/22/2024
Nursery During Sunday School	Felicia Armstrong	Karen Carleton	Andrea Tummond
Nursery During AM Service	Karen Carleton & Andrea Tummond	Kathleen Gretzinger & Cordie Armstrong	Beth Siderius & Neliz Hill-Ortiz
Nursery During PM Service	N/A	Kathleen Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Robbin Kern	Connie Eenigenburg
Treats/ Clean	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ed Ross	Ben Armstrong
Elder	Jim Martin	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson
Deacon	Craig Curtis	Jason Lash	Ken Erickson
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Jason Lash	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash