

# **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**December 14, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)**

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are  
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,  
Make Disciples...)**

## **PRELUDE**

## **GREETING**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you

**C:** And also with you.

## **HYMN "Hark the Glad Sound" LW 29**

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'ns eternal arches ring with your beloved name.**

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *Amen*

## **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

The use of an Advent wreath, a circle of evergreen branches with four candles plus a Christ candle in the center, originated in the time of Martin Luther for use in the home to prepare for the Christmas celebration. Eventually it came to also be used in the liturgical worship services of the church.

## **THE "O ANTIPHON" OF ADVENT: Day Spring Isaiah 60:1-2**

Since the ninth century, the Church has used the "O Antiphons" in their Advent worship. The "O Antiphons" are Advent prayers that address Christ Jesus by one of His Old Testament prophetic titles. The hymn, "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" is based upon these "antiphon" titles. This Advent we join with our Old Testament brothers and sisters in Christ in recalling God's promises and celebrating their fulfillment at Christmas.

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen***

P: Come, Gracious Lord, our hearts renew.

**C: *Come and shine into them with your healing and productive light.***

P: Come, O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

**C: *Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.***

P: Hear the Word of the Lord...

**C: *Thanks be to God!***

P: Come, Lord Jesus!

**C: *Come quickly, Emmanuel!***

P: The Word of the Lord;

**C: *Thanks be to God!***

**HYMN "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LW 31 v 1, 6**

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing  
nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to  
flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our  
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our  
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly  
deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that  
we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy  
name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives  
you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the  
grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE GLORIA PATRI

**C\*: 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

**"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." <sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 4:9-10

**This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)

*(John 6:68)*

C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:46-55

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.**

<sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup>to Abraham  
and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" LW 22 (alt tune 286)

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free;  
From our fears and sins release us by your death on Calvary.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart,  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.  
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

**VIOLA SOLO** "Silent Night" Sofia Gomez

**MESSAGE** "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him" Sunday School Christmas Program

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

## OFFERTORY

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit  
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with  
your free Spirit.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for  
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### AGNUS DEI

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his  
promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## **CLOSING HYMN    "Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"    LW 42**

**Let us all with gladsome voice praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to make our hearts rejoice, His own Son has given.**

**To this place of fears he came, servant, healer, mender;  
Through his death we heaven claim, there to reign in splendor.**

**We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore here on earth and yonder.**

**Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Oh, be ever near us.  
Be our joy throughout each year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.**

*Silent prayer*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**