

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
**The Third Sunday in Advent**  
December 13, 2020  
Worship Where You Are  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*Gather, as you are able: a piece of bread or cracker, wine or juice, a Bible, a candle or flashlight, a bowl of water, and a cross (if you don't have one, draw one or make one!)*

## GATHER

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

*Excerpts of Arcangelo Corelli's Christmas Concerto Grosso op. 6, no. 8*

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### Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

### Welcome/Announcements

### Opening Hymn

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**ELW 239**

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| <p>1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,<br/>the Savior promised long;<br/>let ev'ry heart prepare a throne<br/>and ev'ry voice a song.</p> <p>2 He comes the pris'ners to release,<br/>in Satan's bondage held.<br/>The gates of brass before him burst,<br/>the iron fetters yield.</p> | <p>3 He comes the broken heart to bind,<br/>the bleeding soul to cure,<br/>and with the treasures of his grace<br/>to enrich the humble poor.</p> <p>4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,<br/>your welcome shall proclaim,<br/>and heav'n's eternal arches ring<br/>with your beloved name.</p> |
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Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

### Confession

**P:** As we wait and watch with faithfulness and anticipation, let us confess our sins.  
*Silence for Reflection*

**C:** We open our hearts to you O God, search us and know us, reveal all that we keep hidden inside. To you alone we confess our sins. We are afraid to share your word lest others judge or mock us. We ignore your wisdom because it isn't convenient or easy. We allow ourselves to be defeated by despair and the cruel words of others. Forgive us, renew us, and keep us faithful, that we may be a reflection of your great love and light to a world in darkness.

**P:** God knows our every weakness and still loves us and upholds our life. May your sins be forgiven and your faith and hope restored in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

**C:** Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Advent 3

P: Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

P: O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

C: **let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

*Light three candles.* - Brayden Jones

### Hymn

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

**ELW240 verses 1 - 3**

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.

3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:  
Let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.

2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
Gently lead them homeward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### Prayer of the Day

L: Faithful God,

C: **Help us to prepare our hearts to receive your gift of grace. You are always faithful to renew us and keep your promises for us. We rejoice at your goodness and praise your name. Come Holy Spirit, flood our hearts, our church, and our world with your love, Amen.**

## WORD

### Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom.....

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children's Message

#### Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, .....

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Pastor Patrick Fish

## Hymn of the Day

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 vs, 1,2,4 & 7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

## Prayers of Intercession

L: O Heavenly Parent, more valuable than possessions or status is the robe of righteousness with which you cover us. Teach us to treasure the gifts of your kingdom blessings, more than the material things we are tempted to pursue.

Generous God,

C: **Hear our prayer**

L: Build up and restore broken relationships, and connections with those from whom we feel distanced. Forgive harmful words and actions. Teach us to value and love compassion above the need to be right and to justify ourselves. Teach us to value our neighbor who has your face. Generous God,

C: **Hear our prayer**

L: Just as the earth brings forth shoots and a garden causes what is sown to spring up, you will keep your promises to renew all creation, even after all the damage it has suffered. Make us co-creators in your reconciling work, defenders of all living things and the environment that supports them.

Generous God,

C: **Hear our prayer**

L: Those who mourn will one day celebrate again. Heal all those struggling with grief, regret, sadness, or illness, especially those whom we name before you now.....

Generous God,

C: **Hear our prayer**

L: Our eyes long to see your face and await the fulfillment of all your promises, the answer to all our prayers: your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen**

## Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(The congregation now takes time to exchange a greeting of peace)*

## The Offering of our Gifts *Excerpts of Arcangelo Corelli's Christmas Concerto Grosso op. 6, no. 8*

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*We offer to God a portion of what God has first given to us. It is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God's gifts.*

## Offertory Prayer

P: We honor,

C: **Your word when we live according to your ways. Accept these offerings which we present to you for the sake of your work in the world, in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts,

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

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..... We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Holy, Holy

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

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed....  
Again, after supper, he took the cup.....

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

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

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## The Distribution

- *At St. Mark's, all people are welcome at God's table. No exceptions.*
- *We believe Jesus is in, with and under the elements. There's a profound mystery and power in Holy Communion.*
- *We believe that Christ is present in your bread and wine/grape juice in your homes.*
- *As you eat your bread. As you drink your wine. Hear those words Jesus spoke to you: FOR YOU. Jesus is FOR YOU.*
- *In this Sacrament, receive God's forgiveness of sin and taste God's grace again. May it fill you and help you remember that on that last night, Jesus was thinking of you.*

## At Home Instructions

For those with loved ones, commune yourselves.  
Use the words we use when communing our saints:

Bread: Body of Christ given for you

Wine/Grape Juice: Blood of Christ shed for you.

For those alone watching worship, the presiding pastor will take a moment to virtually offer you the elements of Christ's body and blood.

When the pastor offers the body of Christ for you, receive the body.

When the pastor offers the blood of Christ for you, receive the blood.

## Communion Song

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**ELW 490**

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
comes full homage to demand.

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Post Communion Prayer

### Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

ELW 266

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!  
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
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### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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