

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
December 26, 2021

Pre-Service Hymn Sing (Congregation's Choice)

386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth, Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth, The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine, The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us, Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us, A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing, With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing, In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**  
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our  
Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I  
have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.  
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your  
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of  
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the  
Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of  
my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.  
 C **And with thy spirit.**

- P Let us pray.  
 O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading *Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

<sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath sprung!  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming, As prophets long have sung,  
 It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
 When half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;  
 With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
 To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior,  
 When half-spent was the night.
- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender, With sweetness fills the air,  
 Dispels with glorious splendor, The darkness ev'rywhere.  
 True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us  
 And lightens ev'ry load.
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;  
 O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:  
 Bring us at length we pray, To the bright courts of heaven,  
 And to the endless day.

**Epistle** *Colossians 3:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

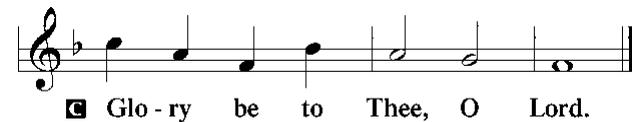
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



**Holy Gospel** *Luke 2:22–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many

in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Children's Message**

**810 O God of God, O Light of Light**

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven’s glory bright, The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page, And grand in poets’ wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age, The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night, Rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above, He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed**

C **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.**

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
 C **Amen.**

### Offering

#### 369 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

- 1 Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,  
 I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
 But there is room and welcome there for me, But there is room and welcome there for me.
- 2 In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:  
 Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:  
 A still, small voice to cry one day for me, A still, small voice to cry one day for me.
- 3 How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
 His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
 A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me, A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
- 4 Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned  
 Its way into my heart—unasked, unforced, unearned,  
 To die, to live, and not alone for me, To die, to live, and not alone for me

### Prayer of the Church

#### Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, 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.**

### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

### Benedicamus

- A Bless we the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
 C **Amen, amen, amen.**

### 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

*ref* *Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger, The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation, That blessèd Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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