

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 17, 2023

349 Hark the Glad Sound

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace, To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring, With Thy belovèd name.

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

Psalm *Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 5*

- ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said
among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Gloria Patri

☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- ☐ And with thy spir - it.
- P Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our
hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☐ A - men.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .
⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Noel *Sung by DeeDee Lindamood*

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.
²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Musical notation for Alleluia. The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *John 1:6–8, 19–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Musical notation for the beginning of the Holy Gospel. The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .
¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”
²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”
²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the end of the Holy Gospel. The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sts. 1, ref, 4–6*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. *Refrain*

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

Sermon

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Sanctus: **339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors** *sts. 1–2*

1 Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors, And weep no more! O Zion’s daughter, sing,
To greet your coming King; Now wave the victor’s palm, And sing the ancient psalm:
“Lift up your heads, you everlasting gates!” Your King awaits!

2 Who is this King of great and glorious fame? What is His name? Lord God of Sabaoth,
Of whom the prophets wrote, Whose chosen, humble steed, Declares Him king indeed!
Hosanna, Lord! Messiah, come and save, From sin and grave.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini7

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei: **339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors** *sts. 3–4*

3 Who may ascend Mount Zion’s holy hill, To do God’s will? The One whose unstained hands
Can meet the Law’s demands, Whose purity within, Reveals One free from sin.
Come, praise this King who claims the cross as throne—Praise Him alone!

4 “Worthy is Christ!” The Lamb who once was slain, Now lives to reign. He rules our earthly
ways, As Lord of Ancient Days—O join the endless song, Sung by the ransomed throng:
“Worthy is Christ!” The Lamb be praised again! Amen! Amen!

333 Once He Came in Blessing

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing; Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy; Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us, Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given, Manna that will nourish, Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour, When with mighty power, Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render, With the faithful sharing, Joy beyond comparing.

- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us. Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving, Ever may confess You, Till in heav'n we bless You.

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You *Sung to the alternate tune of hymn 442*

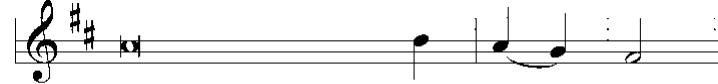
- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright? Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight! O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly, All that may please You best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before You, Green boughs and fairest palms; And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms. My heart shall bloom forever, For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never, Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me free. I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me. A glorious crown You give me, A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me, As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me. Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty. Oh, love beyond all telling, That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase; Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace. He comes, for you procuring, The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing, Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes, A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those, Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

Nunc Dimittis

- C 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.**

Thanksgiving

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

- P** The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

- A** Bless we the Lord.



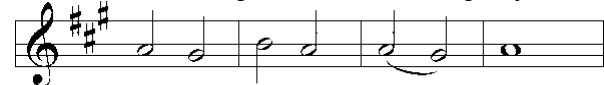
G Thanks be to God.

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 T give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

392 God Loves Me Dearly

- 1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, Loves even me. *Refrain*
ref Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.
- 2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working, To make me free. *Refrain*
- 3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus, And set me free. *Refrain*
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain*
- 5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal; Now I will praise You, All my life long. *Refrain*

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