

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 14, 2025

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns, And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills, And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun, That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn, When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death, Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn, Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes, And we shall see His face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns, And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

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

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.
With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.
**(sung) 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.**
Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

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.
C **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.
- C **A - men.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 35:1–10*

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Anthem: "Come, Emmanuel, Come"

Sung by DeeDee Lindamood

Epistle *James 5:7–11*

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**


Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:2–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”
⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’
¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

346 When All the World Was Cursed

- 1 When all the world was cursed, By Moses' condemnation, Saint John the Baptist came,
With words of consolation. With true forerunner's zeal, The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
- 2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting, Confessing Him as Lord
Whose mother he was greeting. By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him, Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God, That bears the world's transgression, Whose sacrifice removes
The devil's dread oppression. Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy, Will full atonement win.
- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing, The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing, That gladly we may walk, Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him, In His eternal day.

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.**

Offering

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!, Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still, The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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.
- C Amen, amen, amen.**

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 beloved name.

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