

Divine Service, Setting Three
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Song Service
22 December 2024

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INVOCATION: PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT

All: Amen

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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 Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: ♪“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME”

LSB 332 V. 1-4

All:

**1. Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**2. Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh-
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.**

Women:

**3. Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown;
God was there upon His throne.**

All:

**4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.**

READING OF THE PROPHECIES: ISAIAH 9:6-7; GALATIANS 4:4-5

HYMN: ♪ "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME"

LSB 332 V.5-8

All:

**5. God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down.
Back then to His throne and crown.**

Men:

**6. For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.**

All:

**7. From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.**

**Δ8. Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.**

READING OF THE PROPHECIES: JEREMIAH 23:1-7

- 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 Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True Man, yet very God,
from sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every 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!**

READING OF THE PROPHECIES: DEUTERONOMY 18:15; GENESIS 3:15

HYMN: ♪“IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET”

**Ihr kinderlein kommet, O kommet doch all’,
Zur Krippe her kommet in Bethlehems Stall
Und seht, was in dieser hoch-heiligen Nacht
Der Vater im Himmel für Freude uns macht!**

**O seht in der Krippe, im nächtlichen Stall,
Seht hier bei des Lichteins hellglänz-endem Strahl,
In reinlichen Windeln, das himmlische Kind,
Viel schöner und holder, als Engelein sind.**

O beugt wie die Hirten anbetend die Knie,
Erhebet die Händlein und danket, wie sie!
Stimmt freudig, ihr Kinder, wer sollt' sich nicht freu'n,
Stimmt freudig zum Jubel der Engel mit ein!

READING OF THE PROPHECIES: MICAH 5:1-5A

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪ "CAROL FOR ADVENT"

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:1-7

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪ "PREPARE, PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:8-14

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪ "COME, THOU JESU"

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 1:18-25

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪ "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:15-20

HYMN: ♪ "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

LSB 379

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!**
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels: Refrain

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

- 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,**
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,**
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: Refrain

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;**
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

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SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Stand

Apostles Creed

G 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 Lord be with you

G And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

G Amen

OFFERTORY

G 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.

Sit

OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN: ♪ "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

LSB 781 V. 1-2

**1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!**

Sit

HYMN: ♪ "THE FIRST NOEL"

**1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain:

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**2. They lookèd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain***

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

HYMN: ♪ "GOTT IST DIE LIEBE"

**Gott ist die Liebe, laszt mich erlösen;
Gott is die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

**Ich lag in Banden Der Schnöden Sünde;
Ich lag in Banden und Konnt' nicht los.
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

Er sandte Jesum, den treuen heiland
Er sandte Jesum und macht mich los
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

Stand

LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

HYMN: ♪ "SILENT NIGHT"

LSB 363

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar,
Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Stand

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

P 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 † give you peace.

G Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ "LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE"

LSB 390

1. Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of Heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.

2. To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in Heav'ns fair home
We may reign in gladness.

3. We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.

4. O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us!

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

