

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
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345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!"
  - 2 Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
  - 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv'n;
  - 4 So, when next He comes in glory, And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy, And with words of love draw near.
- D 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion, To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit, While eternal ages run!

Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**  
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**  
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

- Rejoice in the Lord always;  
**again I will say, Rejoice.**  
Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

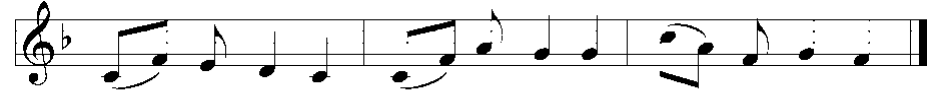
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
**who keeps faith forever;**  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
**who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.  
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; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
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 **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

- <sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.  
<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
"Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.  
<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.  
<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,

so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**Epistle** *Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 7:18–28*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, 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? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**818 In Thee Is Gladness**

1 In Thee is gladness, Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely, Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining, To see Thy shining, Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story  
Tell of His glory, With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices, In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him, Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering

### 370 What Child Is This *st. 3*

- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.  
With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.  
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- 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 Domini

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

### Agnus Dei

- C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**  
**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

### 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings, Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare, For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away, Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand, And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face, Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- D 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee, Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

### Immanuel (Screen)

#### 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.

### Nunc Dimittis

- C **1 O Lord, now let Your servant, Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles, Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**  
**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding, Through all eternity.**

### Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
C **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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