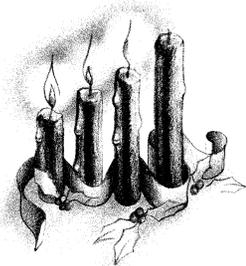


# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Divine Worship. . . . . 9:30am**

**SS/BC. . . . 10:45/10:50am**

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## ADVENT THREE

December 13, 2020

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**Psalm:** Hymn Insert

**Prayers:** Hymn Insert

**Organist:** Mr. Walter Priebe

**HYMNS:** 63 15 61 97

### PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 63** - "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

### THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

**Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the  
grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly  
home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to  
misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

### CLC CALL NEWS

*Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call of Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. • Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh has returned the call of Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN • Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights MN has returned the call of Holy Trinity Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. • Recently colloquized Terry Stringer, a member of St., Stephen, Heyward, CA has been called and has accepted the call of Trinity, Spokane, WA to serve as "Assistant Vacancy Pastor" in a one-year call. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt is the vacancy pastor. • Pastor Del Maas has returned the call of Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich, SD. He will continue to serve Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul of Ponsford, MN. • Teacher Paul Tiefel III, who currently serves at Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI has been called to serve as Principal and Upper Grade Teacher by Messiah Lutheran School in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI.*

#### **Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2020**

*The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. The Fiscal year of the CLC runs from December 1- November 30 each year. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.\*\**

<b>Amount Pledged 2020</b>	<b>Received as of 12/06/20</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
\$7000.00	\$5730.00	\$1270.00

#### **CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO**

<b>APRIL 2022 GOAL</b>	<b>RECEIVED 12/06</b>	<b>MAY 2022 GOAL</b>
\$35.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

#### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/06/20**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Missions (CBP)</b>	<b>CLCI Sem Student</b>
\$600.00	\$73.00	\$170.00	\$50.00
<b>Total: \$893.00</b>			

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## HOME DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14-19, 2020

**Monday - Isaiah 61:1-3,10-14** Who needs *good tidings*? Those who are poor in spirit, who need healing for a broken heart, and are hoping for reprieve from prison. In ancient Israel, everyone looked forward to the Jubilee year, when God turned society back to square one. These are spiritual matters dressed in earthly garb (1-3), of course, and spiritually minded people understood the picture language—that Jehovah had *clothed them with the garment of salvation, the robe of His own righteousness*. Praise the LORD!

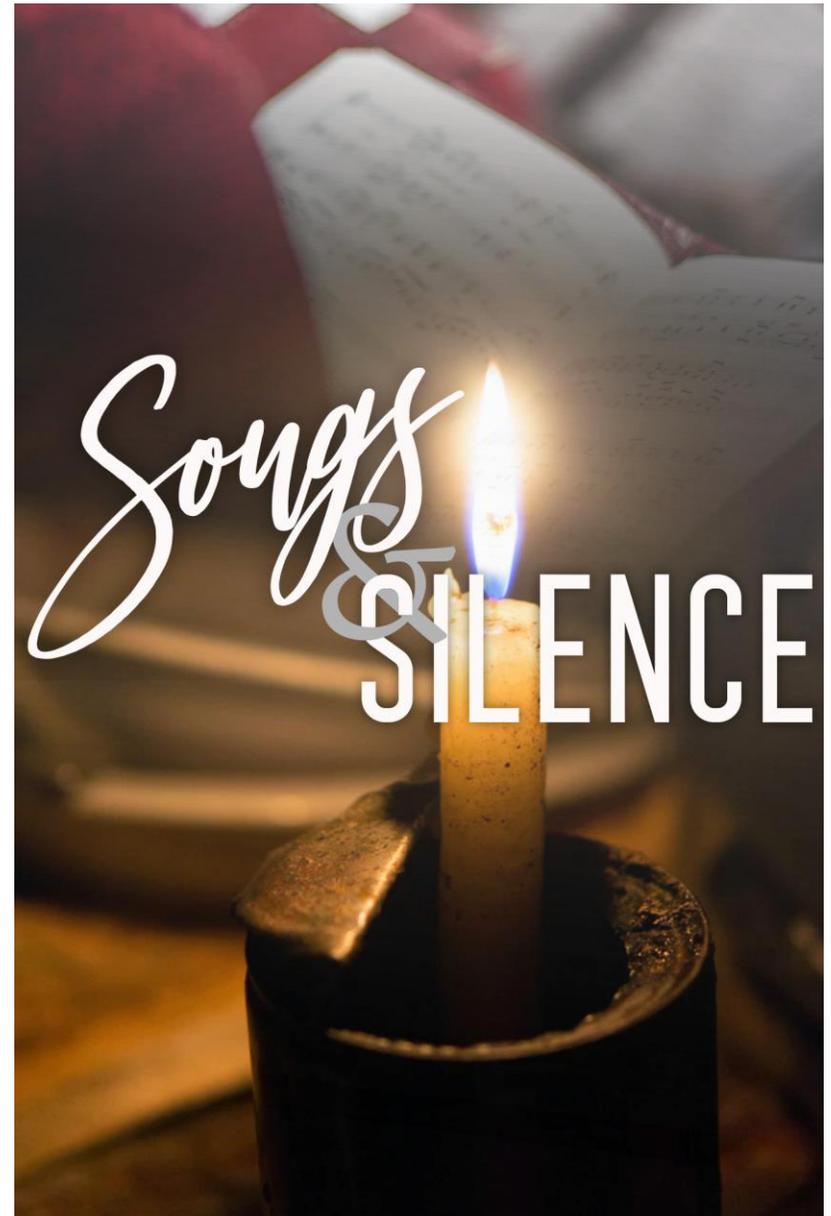
**Tuesday - John 1:6-8,19-27** God gave John a great privilege—to hold high the torch for Jesus (6-8) and explain that his own role in God’s great enterprise (19-26) was subsidiary to the person and work of Jesus. So, pay attention to Jesus and don’t confuse anyone else as a possible contender for God’s glory!

**Wednesday - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** Are these mandates? Recommendations? They are exhortations, urging us to be spiritually minded. For our own good (and for the good of others) God is reminding us that we can rejoice always, we can pray habitually, we can give thanks in every situation. How come? Because God is our ally, devoted to our welfare and dedicated to hold us tight all the way to Doomsday (23). We can depend on God (24)! Hallelujah!

**Thursday - Psalm 71** Since God, the LORD/Jehovah, is the basis for our prayer (1-3), we plead for all sorts of deliverance—just as He has done in the past (5-6), is still doing in the present (7-8) and will do in the future (9-11). Adversaries should cringe (12-13) before Him who supports us (14-16) as we advance through life (17-18). Summary: Since You, O LORD, are for me (19-21), I am speaking up for You (22-24). Please, advance Your Advent into this world!

**Friday - Luke 4:18-21** Six centuries earlier, Jesus had prompted Isaiah to introduce Him to His people, and now (at the right time and in the right place) Jesus stepped forward. Why? To reveal that Isaiah had Jesus in mind when he outlined the Mission of the Messiah. Were the Hebrews ready for His arrival? Some were; most were not. Same story today. Lord, have mercy on us!

**Saturday - Acts 19:21-32** Who wouldn’t be upset if your life were so intertwined with your religion that your status in society, your friendships, and your job security depended on it? We understand. We’ve been there, too, but on the other side of the fence, for we are integrated with God and God’s religion. Back to the future: In old Ephesus Paul was targeted for his Jesus/Advent preaching, for idolaters were outraged that he had the audacity to diss their favorite female goddess and patron. Satan knew how to deceive them with a sex symbol, and he is still pulling that dirty trick on our money-and-sex-idolatrous society today. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!



**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Advent Three . . . . . Sunday December 13, 2020

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 13, 2020

### **THIS MORNING**

**Before Service:** *Christmas Caroling*

**Sunday School:** *NT #2 – The Birth of Christ Announced*

**Bible Study:** *The Salvation Army*

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** *Midweek Advent Service #3, 7pm*

**Sunday:** *Worship - 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; Bible Study 10:50am*

### **USHERS**

*The Ushers are asked to dismiss the congregation from the back in an effort to reduce the 'bottleneck' in the fellowship hall.*

### **MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP**

*Midweek Advent Services conclude this Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We conclude with the Silence of Satan, whose accusing mouth is silenced in Christ. Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume in January 2021.*

### **THE SONGS AND SILENCE OF ADVENT**

*This morning marks the beginning of the Advent Season, during which we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. This Advent we are taking up a series entitled: Songs and Silence. On the Sundays of Advent, we will take up a study of four 'songs' (Elizabeth, Mary, Zacharias and the Angels). On Wednesday evenings we will take a look at the Silence of Zacharias, Mary and Satan. Join us for face to face worship (God-willing) or watch or listen online at [calvary.clclutheran.org/sermons](http://calvary.clclutheran.org/sermons).*

### **TENTATIVE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*We are getting to the end of the Advent Season (though it hardly looks like December outside). While we will not have a Christmas Dinner or do Christmas Caroling at Jacobetti (which is closed) we plan to have a Christmas Eve Service on Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (with social distancing) and a Christmas Day Service on Friday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Our Annual New Years Eve Communion Service will be held the following Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. These plans are tentative, depending on the will of our God and the health of our membership.*

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**

### **MALACHI 4:1-6**

"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.

<sup>2</sup> But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. <sup>3</sup> You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do *this*," Says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *With the statutes and judgments.* <sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." \*

### **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE**

The Shepherd Candle reminds us of the power and importance of the message. It is a message to be treasured in the heart and also carried to the ends of the earth.

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **ACTS 19:1-10**

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples <sup>2</sup> he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

<sup>4</sup> Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

<sup>5</sup> When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup> Now the men were about twelve in all.

<sup>8</sup> And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

<sup>9</sup> But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup> And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. \*

**THE GRADUAL** -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

**Pastor:** You who dwell between the cherubim:

**Congregation:** Shine forth, stir up your strength and come.

**Pastor:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel:

**Congregation:** You who lead the flock of God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Pastor:** Stir up Your Strength, O Lord:

**Congregation:** Come and save us! Hallelujah!

**(Sung)** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**MATTHEW 3:1-6**

[cf. also Mark 1:2–6; Luke 3:3–6]

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

*'Prepare the way of the LORD;*

*Make His paths straight.'* "

<sup>4</sup> Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him <sup>6</sup> and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. \*

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

**APOSTLES CREED** (PG. 12)

**HYMN: 15** - "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

**THE SERMON:**

**LUKE 1:67-79**

<sup>67</sup> Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: <sup>68</sup> "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, <sup>69</sup> And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, <sup>70</sup> As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who *have been* since the world began, <sup>71</sup> That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup> To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, <sup>75</sup> In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

<sup>76</sup> "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, <sup>77</sup> To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, <sup>78</sup> Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; <sup>79</sup> To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." \*

**A SONG IN THE MAKING FOR AGES**

Praise God...for raising a Horn of Salvation.

Praise God...for Shining on those in Darkness.

**THE OFFERINGS**

In order to minimize contact with the ushers, you are asked to please leave your offerings in the basket on the table in the fellowship hall either before or after worship.

**THE OFFERING HYMN:**

(TLH 441:1-2,6)

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.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

**PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: 61** - "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

**THE COLLECT:** Pastor

**CONGREGATION:** (Sung) "Amen."

**THE BENEDICTION:** Pastor

**CONGREGATION:** (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

**CLOSING HYMN: 97** – "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"

# **HYMN SHEET**

(An effort to reduce the points of contact for the time being.)

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

## **PSALM 107**

<sup>1</sup> Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, <sup>3</sup> And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup> They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in. <sup>5</sup> Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. <sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He delivered them out of their distresses. <sup>7</sup> And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place. <sup>8</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, *And for* His wonderful works to the children of men! <sup>9</sup> For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness. <sup>10</sup> Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons— <sup>11</sup> Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High, <sup>12</sup> Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and *there was* none to help. <sup>13</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses. <sup>14</sup> He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces. <sup>15</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, *And for* His wonderful works to the children of men! <sup>16</sup> For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.

<sup>17</sup> Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. <sup>18</sup> Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death. <sup>19</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses. <sup>20</sup> He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions. <sup>21</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, *And for* His wonderful works to the children of men! <sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

<sup>23</sup> Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters, <sup>24</sup> They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. <sup>25</sup> For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea. <sup>26</sup> They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble. <sup>27</sup> They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

<sup>28</sup> Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses. <sup>29</sup> He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. <sup>30</sup> Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven. <sup>31</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men! <sup>32</sup> Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.

<sup>33</sup> He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground; <sup>34</sup> A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it. <sup>35</sup> He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings. <sup>36</sup> There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place, <sup>37</sup> And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest. <sup>38</sup> He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.

<sup>39</sup> When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow, <sup>40</sup> He pours contempt on princes, And causes them to wander in the wilderness *where there is* no way; <sup>41</sup> Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And makes *their* families like a flock. <sup>42</sup> The righteous see *it* and rejoice, And all iniquity stops its mouth.

<sup>43</sup> Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things*, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

## **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

### **IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS**

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who are in any trouble or distress and cry to You, graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may note and receive Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

### **FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS**

O Lord, we ask You to mercifully hear the prayers of Your Church so that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind, may enjoy Your peace all the days of our Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

## **HYMN                      ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY**

**1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings from the King of kings.**

## HYMN

### LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE

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 heaven's fair homes 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! Amen.

2. Then cleansed by every Christian breast And furnished for so great a Guest. Yea, let us each our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

3. For Thou art our Salvation, Lord, Our Refuge, and our great Reward. Without Thy grace our souls must fade And wither like a flower decayed.

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 every place.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Who advent sets Thy people free, Whom, with the Father, we adore And Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.

## THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Congregation: (Sung) "Who made heaven and earth."**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**Congregation: (Sung) "And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."**

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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 sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."**

### GLORIA PATRI

All: (Sung) "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."

### THE KYRIE

All: (Sung) "Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us."

### HYMN                      OH, COME, OH, COME EMMANUEL

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

### SALUTATION

Pastor: "The Lord be with you."

Congregation: (Sung) "And with thy spirit."

### COLLECT

Pastor: (Prayer)

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

### HYMN                      FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

### OFFERING HYMN                      WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

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.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

### HYMN                      COMFORT, COMFORT, YE MY PEOPLE

1. Comfort, comfort, ye My people, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over.

2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed; All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed. She hath suffered many a day, Now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.

3. Hark, the Herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near, Bidding all men to repentance Since the Kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4. Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain; Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign. For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad, And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken. Amen.