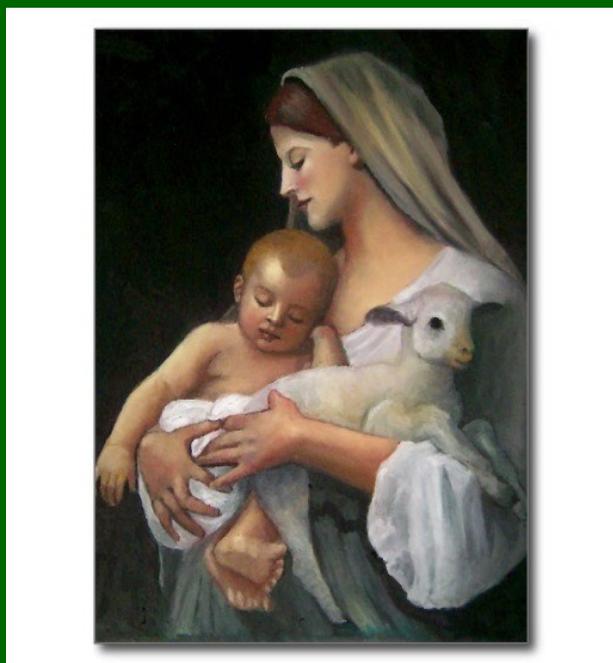


# Advent Midweek Three

Joy: God's Way

December 14, 2016

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**Joy: God's Way** — “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:11)

**Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee LSB 803

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

### **Versicles (Advent)**

**P** The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** All those who await His appearance pray:

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** The whole creation pleads:

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **Thanksgiving for Light**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 141

- P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- P** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to You.
- C** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- P** Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.
- C** Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
- P** But my eyes are turned to You, O God;  
in You I take refuge.  
Strip me not of my life.
- C** 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.  
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Office Hymn:** From Heaven Above to Earth I Come LSB 358 vs 1-5

### The Gospel According to Luke the 1st Chapter:

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

### **Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." <sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

### **Final Reading Response**

**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**Sermon Hymn:** From Heaven Above to Earth I Come LSB 358 vs 6-8

**Sermon Text:** Luke 1:39-56

**Sermon Theme:** Joy: God's Way

**Offerings:** We will receive the Offerings and Tithes of God's People For the Work of the Ministry.

### **Litany**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Matthew Harrison our synodical President and for Scott Sailer our District President, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For President Obama and for our new president-elect Trump and for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened and that they uphold constitutional authority, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*

**P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C** **To You, O Lord.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** Savior of the Nations Come LSB 332 vs 5-6

**Next Week: Wednesday December 21st—join us at 6:45 pm for hymn sing and at 7:00 pm for worship. Sermon Theme next week-Love: That changes The World**





“But you,  
**B**ethlehem...  
out of you  
will come  
a ruler who  
will be the  
shepherd  
of my people  
Israel.”

MATTHEW 2:6