



**Printed Service**  
 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska  
**Midweek Advent Service #3**  
**December 16, 2020**



**Your King Is Coming! Are you ready?**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** ..... "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" LSB 342 v. 3, 4

3 As ban-ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf-fer loss,  
 4 Come, Je-sus, come, Mes-si-ah Lord, Lost Par-a-dise re-store;  
 That by His death a dy-ing world Would ral-ly to the cross.  
 Lead past the an-gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o-pen heav-en's door.

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**Invocation and Opening Sentences**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- C** **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**
- P** Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C** **Make His paths straight.**

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C** **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- 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.**

## Theme Sequence:

### Matthew 24:30-31

<sup>30</sup>Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## Theme Sequence:

**P** Many sounds compete for the attention of our ears. One sound that is promised to get our attention is the sound of the trumpet at the Last Day, when Jesus returns in glory. Our Lord says that at His returning, all on earth "will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call." For all the redeemed of the Lord, the sound of the trumpet call will be a "glad sound" indeed! The glad sound of our Savior's coming is the focus of the hymn "Hark the Glad Sound,"

Hymn..... "Hark the Glad Sound" LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come  
prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es  
throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## First Reading: Isaiah 7:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. <sup>2</sup>When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with Ephraim," the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

<sup>3</sup>And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. <sup>4</sup>And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup>Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, <sup>6</sup>"Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it," <sup>7</sup>thus says the Lord GOD:

"It shall not stand,  
and it shall not come to pass.

<sup>8</sup>For the head of Syria is Damascus,  
and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

(Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken to pieces so that it will no longer be a people.)

<sup>9</sup>“And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,  
and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.

If you are not firm in faith,  
you will not be firm at all.”

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsory**

**P** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**P** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

### **Apostles' 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 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.**

Hymn....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 v. 5-7



5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**Advent Sermon: LISTEN!**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Luther's Evening Prayer**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Benediction**

- B** 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** ..... "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB 352 v. 1, 6



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
 6 Then when You will come a - gain As the glo - rious  
 kept His word And at last to us did send  
 king to reign, I with joy will see Your face,  
 Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Free - ly ran - somed by Your grace.

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