

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Third Sunday in Advent
Saturday, December 14, 2024 @ 3 pm

Radio Broadcast – Parking Lot Service -- FM 107.1

Sunday, December 15, 2024 8:30 am - Live Stream

10:00 am TV Broadcast WQOW TV 18

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

OPENING HYMN

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn #50

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: **[Refrain]**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: **[Refrain]**

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: **[Refrain]**

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, You sent Your Son, The King of Israel, the Lord, in our midst, Immanuel God is with us and he would remove disaster, shame, in His love we are restored.

**Forgive us when we don't submit to Your will in our lives and
won't treat You as our King and Lord.**

Lord Jesus, we regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord! (Philippians 3:8)

**Forgive us when we worry about the past and don't look forward
to the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Holy Spirit, You convict us of our sins and call us to follow Christ in Word and deed.

Through the Holy Spirit help us to proclaim what You have done.

(Pause for a moment of reflection and self-examination.)

Almighty God, You sent John the baptizer to call us back to You that we may know the depth of Your love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Guide us to come to You, lay our worries at Your feet and know the peace which passes all understanding. It is through faith in Jesus Christ that your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to those who truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, You prepared the way for Your Son so that we believe in Him and know the peace that passes all understanding. "In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (John 16:33) Grant that we may witness to Christ's coming and reflect what He has done in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

"ANGELS' CANDLE"

ADVENT READING

LUKE 2:8-15

OT P. 935

(Let us pray together) Almighty God, today we remember Your messengers, the angels who brought the Good News of Jesus The Messiah's birth to the shepherds. Prepare our hearts for Christ's coming that we may not be afraid in when tribulations come, but that we may wholly lean on Jesus, who has conquered the world. Amen

Advent Hymn

It Came upon a Midnight Clear

(v. 2) Hymn # 54

"Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing."

The Word

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

OT p. 862

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God!")

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

NT p.1078

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God!")

Special Music

"Adore Him" arr. David Wise, David Shipps, Saving
Grace Choir, Chloe Sawall (Choir Director), Shayla Menter (piano)

Gospel Acclamation:

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

(vs.1) Hymn #26

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story;

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

NT p. 937

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord!")

(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ!")

SERMON

"No Fear, 'I have conquered the world'"

Pastor David Irgens

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

"Hark! The Heald Angels Sing"

Hymn #60

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;

With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel. **[Refrain]**

Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;

Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. **[Refrain]**

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Blessing and Prayer

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

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavn'ly song? **[Refrain]**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **[Refrain]**

Benediction

Go In peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 12:2-6**OT p. 628**

**Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God^[a] is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say on that day:

**Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**⁵Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known^[b] in all the earth.**

**⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal^[c] Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

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