



*Chosen,
Blessed, Broken,
& Given*

Sundays in Advent 2020



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020
Calvary Lutheran Church

+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

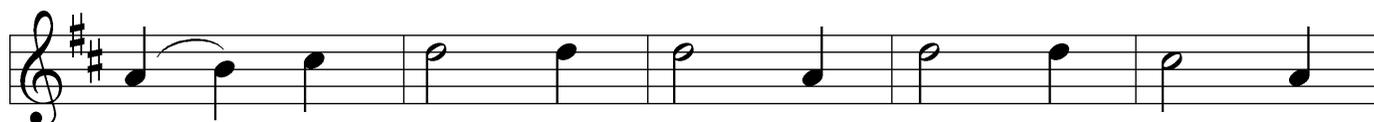
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

On Jordon's Banks the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

P: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The first reading is from Isaiah chapter sixty-one.

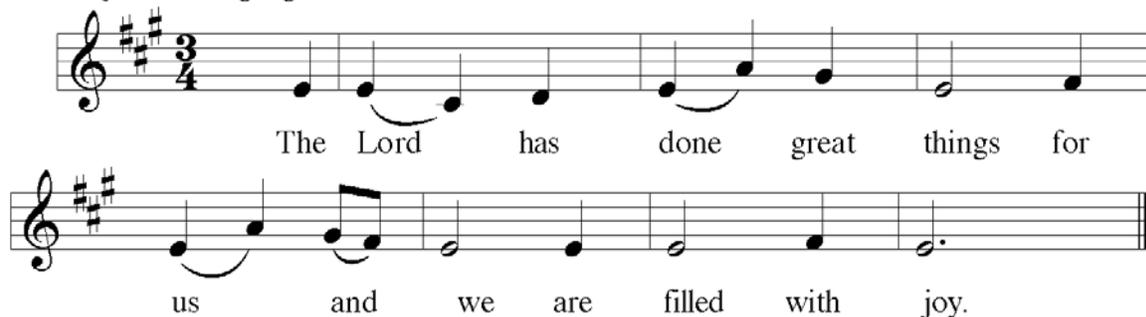
1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, **2** to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, **3** and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. **4** They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. **8** "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. **9** Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed." **10** I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **11** For as the soil makes the sprout

come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

P: This is the word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 *The Lord Has Done Great Things* – Roy James Stewart

Refrain/Congregation



The Lord has done great things for
us and we are filled with joy.

Verses/Cantor

When the Lord delivered Zion, we were like people dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our lips were filled with song. *Refrain*

The heathen marvelled at God,
and the wonders he worked for them.
What marvelous works the Lord has done,
And we are glad indeed. *Refrain*

They go out full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing.
They come back, they come back full of song,
Carrying their sheaves. *Refrain*

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THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Second Reading is from first Thessalonians, the fifth chapter.

16 Rejoice always, **17** pray continually, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **19** Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt **21** but test them all; hold on to what is good, **22** reject every kind of evil. **23** May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION

Cantor, All repeat:



Advent 3

Cantor: I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare the way before you (Matt. 11:10)

Cantor, All repeat:



HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Holy Gospel is from Saint John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. **19** Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. **20** He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." **21** They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." **22** Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" **23** John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" **24** Now the Pharisees who had been sent **25** questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" **26** "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. **27** He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." **28** This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Broken

Pastor Middaugh

HYMN OF THE DAY

Each Winter, As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

Text: William Gay, b. 1920, alt.

Music: CAROL OF HOPE, Annabeth Gay, b. 1925

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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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

C: **hear our prayer.**

THE 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.

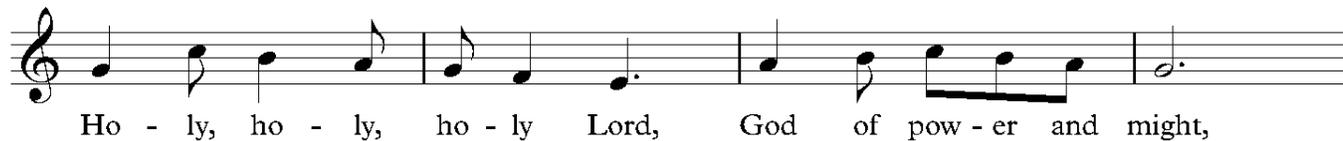
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, you comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl

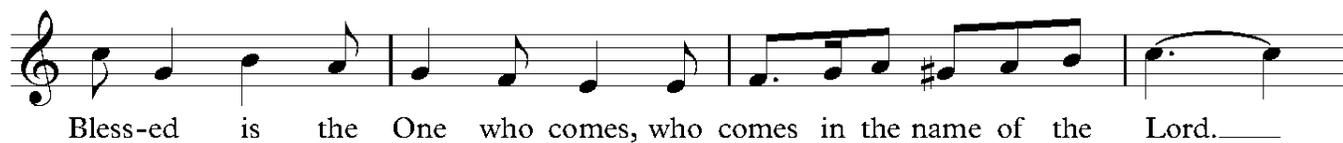
Introduction



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 (+) 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 is My (+) Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

C: Amen.

+ THE DISTRIBUTION +

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
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 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Pastor

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Toku Kawata

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