

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



**Saturday Worship + 5:30pm + 14 December 2024**  
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## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

*Good Christian Friends*

ELW 288

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our  
sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have  
harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war  
within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of  
the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us

our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

### Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

L Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## ❧ WORD ❧

### Children's Message

*Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".*

### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

L A reading from Zephaniah.

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
<sup>17</sup>The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.”

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become  
my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's  
name;

make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim  
that this name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;**

**let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

L A reading from Philippians.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: LUKE 3:7-18**

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What, then, should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation and all were

questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Song of the Day *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever. Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

You draw the hearts of shepherds, you draw the hearts of kings.  
Even as a baby, you were changing ev'rything.  
You called me to Your kingdom before Your lips could speak,  
And even as a baby, you were reaching out for me.

And now we are awaiting the day of Your return  
When ev'ry eye will see You as heaven comes to earth.  
Until the sky is opened, until the trumpet sounds,  
The bride is getting ready, the Church is singing out.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Come, Thou long expected King.

### **Prayers of the People**

**P** Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

**Prayer Song**

***Emmanuel***

**W&P36**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.

*The prayers conclude with:*

**P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

*The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.*

**Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, as incense to you arise.  
Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, my hands lifted up in praise.**

**❧ MEAL ❧**

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

**L** Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

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Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

**Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray together.

C **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another  
and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**Dialogue**

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.**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil  
and bordered by death, we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our  
Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace  
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and  
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take  
and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the  
remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all  
to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed  
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for  
the remembrance of me.



Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

**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.

### Sharing Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.*

### Advent Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies;  
Christ, the everlasting light;  
Son of righteousness arise  
And triumph o'er these chains of mine.  
Come, thou long awaited One,  
In the fullness of Your love.  
And loose this heart bound up by shame,  
And I will never be the same.  
Chorus:  
So, here I wait in hope of You.  
All my soul's longing through and through.

Dayspring from on high be near,  
And Daystar in my heart appear.  
Dark and cheerless is the morn,  
Until Your love in me is born.  
And joyless is the evening song,  
Until Emmanuel has come.  
(Chorus)

### Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### ✻ SENDING ✻

### Blessing

L God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

### Sending Song      *People, Look East*      *ELW 248*

People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Star, is on the way.  
Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

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**Thanksgiving at the Table:** *With One Voice*