

# MIDWEEK ADVENT

Advent Week #3                      Joy  
December 20, 2017                      7:00



**FAMILY LIFE** Everyone needs godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That's why, during our Wednesday evening Advent services at 7pm, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Savior's birth. This includes Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, along with Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These families faced infertility, frustration, loss, misunderstandings, death, and so much more—just like our families today.

## PRELUDE



**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG** "Oh, What a Glorious Night"

Sidewalk Prophets

**The shepherds came to see the baby  
Stood by His mother's side  
Here laid the Savior inside a manger  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night**

**CHORUS:    I hear the angels singin' hallelujah  
              Let the earth receive her King  
              I know that love has come sing it out  
              Jesus Christ is born  
              (I heard that) Jesus Christ is born  
              Yeah yeah**

**The shepherds wondered they couldn't hide it  
They told ev'ryone in sight  
All were amazed when they heard how God came  
Down on the glorious night  
God came down on this glorious night    CHORUS**

**Glorious glorious what a glorious night  
Glorious glorious what a glorious night    CHORUS  
All is calm now all is quiet  
A star shining in the sky  
Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night**

*(Please Stand)*

## OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:**            The Spirit and the Church cry out:  
**People:**            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:**            All those who await His appearance pray:  
**People:**            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:  
**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: On this third week of Advent, we light a candle and call it, joy

**HYMN** "O Light Whose Splendor" *LSB 891*

**O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens With radiance brighter than the sun,  
Pure gleam of God's unending glory, O Jesus, blest Anointed One:**

**As twilight hovers near at sunset, And lamps are lit, and children nod,  
In evening hymns we lift our voices To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.**

**In all life's brilliant timeless moments, Let faithful voices sing Your praise,  
O Son of God, our Life bestower, Whose glory lightens endless days.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in your wise providence and wisdom you placed our Lord Jesus into a family of sinners, doubters, and idolaters. Keep us ever mindful that in this family there is forgiveness—forgiveness for all the people in our family; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 64:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**



### **EPISTLE READING** Romans 5:6–10

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 1:1–17

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. <sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup>and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup>and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup>and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup>and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup>and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup>and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup>and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup>and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. <sup>12</sup>And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup>and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup>and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. <sup>17</sup>So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**RESPONSE**

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

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

*(Please Stand)*

**MAGNIFICAT** “My Soul Rejoices”

*LSB 933*

**My soul rejoices, My spirit voices —  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior Has shown me favor —  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing; Join in confessing  
God, who is solely Mighty and holy —  
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
His tender mercy Shall rest securely  
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him —  
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

**His arm now baring, His strength declaring —  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters —  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!**

**Oppression halted; The meek exalted.  
Full are the hungry; Empty the wealthy —  
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token All that was spoken  
To Abr'am's offspring God is fulfilling —  
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

**LITANY**     *(Chanted to tune in Hymnal Supplement '98, page 20-21)*

Pastor:       In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:       For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:       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.

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:       For Matt, our pastor in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:       For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:       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.

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People:       Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:       For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ let us give thanks to the Lord.

**People:       Alleluia.**

Pastor:       Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for meditation.*

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

**People: To You, O Lord.**

Pastor: O God, from whom comes all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

### **SONG OF THE DAY** "Mary's Boy Child"

Hairston

**A long time ago in Bethlehem, So the Holy Bible say  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ, Was born on Christmas day**

**CHORUS: Hark now hear the angels sing  
A new king born today  
And man will live forevermore  
Because of Christmas day**

**Trumpets sound and angels sing, Listen what they say  
That man will live forevermore, Because of Christmas day**

**While shepherds watch their flock by night, They see a bright new shining star  
Then they hear a choir sing, The music seemed to come from afar**

**Now Joseph and his wife Mary, Come to Bethlehem that night  
Then find no place to born the child, Not a single room was in sight** CHORUS

**Trumpets sound and angels sing, Listen what they say  
That man will live forevermore, Because of Christmas day**

**By and by they find a little nook, In a stable all forlorn  
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little boy was born** CHORUS

**Trumpets sound and angels sing, Listen what they say  
That man will live forevermore, Because of Christmas day**



**SERMON**



## OFFERING

*(Please Stand)*



## PRAAYER

**Pastor:** Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.



## BLESSING

**Pastor:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG** “Hymn of Joy”

Tomlin

Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

**CHORUS:** Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Your love has come here to dwell

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee **CHORUS**

Mortals join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

## POSTLUDE

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Jeff Jenkins

**LITURGIST:** Trevor Freudenburg, Pastoral Assistant

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Gabe Maichel, organist, Worship Team

**USHERS:** Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen