



Sunday, December 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



“Tell Us ‘Bout a Baby”

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

“Savior of the Nations Come”

arr. Cathy Moglebust

### Announcements

#### Call to Worship

L: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

C: **Open us up to your coming.**

L: We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God's promises. O Emmanuel,

C: **Open us up to your coming.**

L: We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated on our fear. O Emmanuel,

C: **Open us up to your coming.**

L: We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it. O Emmanuel,

C: **Open us up to your coming.**

L: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with overflowing joy.

C: **Open us up to your coming.**

Third Candle of Advent is Lit

### Candle Lighting Song

Prepare the Way of the Lord

**Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord!**

**A voice cries out in the wilderness**

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord.”**

**O come little children, and light the candle of joy.**

**For Jesus is coming, so have faith and believe.**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Make straight in the desert a highway,**

**A highway for our God, a highway for our God**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, O God, and come. As we wait for Bethlehem's light and watch for your promised child, open our hearts to hear again the story of salvation. Make room within us for hope, peace and joy, and for the Christ who comes among us still, +Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)*

*please be seated*

## Lessons & Carols

### Introduction to the First Reading

In the season of Advent, we listen for promises spoken long before the birth of Jesus—words of hope given to a world waiting for a Savior. It's a story about a baby—about the coming of a child who brings light and peace.

A reading from Isaiah:

### First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## **Anthem**

“Tell Us ’Bout a Baby”

John Parker & Joel Raney

## **Introduction to the Second Reading**

As God’s people wait for the Messiah, new words of comfort and hope are announced. Valleys lifted up, paths made straight—God comes to renew and restore.

## **Second Reading**

Isaiah 40:1–5

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD’s hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

**Introduction to the Third Reading**

The prophets not only promised comfort—they promised a ruler who would embody God’s justice. In these words, we hear God’s faithfulness echo across the generations, and we await the Lord’s birth!

**Third Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

**Song**

Oh Holy Night

**Introduction to the Christmas Program**

As the final notes of *O Holy Night* still ring in our ears we remember that the miracle of Christmas is not only a holy night long ago—it is a holy story that continues to take shape among us. Christ’s birth was not announced to the powerful or the polished, but to everyday people who were simply going about their lives. And in every generation since, the story has found new voices, new hearts, and new imaginations through those willing to tell it.

Today, our children and youth help proclaim this good news. In their wonder, and joy, they remind us that God still chooses surprising messengers. The story they share is familiar, yet never old. It is spoken again so that we might hear it with fresh ears and open hearts.

As they tell us ‘bout a baby, may we hear the story not just as something that happened, but as something happening still.

**THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM***“Just a Little Christmas”***Anthem**

“Away in a Manger”

arr. Mark Hayes

(A Medley of Traditional Carols)

Congregation sings vs. 1 & 2

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

*please be seated*

## **The Offering**

**Offering Response**                      “We Are the Reason”

### **Offertory Prayer**

P:    Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the  
world signs of your kingdom come.

C:    **Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church** *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members: Judy, Marion, Kelly, Jeff, Lee, Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: John & Christy, Chuck, Tom, Chris, Sylvia, Bill, Ken,  
Dana, Marie, Mary, Carol, Susan, Bob

## **Communion**

### **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

C:    Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your  
will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive  
us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of  
trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
Yours, now and forever. Amen!

P: At this table God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

*please be seated*

## **Distribution**

*All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.*

## **Benediction**

P: May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: **Amen!**

## **Introduction to Final Anthem**

As we prepare to go out into the world, Calypso Lullaby sends us with the joy of the Christmas story still ringing in our hearts. May the good news of Jesus' birth be carried beyond this place—into our homes, our neighborhoods, and our daily lives.

## **Anthem**

“Calypso Lullaby”

Joel Raney

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a Dessert Reception. There is an elevator available for those whom stairs may be a challenge.*

*Please ask an usher for assistance, if needed.*

*We are happy to assist you.*



# *Christmas Eve at King of Glory*

*4:00*

*Children & Family Service*

*7:00*

*Contemporary Candlelight  
with Communion*

*All Are Welcome*

*(nursery available at 4:00 pm)*