

Joy
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Faith Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Advent

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Confession

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
(1 John 1:8)

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1:9)

Time for Reflection

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

All: Lord God in heaven, we humbly thank you for the free gift of salvation. We are sorry that we have been ungrateful and neglected to share Jesus with others. During this advent season we ask for you to meet us with your mercy and grace. Forgive us we pray and remind us of your unfailing love. We pray in the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Absolution

(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Opening Praise

(Ephesians 4:19-20, 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

“Forever”

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise sing praise sing praise

CHORUS

Forever God is faithful forever God is strong
Forever God is with us forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise sing praise sing praise

CHORUS

Song “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Verse 1

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 al all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation joy of every longing heart

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Verse 2

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

Apostle's Creed

(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)

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 Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Word of God

(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Read by Lara Triplett

¹The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Song "Silent Night"

Verse 1

Silent night holy night all is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Verse 2

Silent night holy night shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Verse 3

Silent night holy night Son of God loves pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

Sermon

(2 Timothy 3:16, 4:2; Acts 2:42)

Sermon Title "Advent: The Joy of Immanuel" *Pastor Kirk Triplett*

Song of Response

(Isaiah 55:10-11; Ephesians 4:1-2)

"Great Magnificat"

Verse 1

My soul proclaims Your greatness O God
And my spirit rejoices in You
You have looked love on Your servant here
And blessed me all my life through

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Verse 2

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones
And uplifted the humble of heart
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things
And left the wealthy no part

BRIDGE

I am Your servant let Your will be done
Your way not my own
All I desire Your glory alone
Let praise surround Your throne

CHORUS

Great and mighty are You most holy
Kindness forevermore
You have favored the weak and lowly
You are good oh Lord (Repeat)

END

My soul proclaims Your greatness O God

Prayers of the Church

(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

After each petition: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

We Pray for:

- Greg (Barb's son) – at home recovering from a fall
- Robert (Phyllis' grandson) – Cancer free but still having other complications
- Patti – recovering from surgery
- Those battling ongoing health issues – Dale, John, Jerry
- Those battling cancer – Tasha, Debbie, Marty, Derek, Ella, Sandra, Alice and Sue's father
- Hawthorne Middle School
- Our Nation

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

All: 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

Benediction

(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen

Announcements

Closing Song "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
O come ye o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him born the King of angels

CHORUS

O come let us adore Him oh come let us adore Him
On come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God glory in the highest

CHORUS

CHORUS 2
For He alone is worthy for He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord

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CHORUS 3

We'll give Him all the glory we'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory Christ the Lord

END

We'll praise His name forever we'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever Christ the Lord

Dismissal

(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)

Pastor: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sending

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Pastor: Let's not only go to church...

Congregation: Let's be the church



Announcements

- **Adult Bible Study 9am** – We are studying the Small Catechism.
- **Kids Sunday School at 9am**
- **Praise Night tonight at 5:00pm**
- **Tuesdays – Women’s Quilting is on a break until January**
- **Thursdays – Men’s Coffee from 8 to 9:30am at the church**
- **TODAY - Voter’s Meeting after the service** – We will be presenting the Church Budget for 2021. Please plan on staying for this important meeting.
- **This Wednesday, December 16th - Advent Mid-Week Family Service Begins at 7:00pm.**
- **Next Sunday, December 20th – Parish Planning Meeting after the service**
- **Wednesday, December 23rd – Christmas Program “The Gift of God: Jesus” at 7:00pm.** This will be a great evening of music and drama.
- **Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – This year we will be offering 2 services at 5:00pm and 7:00pm.** We look forward to celebrating with your families and sharing the joy of Jesus!
Please fill out the Christmas Eve insert Survey that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
- **Christmas Tree for Those in Need – All Gifts are due by this Wednesday**
- **Beginning Monday, January 11th - Women’s Study at 7:00pm at Terri Westphall’s house.** Mark your calendars ladies. More details to follow.
- **New Portals of Prayer are available in the back**

If you have a pastoral need you may contact Pastor Kirk Triplett at kirk@faithpocatello.org or 530-306-0712.

Kirk’s office hours this week are:

Monday: 9:30am – 4:30pm

Tuesday: 12:45pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 12:45pm

Friday and Saturday: By Appointment

Sermon: “Advent: The Joy of Immanuel” John 1:1-14

What is God saying: _____

What is my main take-away: _____

How I am going to respond: _____

Prayer for help: _____

Who I’m praying for this week: _____
