



**Midweek Advent 3  
Immanuel Lutheran Church - LCMS  
Lakefield, Minnesota  
December 14, 2022**

[It was a joyous scene when the ark of God drew near to Jerusalem in King David's day. The ark of the covenant was such a gift of grace and mercy, David did something that adults—especially kings—never do. He leapt for joy before the ark. But it was an even more joyous scene when John the Baptist, the forerunner, met Jesus, the Savior, for the first time, while they were both still in their mothers' wombs. John, in the womb of an elderly, formerly barren woman, leapt for joy at the voice of Mary, the Virgin carrying God's Son in her womb. God's special presence on earth would no longer be tied to a gold-covered box but rather to the incarnate Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts have every reason to leap for joy as John the Baptist leapt. God's presence is among us as Christ draws near to us in His Word and Sacraments, and He has promised to be near to us forever when He comes again on the Last Day.]

*Stand*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

*Sit*

### Hymn: 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

## Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

*2 Samuel 6:12–23*

**L** A reading from 2 Samuel, chapter 6.

And it was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!” And David said to

Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will make merry before the LORD. I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.” And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

*Philippians 4:4–7*

**L** A reading from Philippians, chapter 4.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

*Luke 1:39–45*

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 1.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the

sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory (Advent)

*LSB 230*

**L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**L** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

## Sermon: The Child Who Is John's Joy

# Canticle

## LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

# Offering

*Stand*

**Prayer**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 233*

**© Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

## **Collects**

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, when John heard the voice of Your mother, You caused him to leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb for You were now present in the flesh to save all flesh. Draw near to us in Your Word and Sacraments and stir up our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your gracious visitation, may leap for joy and serve You with gladness through this life into the life and the world to come, where we shall behold You face to face in the resurrection of all flesh; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**C** Amen.

## Collect

**P** Almighty God, by the atoning sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You established Him as our Mercy Seat of forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts clean with Christ's blood through the preaching of the Gospel so that, having been set free from our sins, we may rejoice in the Lord always and thank Him for His unfailing mercy toward us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 234*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 234*

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.



# Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

## *Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
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## **Assisting with the Service**

*Preacher Pastor Phil Beukema*

*Elder Jim Ackermann (7:00)*

*Organist LaDonna Peterson (1:00)*

*Jayson Matasovsky (7:00)*

*Acolyte 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders (1:00)*

*Grady Rossow (7:00)*

*Usher Merle Hendricksen & 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders (1:00)*

*Joel and Dory Poppe (7:00)*

## **We Remember in our Prayers**

*Bob Pauling undergoing knee surgery*

*Ryne Pauling, grandson of Bob and Mary Pauling,  
undergoing surgery*

*Lila Voehl recovering from surgery*

*Presley Hansen, granddaughter of Dave and Carolyn Hansen,  
hospitalized*

*Craig Rients recovering at home*

*Betty Hage hospitalized*

*Zane Lensmire, grandson of Pastor Phil and Brandi Beukema,  
recovering from surgery*

*Ava Zyskowski, sister of Pastor Phil Beukema, dealing with  
health issues*

*Faye and Frances Roslansky, aunt and uncle of Jason  
Roslansky, moved into a nursing home*

*Steve Hall in hospice*

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Meadows and  
Golden Horizons in Worthington, Keelson Harbour and  
Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake, Pathstone in  
Mankato, Good Sam in Jackson, Temperance Lake  
Ridge in Sherburn, Accura HealthCare in Milford*

*Adrian Connell, Ines Henning, Don Schulz, Chuck Bergmann,  
Dave Ackermann, Berniece Kolander, Joyce Rossow,  
Bev Hall, Darlene Stender, dealing with health issues*

*Donna Bakalyar, sister-in-law of Bruce Bakalyar; Lori  
Koerselman, friend of Amy Altman; Pastor Ben Rucker;*

*Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce Bretzman; Syd Malchow; Carol Olson, from Wisconsin; Denny Daberkow; Duwayne Hoffman, father of Tracey Beeck; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking; dealing with cancer*

*Mike Conro, friend of Pastor and Brandi Beukema; Luann Carlson, sister of Roger Carlson; Brent Pavelko, son-in-law of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Charlotte Swarm, daughter of David and Inez Kosen; Pastor Travis Loeslie, Bethlehem Morristown; Rob Pohlman, son of Ken Pohlman; Jacob Boe, son of Rose Parrington; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues*

*All those affected by COVID-19*

*First Responders*

*Our Missionaries in the Field*

*Our Country and Our Military*

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- Christmas Day: Sunday 12/25 at 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School Christmas: Saturday 12/24 at 4:00 p.m.
- ILS Christmas: Wednesday 12/21 at 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

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