

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RED BUD, ILLINOIS**

**Midweek Advent Service I, December 2, 2020 8:30 a.m.**

*Order of Worship*: Service of Prayer and Preaching, page 260ff.

The Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me"

*arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

**The Opening Hymn: 869 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"**



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
 4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
 On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
 In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
 Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
 All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
 Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
 Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
 You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;  
 May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.  
 Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;  
 Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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*Please Stand if you are able* **Opening Versicles** page 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

**C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C Make His paths straight.**

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

**C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**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.**

Old Testament Canticle, page 261

**C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.**

**And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the people, proclaim that His name is exalted."**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all  
the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is  
the Holy One of Israel.**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**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.**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

*Please be seated*

**The Readings and Responses: Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong

slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able) Luke 1:1-4; 2:1-4*

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup>just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup>it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsory:** page 263

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 He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**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.**

**Catechism:** page 264

**Ten Commandments**

**C You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### 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.**

*Please be seated*

### Theme Hymn: 353 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
 " 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

Sermon: "Jesus Came"

The Song of Response: *(tune: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know")*

**Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine:**

**On the cross You died for me, I will ev-er live with Thee.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. *(repeat)***

*Please stand if you are able* **Prayer**, page 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those celebrating a birthday . . . let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Collect for the Word**

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

**Luther’s Morning Prayer**

**C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**P Let us bless the Lord. C Thanks be to God.**

**P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. C Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”**

**I love to tell the sto-ry, Of how, from heav’n a-bove,  
Of Je-sus and His glo-ry, Of Je-sus and His love.  
I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it’s true;  
It sat-is-fies my long-ings As noth-ing else would do.  
I love to tell the sto-ry; ‘Twill be my theme in glo-ry  
To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.**

**I love to tell the sto-ry Of our dear Sav-ior’s birth.  
Of how the ang-el chor-us An-nounced with joy-ful mirth  
That lit-tle ba-by Je-sus, Was Christ the earth’s true Lord.  
Of how the low-ly shep-herds On bend-ed knees a-dored.  
I love to tell the sto-ry; ‘Twill be my theme in glo-ry  
To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.**

Postlude: “Fugue in G Minor”

*by J.S. Bach*

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

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