



DECEMBER 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

THE DOOR OF WELCOME - JOY
"How Much Is Enough"

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn*

vs. 1

ELW #242

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- 1 **Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald it's dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
He opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**

ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY—"How Much Is Enough"

- L: As John baptized new believers, he invited them to live with "changed hearts and lives." When asked how to do that, his answers all pointed to making sure no one is cheated or left without the basic necessities of life, including the right to not be harassed. A full life of joy, which the prophet Isaiah describes as an overflowing spring, is the birthright of all children of God. May we act to make it so.

THE CANDLE OF *Joy* IS LIT

- L: Today we offer the Light of JOY to illumine the Door of Welcome.
C: May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, in our church.
L: May JOY awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
C: There /S room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.
L: Joy waits for us at Advent. Joy waits for us to rest.
C: Joy waits for our amazement at the grace in everything.
L: In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation, for the birthing of a world where wonder is restored.
C: Joy is born in us once more!

WE SING *Make Of My Heart A Stable*

Make Of My Heart A Stable

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v.1 **Make of my HEART a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a**
v.2 **Make of my LIFE a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a**



warm and stur - dy place for JOY to live and grow.
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

C: In the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again
of your saving grace. Amen.

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 12:2-6

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 3:7-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *Joy To The World*

vss. 1,2,4

ELW #267

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 2 **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 4 **He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of our waiting and watching,

**C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ
Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION - LORD'S PRAYER - COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION SONG: *Once In Royal David's City* vss. 1-4 ELW #269
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**
- 2 **He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**
- 3 **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear
and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is
gone.**
- 4 **Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high; there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory
crowned.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

CLOSING – “THE REST OF THE STORY”

L: For today's closing carol we sing “**What Child is This,**” that invites “peasants and kings” to claim Christ as their own. Chatterton Dix was not a clergy person like most hymn writers of the 19th century. He was a businessman in England. He asks the question, “Why lies he in such mean estate” referring to the stable, and answers by connecting the humble, wooden birth manger to the wood of the cross “borne” at his death.

True joy acknowledges the suffering of the world, and invites all people regardless of status to claim Christ's grace and joy as salve for the soul. My we offer Christ's compassion to sooth a hurting world.

CLOSING HYMN: *What Child Is This* vss. 1 & 2 ELW #296
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**
- 2 **Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL

- L: May God's Door of Welcome swing open in your heart and in your life.
C: **May Christ's humble First dwelling remind us of the plenty we already know. And may the Spirit lead us into more possibility and hospitality that we can imagine, making room in THE INN for all.**
L: May it be so for you. May it be so for us. May it be so for this congregation. Amen.
L: Go in Peace. Christ is near.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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CALENDAR

Sun/Dec 12	9 am	ADVENT WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School Christmas Shopping
	7 pm	AA
Mon/Dec 13	11:30 pm	Literary Guild
Wed/Dec 15	6 pm	Worship
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Sr. Choir
	7:45 pm	Council
Thu/Dec 16	5 pm	Sons of Norway
	6:30 pm	Scouts/Den
	7 pm	AA
Sat/Dec 18	11:30-1:15	<i>Feed My Starving Children/Eagan</i>
Sun/Dec 19	9 am	ADVENT WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School Pageant

AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

- ★ Christ in Our Home / JanFebMar
- ★ 2022 Giving Envelopes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Plants • If you would like a plant in Church for Christmas in Honor/Memory of a loved one, please purchase your own and deliver to the church. To be listed in the Bulletin, please fill out a SLIP (**Found on Entry Tables**) and leave in the offering plate or bring to church office. **Slip Deadline: December 17.**

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