

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent, Year B

Sunday School Nativity

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *The First Noel - Impromptu on GLORIA*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE MONTH ***Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn***

No. 242

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH & PRAYER

READER: Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow.
You bring water to parched ground and life out of death.
Bless us as this light grows,
and send sorrow and sighing to flee away.
Transform the lives of all who suffer;
give us strength and patience,
trusting that you are true to your promises,
with your wonders always near to us.

ALL: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your
coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through
† Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, In Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Once in Royal David's City*

vss. 1,2

No. 269

- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11 *Righteousness and praise shall flourish*

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. 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 wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being 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 with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

RESPONSIVE READING: LUKE 1:46B-55 *We read responsively*

L: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

C: **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

L: you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

C: **You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

L: You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

C: **casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

L: You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

C: **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.**

— *Sunday School Nativity* —

HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs. 1 No. 279

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

READING LUKE 1:26-38 *The angel appears to Mary*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin, engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. You will bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord." Then the angel departed from her.

**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!**

READING LUKE 2:4-7 *Jesus Is Born*

In those days, a decree went out that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns and Joseph went to the City of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN *Silent Night*

v. 1 No. 281

**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.**

READING LUKE 2:8-13 *The shepherds and Angels*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

HYMN *Silent Night*

v. 2 No. 281

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'ly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

READING: MATTHEW 2:9-11 *The Wise Men*

Wisemen from the East came to Jerusalem seeking the 'king of the Jews' and were sent to Bethlehem of Judea, as it had been written by the prophet. Ahead of them, went the star that they had observed since it's rising. When the star stopped over the place where the child was, they found the child with Mary, his mother, and were overwhelmed with joy. They knelt down and paid him homage with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

HYMN *Silent Night*

v. 3 No. 281

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at your birth. Jesus Lord, at your birth.**

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 P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—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 PRAYER

P: God with us:

C: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Glory to God in the highest. Come to the table of peace.*

COMMUNION — HYMN *The First Noel No. 300*

- 1 **The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**
- 2 **They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**
- 3 **And by the light of that same star three wisemen came from country far;
To seek for-a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**
- 4 **This star drew near to the northwest, o’er Bethlehem it took its rest;
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**
- 5 **Then entered in those wisemen three, full rev’rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence their gold_ and myrrh, and frankincense,
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.**

COMMUNION BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: God, our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

C: As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God bless you and keep you. + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

No. 290

Refrain **Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

- 1 **While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.** *Refrain*
- 2 **The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.** *Refrain*
- 3 **Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.** *Refrain*

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fum, Fum, Fum - Patapan*

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CALENDAR

SUN/DEC 17	9 AM	Worship – Advent Three – Youth Nativity
	10 AM	Coffee
	10:30 AM	<i>Goodhue Cnty Christmas Project GIFT DELIVERY TO FAMILY</i>
		From Cora Lee: Thank you to all who participated
WED/DEC 20	6 PM	Wed Worship
	----	NO CONFIRMATION
	6:30 PM	COUNCIL
THUR/DEC 21	7 PM	AA
SUN/DEC 24	----	NO MORNING WORSHIP
	4 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service

Future Dates

WED DEC 27 - NO WED WORSHIP – NO CONFIRMATION

SUN DEC 31 - WORSHIP @ 9 am – Lessons & Carols - Coffee to follow

WED JAN 3 - NO WED WORSHIP – NO CONFIRMATION

By JAN 6 - Due Date for all Annual Reports ANNUAL MEETING - SUN JAN 28

**2024 Offering
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the Narthex for
Pick-Up**

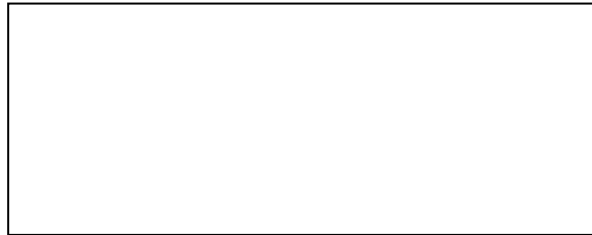
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT— YEAR B

SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY



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