

Black Forest Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Advent / December 20, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its 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.

2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3. In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and
cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving
and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

Kyrie P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Cong: Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon *Children please stay with parents.* Jacob Oglesby

First Reading Luke 1:46b-55

Advent Candle Lighting

*Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

***Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Congregation please stand.*

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Sermon *Here I Am, a Servant of The Lord* Pastor Ken

***Hymn of the Day** *The Magnificat*

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through. Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore. How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.
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. Great and might are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice, strong your love, as you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.
3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 of Intercession

Response: **Hear our prayer**

MEAL

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution Hymns *See communion instructions.*

Insert

*Prayer after Communion

Benediction

***Sending Song** *Unexpected and Mysterious*

1. Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace.
Ever-loving and sustaining is the peace of God's embrace.
If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known.
God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.
2. In a momentary meeting of eternity and time,
Mary learned that she would carry both the mortal and divine.
Then she learned of God's compassion, of Elizabeth's great joy,
and she ran to greet the woman who would recognize her boy.
3. We are called to ponder myst'ry and await the coming Christ,
to embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,
while we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.

Dismissal Postlude

Response: **Thanks be to God**

It's so good to be able to see one another. Remember to remain 6 feet apart and as hard as it is, do not congregate. Please wear your mask.

Holy Communion Instructions- Holy Communion Instructions-Please keep your mask on as you approach for Holy Communion. Come down the center aisle and receive a wafer (whole wheat or gluten free) with open hands. Then an assisting minister will place a prefilled glass (wine or grape juice) on the altar rail in front of you. Remove your mask there and have communion. Replace your mask as you return to your seat.

Offering-the offering box is located by the Baptismal font.

Visitors-If you are a visitor please sign the visitor sheet at the table at the entrance, tear off and place in basket. Thank you and welcome!

Wiggle Worship at 10:30a-After the children's sermon, kiddos (out of diapers) can follow a teacher for wiggle worship. They will return to their parents following the sermon to participate in communion with their families.

*Flowers are given today in
Thanks & Praise to God by Roxie Larson and in
Honor of our Medical Workers by the Kerstein's.*