



# **Third Sunday of Advent Chancel Choir Cantata**

December 16-17, 2017

6:00 PM & 8:45 AM

Holy Communion

*First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* French Plainsong

*Please stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** O God of all time,

**C: We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

**P:** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen**

# GATHERING HYMN

*“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”* ELW #242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - jice, re - jice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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## GREETING

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

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Let us pray,  
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.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

## ADVENT WREATH

*Sung to the tune of "What Child is This"*

A flick'ring candle sheds its light  
in hope of dawn's victorious might,  
and backward scurries cow'rdly night  
reminded of the morning.

*Refrain*

Watch, watch, for Christ is near,  
the promised Son of God most dear.  
Hope, hope, his light will clear  
the shades of death and sin.

Though night is long, do not grow weak,  
to all who suffer, clearly speak:  
"The Lord, the Savior whom you seek,  
behold, is come among you!"

*Refrain*

Watch, watch, for Christ is near,  
the promised Son of God most dear.  
Hope, hope, his light will clear  
the shades of death and sin.

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***“The Christmas Light”***  
**Chancel Choir Cantata**  
**CJ Sabah, director**  
**Scott Nugent, narrator**

*“A Great and Mighty Wonder”*

Arr. by Patrick M. Liebergen

***Marissa Wright, Mitchell Brandt and Maleah Wright, soloists***

*“Come Emmanuel”*

Nancy Price and Don Besig

*“A Shoot Shall Come Forth”*

Richard Horn

*“A Child is Gonna Come”*

Pepper Choplin

*“The Angel Gabriel”*

Sabine Baring-Gould and Joel Raney

*“A Great and Mighty Wonder”*

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**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & “NOISY” OFFERING**

*Offering will be going to Habitat for Humanity*

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from St. John**

**L:** This is the testimony of John when the Judaeans sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem in order that they would ask John, "You! Who are you?" John acknowledged and did not deny it. He acknowledged, "I myself am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Therefore who are you? You! Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet." And he replied, "No." They said to him, "Who are you? In order that we would give a reply to the ones who sent us, what do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Make straight the Lord's road,' just as Isaiah the prophet spoke." (They had regularly been sent from the Pharisees.) They questioned him and said to him, "Therefore why are you baptizing since you are neither the Messiah nor Elijah nor the prophet." John replied to them saying, "I baptize in water. In your midst, there has stood one whom you yourselves do not know, the one who comes behind me, of whom I am not worthy in order that I would loosen the strap of his sandal." These things happened in Bethany beyond the Jordan where John was regularly baptizing.

On the next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is the one about whom I said, 'After me is coming one who was before me,'

because he existed before me. I myself had not known him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water in order that he would be made known to Israel."

*(John 1:19-31)*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## REFLECTION

Pastor Rick Carlson

*Please stand*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P:** Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

*(At the conclusion of each prayer)*

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as,  
"Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

## OFFERING

6:00 "Now Tell Us, Gentle Mary" C. Franck

8:45 "West Indies Carol" arr. Sondra K. Tucker

### Chancel Bells

*Please stand*

*Communion Assistants please come forward at this time.*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the fifth staff with the instruction "Repeat ending (key of D)".

We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the  
Lord. We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the  
house of the Lord. *div.* And we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-  
fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we of-fer up to  
you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy. *Repeat ending (key of D)*

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray,  
Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with  
your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.  
**C: Amen.**

## **THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

*(Please let the Communion Assistant know if you want grape juice or a gluten-free wafer.)*

*Please be seated*

## "Let Us Be Bread"

*Refrain*  
Descant

One faith, one

*Melody*

Let us be bread, blessed by the

hope, one sym - bol of love giv - en to us in this

Lord, bro - ken and shared, life for the world.

one bread, one cup. O let us be

Let us be wine, love free - ly poured. Let us be

one in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Last time)*

one in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Last time)*

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## COMMUNION MUSIC

*"Joseph, Dearest; Joseph, Mine"* German carol

*Please stand*

## **TABLE GRACE**

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

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L:** God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

# SENDING HYMN

## *"The King of Glory"*

*Refrain*  
Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm/D D<sup>7</sup> G



- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Em CM<sup>7</sup> G/B CM<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G *Refrain*



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God

## POSTLUDE

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"* T. Matthews



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**Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Preaching Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Michelle Carlson, Presiding Pastor**

**6:00 John Love, Assisting Minister  
8:45 Carol Bosshardt, Assisting Minister  
11:00 Dana Ernst, Assisting Minister**

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