



4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2024 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Love

"By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent his one and only Son into the world so that we may live through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:9-10

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A. And also with you.

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us so much to send Jesus to be Emmanuel, God with us. May we see the world through Your eyes. Help us to take the opportunities You have given us to share Your love through acts of service, kindness, and forgiveness. Amen.

Song: ***O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You***

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come, ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus
We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus

We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus
We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus

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Song: ***Highlands (Song of Ascent)***

Oh how high would I climb
Mountains if the mountains
Were where You hide

Oh how far I'd scale
The valleys
If You graced the other side

Oh how long have I chased
Rivers from lowly seas
To where they rise

Against the rush of grace
Descending from the source
Of its supply

Cause in the highlands and
The heartache You're neither
More or less inclined

I would search and stop

At nothing You're just
Not that hard to find

I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when
The mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God within
The shadows
No less faithful when
The night leads me astray

Cause You're the heaven
Where my heart is
In the highlands and the
Heartache all the same

Oh how far beneath Your
Glory does Your kindness
Extend that path

From where Your feet rest
On the sunrise to where
You sweep the sinner's past

Oh how fast would you come
Running if just to shadow me
Through the night

Trace my steps through all
My failure and walk me
Out the other side

For who could dare ascent
That mountain that
Valleyed hill called Calvary

But for the one I called
Good Shepherd who like
A lamb was slain for me

I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when

The mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God within
The shadows
No less faithful when
The night leads me astray

Cause You're the heaven
Where my heart is
In the highlands an the
Heartache all the same

Whatever I walk through
Where I am You name
Can move mountains
Where I stand

And if ever I walk through
The valley of death I'll
Sing through the shadows
My song of ascent

Whatever I walk through
Where I am Your name
Can move mountains
Where I stand

And if ever I walk through
The valley of death I'll
Sing through the shadows
My song of ascent

From the gravest of all
Valleys come the pastures
We call grace

A mighty river flowing
Upwards from a deep
But empty grave

I will praise You on the
Mountain and I will
Praise You when the

Mountain's in my way

You're the summit
Where my feet are
So I will praise You
In the valleys all the same

No less God
Within the shadows
No less faithful when
The night leads me astray

You're the heaven
Where my heart is
In the highlands and the
Heartache all the same

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Scripture Isaiah 49:8-13

"Thus says the LORD: 'In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear'. They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.' Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. "

Acts 9:9-23

"And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank/ now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias'. And he said, 'Here I am, Lord'. And the Lord said to him, 'Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' And all who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come

here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests? ' But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ. When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him,"

Luke 1:46-56

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever. And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home."

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *"The Season of Love"* Pastor David Kaiser

Song: ***Here I Am To Worship***

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made
This heart adores You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my Go

You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake
Became poor

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely
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Apostle's Creed

ALL: 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.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Most merciful God,
- A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- L: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is "...*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*" Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.
- A: Amen.**
- L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church's ancient song:
- A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

Words Of Institution

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.

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.

How Deep The Father's Love

ALL: How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

- L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.
- A: Amen.**
- L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
- A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: ***Hark The Herald Angels Sing (King of Heaven)***

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinner reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild he lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

King of heaven, come down
King of heaven, come now
Let Your glory reign
Shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven, rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name
King of heaven come

Christ, by highest heaven adored

Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb

Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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King of heaven come
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You are strong to save
In Your mighty name
King of heaven come

King of heaven come, King of heaven come
King of heaven come, King of heaven come

King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day
King of heaven come

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"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoiced in God my Savior..."
Luke 1:46-47

Sermon Notes

The Season of Love

⇒ What is the definition of Love?

⇒ Who are we supposed to love?

⇒ Getting personal: who are you failing to properly love?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman