



The Fullness of Time

Hope Lutheran Church December 13, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation stands

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

V: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

V: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

V: Most merciful God,

C: 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 neighbor 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.

V: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

"Come, O Precious Ransom" (LBW24, vs. 1-2)



1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, on - ly hope for sin - ful mor - tals!
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, glo - rious King and Lord most ho - ly.

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Come, O Sav - ior of the world; o - pen are to you all por - tals.
Dwell in me and nev - er leave, though I am but poor and low - ly.



Come, your beau - ty let us view; anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
What vast rich - es will be mine when you are my guest di - vine!

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING: THE CANDLE OF JOY

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. 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 wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE Steve McCarthy

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (LBW25 vs. 1&4)



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free!

"FULLNESS OF TIME" SERMON SERIES

"Changed Lives"
Pastor Wayne Puls

MINISTRY CELEBRATION (8:30AM service)

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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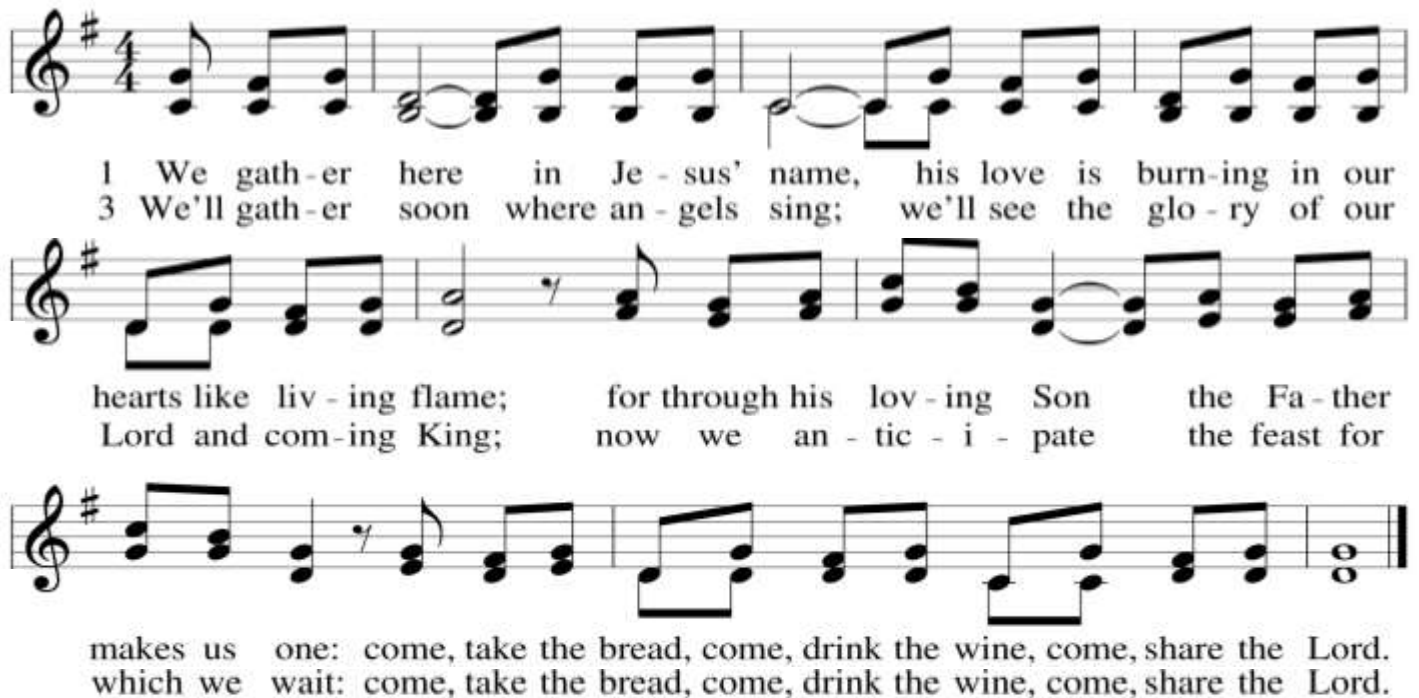
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

COMMUNION SONG

"Come Share The Lord" (TCH462, vs. 1 & 3)



1 We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is burn-ing in our
3 We'll gath-er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the glo - ry of our
hearts like liv - ing flame; for through his lov - ing Son the Fa - ther
Lord and com-ing King; now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for
makes us one: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Congregation is seated

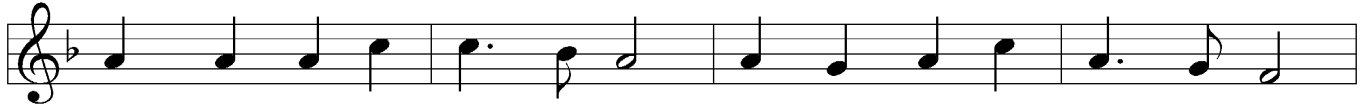
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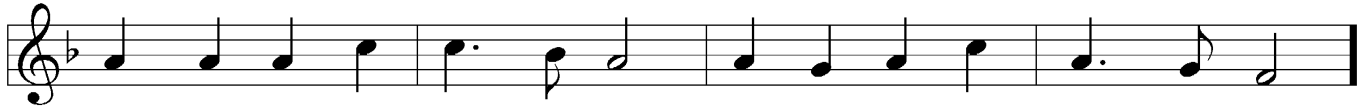
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard On High" (LBW71, vs. 1 & 3)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



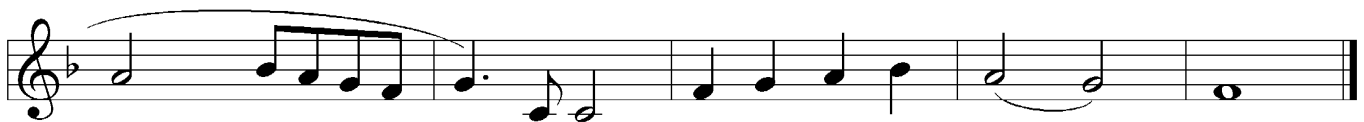
and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - - - ri - a



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DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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