

Glynde Lutheran Church



Church@Home

13th December 2020
3rd Sunday in Advent, Year B
10.30am Service Order

SONG: TAC44 “Joy to the world”

<https://youtu.be/XIipu4wpTes>

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: H Lahee 1826-1912 (1855)*

**WELCOME
WE GREET EACH OTHER
IN THE NAME...**

SONG: "Amazing grace my chains are gone"

<https://youtu.be/KKo3T0j9qqo>

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus 1

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace***

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace***

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

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WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in our outward actions and also in our secret thoughts and desires.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have served ourselves and sought to further our own interests instead of serving others.

We are truly sorry for our sins.

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

Help us in our weakness, strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life, and fill us with your generosity toward others.

Amen.

We are guilty of having done many things wrong in God's sight. But the good news is that Jesus invites us with His words – "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest". We are able to freely lay all of our sins before Jesus on the cross. He has stepped in to take our punishment.

Therefore by His authority and command, I assure you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Luke 2:1 – 7
"Hospitality and care *at the birth of Jesus*"
The values of Christmas: service, hospitality (3)

BIBLE READING Luke 2:1 – 7

KIDS IN WORSHIP "Bethlehem Town" (Lost Sheep)

- * This morning, we are going to look at the book, "Bethlehem Story" *which is a Lost Sheep Book by Andrew McDonough*. It's the story of how a family in Bethlehem took care of Mary and Joseph, and gave them a place to stay while the baby Jesus was born....

Read the story from the slides and words in the Bethlehem Town.pdf for CHURCH@HOME

- * Is this account of Jesus' birth different than given in some others books about the birth of Jesus? How is it different? *In some Christmas books, Joseph and Mary ask at an Inn and elsewhere for a place to stay, and are finally given a place in a stable with the animals, where there is a manger.*
- * What strikes me about the account given in "Bethlehem story" is the lovely

welcome that the family in Bethlehem give to Joseph and the very pregnant Mary. Someone else is in the Guest Room, but they can stay in the main room with the family. What they say to Joseph:

The guest room's full, it's up the stair,
No mum-to-be is climbing there.
You are staying here with me.
Joseph have a cup of tea

- * And that's where the baby Jesus is born. Once he is born *with the help of the women folk*, where is the baby Jesus placed?
In a manger, at the end of main room, next to where the animal's stay.
- * Like I said, what strikes me about the account given in "Bethlehem story" is the lovely welcome that the family in Bethlehem give to Joseph and the very pregnant Mary. In fact, without this welcome, maybe Mary and Joseph would have had nowhere to stay, and maybe baby Jesus wouldn't have been born safely.
- * God wants us to be like that family and to care for people in need, *and even people who are strangers....*

KID'S SONG

"Away in a manger" (inserted video)

<https://youtu.be/M2ULTkNmIEY?t=2>

CREEDAL STATEMENT

**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, dead, and 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**

SONG: TAC52 “Mary’s boy child”

<https://youtu.be/mkq4AlQyIkA>

**Long time ago in Bethlehem,
So the Holy Bible say,
Mary’s boy child, Jesus Christ,
Was born on Christmas Day.**

***Hark, now, hear the angels sing:
A new king born today,
And man will live for evermore,
Because of Christmas day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
Listen to what they say,
That man will live for evermore,
Because of Christmas Day.***

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
Them see a bright new shining star,
Them hear a choir sing – the
music seemed to come from afar.
Now Joseph and his wife, Mary,
Come to Bethlehem that night,
Them find no place to born her child,
Not a single room was in sight.**

***Hark, now, hear the angels sing:
A new king born today,
And man will live for evermore,
Because of Christmas day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
Listen to what they say,
That man will live for evermore,
Because of Christmas Day.***

**By and by they find a little nook
In a stable all forlorn,
And in a manger cold and dark,
Mary’s little boy was born.
Long time ago in Bethlehem,
So the Holy Bible say,
Mary’s boy child, Jesus Christ,
Was born on Christmas Day:**

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A new king born today,
And man will live for evermore,
Because of Christmas day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
Listen to what they say,
That man will live for evermore,
Because of Christmas Day.***

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VIDEO SPOT

The Nativity Story (2006)

<https://youtu.be/1-Snme2w97c?t=4566>

Watch from 1:16:06 —1:19:50

MESSAGE

Luke 2:1 – 7

“Hospitality and care at the birth of Jesus”

The values of Christmas: service, hospitality (3)

Click [HERE](#) to view message on YouTube

SONG: TAC90 “What child is this”

<https://youtu.be/6jroBAI3WW8>

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this, is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.
Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass were feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading:**

**This, this, is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him:**

**This, this, is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

Words: William Chatterton Dix 1839-1898

Music: Traditional English 16th cent

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Call to prayer

John the Baptist did not testify to himself, but pointed to Jesus Christ, the light for the world. Let us take our needs and the needs of the world to our Father, through Christ.

The regular response, OR:

God of light and truth,
hear our prayer.

Suggested intercessions

- * that the whole church would walk in the light of God and witness to the light
- * that God would create his peace among the nations of the world
- * for Sunday school teachers and children preparing for the celebration of Christmas
- * for schools, preparing for the last week of the year

Concluding prayer

Lord, you alone know our true needs and desires. Shed your light on our lives and hearts, keep us walking in your path, and hear the prayers that we have offered in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

FAREWELL – BENEDICTION

SONG: Hallelujah (He is here) – Hillsong

<https://youtu.be/Eq801o0WyXA>

He is here
The Saviour has been born
The one we've waited for
Surrounded by our praises
He is here
The promise of the king
To you our lives we bring
Let your glory be revealed.

Joy to the world
Peace to all who love him
The Saviour has been born and all of heaven smiles
Glory to God
We bring an offering to you
Join with all the angels singing Hallelujah.

(Repeat all)

Hallelujah, Allelu
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