

# Glynde Lutheran Church



## **Church@Home**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
3rd Sunday in Advent, Year B

9am

**SONG: LHS740 “For unto us a child is born”**

<https://youtu.be/xkrHfnmt7gA>

**For unto us a child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given:  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
And his name shall be called wonderful  
Counsellor, the mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, and the Prince of peace is he.**

*Based on Isaiah 9:6*

*Author unknown.*

**WELCOME  
WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**IN THE NAME**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**INSPIRE MY LIPS**

O Lord, open my lips.

**1 Inspire my lips, O Lord,  
and I'll sing praise to you.  
O come and save me, God;  
come quickly to my help.**

**2 All praise to God the Father,  
to Jesus Christ the Son,  
to God the Holy Spirit,  
forevermore. Amen.**

**O COME LETS SING**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**For he has made us all.**

**1 O come, let's sing aloud to God,  
and shout for joy to the Rock who saves.  
Let's come before him, giving thanks.  
With joyful songs let us hail the Lord.**

- 2 The Lord is great, the King of all.  
The depths of earth, the heights of hills,  
the sea he made, and all the land:  
they all are his, all made by him.**
- 3 O come, bow down and worship God,  
and kneel before the Lord most high.  
For he's our God, and we are his;  
Yes, we're the flock that's led by him.**
- 4 All praise to God the Father now,  
all praise to Jesus Christ the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit praise,  
both now and evermore. 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 READINGS**

- 1) [Isaiah 61:1 – 4, 8 – 11](#)
- 2) [1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 24](#)

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL READING**      [Luke 2:1 – 7](#)

*After the gospel reading:*

This is the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**      “Bethlehem Story” (the 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....*

## CHILDRENS SONG

“Away in a manger”

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

## PRAYER (all)

**Jesus, our promised Messiah,  
John the Baptist went ahead of you  
and proclaimed the good news  
of your coming.  
Encourage us to receive you with joy  
as our redeemer,  
and faithfully follow you.  
For you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**SONG: LHS746 “What child is this”**

<https://youtu.be/wO8qluGa-tM>

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.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
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.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born.  
The babe, the son of Mary.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898  
Music: Traditional English 16<sup>th</sup> century*

**VIDEO SPOT**

The Nativity Story (2006)  
<https://youtu.be/1-Snme2w97c?t=4566>  
Watch from 1:16:06 —1:19:50

**TODAY’S 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: LHS855 “Brother, sister let me serve you”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttW9oQ-yiuU>

**Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are travellers on the road,  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to god in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

*Words & Music: Richard Gillard  
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## **OFFERING**

Let us pray

**Lord,  
lead us gladly to listen to the message  
you have sent about your Son,  
and to receive him with faith and joy.  
Help us live our lives in union with Christ,  
praying, giving thanks, doing good, and shunning evil.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
your name be kept holy,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
And give us this day  
our bread for today.  
Forgive our sins  
as we forgive all those who sin against us.  
And help us when tempted,  
and save us from evil.  
For kingdom, power,  
and praise are yours forever.  
Amen.**

## **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, 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**

## **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **SONG: LH627/TAC44 “Joy to the world”**

<https://youtu.be/kyciMYZq2-Y>

**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.

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

## **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### *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.**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

Lord, our heavenly Father,  
almighty and eternal God,  
you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Protect us today with your mighty power;  
let us fall into no sin,  
nor run into any kind of danger.  
But guide us in all things,  
so that we may always do what is right.  
We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace...  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **THE GRACE**

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God the Father,  
the Holy Spirit's fellowship,  
be with us all.  
Amen.

## **SONG: LH437 "Now thank we all our God"**

<https://youtu.be/s99dNPKYtHk>

**Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.**

*Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649)*

*Tr Catherine Winkworth 1858*

*Music: J Cruger 1598-1662 (1647)*