



[and they asked John:]

Who are you?

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme for Worship: This morning is Gaudete Sunday, the “pink candle Sunday” in Advent. This morning we’ll focus on “joy.” Despite the darkness in the world, joy comes to us and the world in the gifts God gives us through His Son!

The Ringing of the Bells

Pre-Service Music 🎵

Radio Welcome

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**1 O come, O Come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God Appear (*refrain*)**

(Refrain) **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**2 O come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight. (*refrain*)**

**3 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go (*refrain*)**

**4 O come, Desire of Nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace (*refrain*)**

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

¹The 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; ²to 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C Praise to you O Lord

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. . . .

¹⁹This 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Sermon Hymn ♪ “Joy to the World”

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 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.

4 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.

Sermon: “Joy to the World”

--Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; pates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel is also excited that we now have the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

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**

Closing Song “We Believe”

**1 We believe in God the Father
Maker of the universe
And in Christ His Son our Saviour
Come to us by virgin birth
We believe He died to save us
Bore our sins was crucified
Then from death He rose victorious
Ascended to the Father’s side**

Chorus **Jesus Lord of all Lord of all, Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all Lord of all, Jesus Lord of all Lord of all**

**2 We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power
God His word of truth affirming
Sends us to the nations now
He will come again in glory
Judge the living and the dead
Every knee shall bow before Him
Then must every tongue confess**

Chorus **Jesus Lord of all Lord of all, Jesus Lord of all Lord of all
Jesus Lord of all Lord of all, Jesus Lord of all Lord of all, Lord of all**

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**The Benediction
Silent Prayers
Announcements
Postlude**

PARTICIPANTS – December 13, 2020	
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan	
8:00 a.m.	
Musicians/Vocalists	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind Coordinator</i> Amy Haeseker, Ellen Olsen
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Lay Reader	Riley Marks
Acolyte	Heather Allen
Radio Narrator	Julie-Ann Fuchs
Sound Operator	Glenn Fuchs
Videographer	Krista Marks
Usher	Dan Lohmeier

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Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God for the blessing of radio ministry,” by Gary Sprague, a radio listener.

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