



*Blessed is the one who
is not offended by Me*

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FULL VERSION

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Theme for Worship: We are still in Advent, the season of anticipating the coming of our King. This morning we'll focus on what life "under the King" is like and how His rule shapes our attitudes towards everything!

♪ **Pre-Service Music**

--*Spiritwind*

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ **Opening Hymn: "What Child is This"**

--*LSB #370*

- 1 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!**
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, 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!**
- 3 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!**

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The Service of Holy Baptism for Porter Bronx Moore

P We begin in the Name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord invited, encouraged and commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples in the last Chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." From Scripture we learn that we are all sinful and unclean and have become separated from God. Through the water and the Word, God uses Baptism to mark us as His children while restoring our relationship with Him. Through such ordinary means of water and His Word, God creates faith, strengthens it, and promises to bless His children.

P Hear how our Lord Jesus has opened the Kingdom of God to little children. “People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it!’ (Luke 18:15-17)

Porter, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The Charge to Parents and Sponsors

P As parents, God has blessed you with the honor and also the responsibility of raising Porter to know Him and help him to grow in the faith that will be implanted and begun in baptism. You are to include him in your prayers, encourage and support him in his walk with the Lord. You are to raise him to know God’s Word, and bring him for instruction in the application of that Word, through Christ’s body, the Church. As he grows in years you are to see that he is instructed in the Christian faith, prepared to participate in the Lord’s Supper, and regular in attendance of the services held in God’s house where God will continue to build him up as His child. You are to instruct by your own life and actions and model the life Christ has asked us to live, always knowing that forgiveness and reconciliation are also yours when your modeling goes astray.

This then do you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Parents and Sponsors: We do so intend with the help of God.

P Because Porter cannot answer for himself, we shall all speak together the confession of faith he is being baptized into, realizing that as the body of Christ, we are all pledging to Porter and his family to help, support and encourage them in their walk with Christ.

P Do you renounce the Devil and all His works and all of his ways?

C **I do renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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**

P Do you desire to be God's child and receive all the benefits He promises to grant in and through baptism and remembering daily the restored relationship with God through His forgiveness that will be yours?

C **I do.**

P Who brings this child to be Baptized?

Parents: We do.

P How is he named?

Parents: Porter Bronx Moore

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is Performed

P Receive this Baptismal Napkin to show that Christ has taken away and borne Porter's sin and put upon him His perfect righteousness.

P Receive also this burning light symbolizing the light of Christ that has come into Porter through Baptism this day.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted **Porter Bronx Moore** new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that as he has become Your child You will keep him in his baptismal grace that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy Name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven.

C **Amen**

P Through Baptism God has added Porter Bronx Moore to His people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children’s Message

--Danika Nelson

The Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.

G Glory to you O Lord

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ

♪ Sermon Hymn: “Awesome God”

When He rolled up his sleeves, He wasn’t putting on the Ritz,

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

There is lightning in His footsteps And thunder in His fists

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

And the Lord he wasn’t joking When He kicked them out of Eden

It wasn’t for no reason that He shed His blood.

His return is very close, So you better be believin’ that

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God! *Repeat Chorus*

And when the Sky was starless In the void of the night.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

He spoke into the darkness and Created the light.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

Judgment and wrath he poured out on Sodom; Mercy and grace he gave us at the cross.

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that **OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.**

Sermon: “Life Under the King”

--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.

The Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has 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.)

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

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.

♪ The Closing Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

--LSB #801

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" *Refrain*

*ref*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the_incarinate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun 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. *Refrain*

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The Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – December 12, 2021

Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson & Carolyn McQuillan

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians/Vocalists	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind</i>
Acolyte	Hayden Harms	Chloe Marks
Lay Reader	Cindy Kozumplik	Angela Pringnitz
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Jackson & Kevin Harms	Sadie Marks
Slide Operator	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Ushers	Dan & Ethan Hoffman Jacob Cook	Ann Nelson, Danika Nelson Cody Allen

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugo J. Hakala and Lucille Hakala, during this advent season,” by their family, the Justema’s.

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God and in loving memory of my son, Eric,” by Jackie Hanson

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