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DECEMBER 12th, 2021 ~ ADVENT III

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Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent. Just ask the shepherd.

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH *Light One Candle for Messiah* ELW 240 1-3 *The Shepherd*

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: Yiddish folk tune

Tune Name: Tif in veldele

Reported to OneLicense Song # 85955

P In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light
To shatter the shadowy darkness of night.
To greenery circled, the faithful draw near
And longingly listen, God's message to hear.

R *Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.*

C **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.**

R *When the chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of
glory that never fades away.*

C **We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

R *Let your light so shine before others that they may see the*

good that you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

C **Three flames--how they flicker and tremble and shake,
As shepherds from fear into joy did awake.
As they shared with joy the great news of Christ's birth,
May we share the news with excitement and mirth.**

R The Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you

C **And also with you.**

The Shepherds' Candle

R *Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can
overcome. When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win the
crown of glory that never fades away.*

C **Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care
As for your arrival your people prepare.
The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright,
That hearts of all people in faith may ignite.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and 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. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned 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 neighbors 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

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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.

Come to Christ. Feast on God's gift of grace.

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION *What Feast of Love* ELW 487

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most High God,
you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen.

WORD

Christmas Nativity Program
Based on Luke 2: 1-20

O Come, O Come Immanuel ELW 257 vs. 1 & 2

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279 vs 1 & 4

The voice of Joseph: Do you have any room in the inn?

Congregation: No, I'm sorry we are full. Try across the way.

The voice of Joseph: Please, do you have any room for us in your inn?

Congregation: We have too many guests already, we have no room.

The voice of Joseph: Do you have any room for us in your inn?
We have come a long way and my wife is with child.

Congregation: All of our rooms are full. I have an empty stable out back you may use. It's not much, but it'll give you some shelter.

He Came Down ELW 253 vs. 1, 2 & 3

Away in a Manger ELW 277 vs 1 & 2

Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289 vs. 1 & 3

CHOIR ANTHEM

One Small Child

The First Noel ELW 300 vs 4 & 5

Love Has Come ELW 292 vs 1 & 2

EPILOGUE

DISMISSAL SONG

Go Now in Peace

Congregation

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

C: May you be filled with the gift of Christmas love.

DISMISSAL: Let your lamps be lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return. **Thanks be to God.**

Christmas Brunch hosted in Narthex

*******ANNOUNCEMENTS*******

We give thanks to our, and ushers, Dennis Lukens & Mike Whitacre. We thank you Salem Choir and Cathy Hoefler for leading us in music! Thank you to Glenn Deuchler, The Shepherd! And, lest we forget, the children, parents, friends and extra hands that told the greatest love story ever!

Tellers this Sunday: Claudette Wilson & Mary Regan

Altar Guild: Doris Karoll

Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll & Ruth Phoebus

Poinsettias Orders see Mike Whitacre now till December 19th.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Regans.

Coffee Hour Desserts Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you for blessing the fellowship table with your special treats!

Our Daily Bread ~ Thank you for providing and caring for the less fortunate and for your generosity. Next delivery date is January 10, 2022.

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Want to spread encouragement? Let's send notes / cards of care to:
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