



**3rd Sunday of Advent
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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Advent

Everett Titcomb

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Credo Unam Deum

Everett Titcomb

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us to patience, attention, and hopefulness. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us humbly make our confession before God.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

C: Holy God, we confess that we are not prepared for you to reign among us. We worship false idols and satisfy our own desires at the expense of others. In your mercy forgive us. Give us the courage and wisdom we need to work for justice and peace in our homes and in our world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Lift up your heads! The reign of God is near. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW #250

1. Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
2. With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
3. My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: As we gather in the darkness of winter and await the coming of Christ, we light three candles and sing our prayer:

ELW #257 v. 2

C: O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:

In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together... **C: God of restoration, save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. Amen.**

WORD

L: The holy Gospel is according to John, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Handbell Choir: The Gift of Love

arr. Jason Krug

L: The 2nd reading is from Ezekiel Isaiah 55:1-13

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Let Streams of Living Justice Flow

ELW #710

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service; our hope in others' dreams,
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way – the path untried;
Your truth – the heart of stranger; your life – the Crucified.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the People (Petitions ends... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

The Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is by paying forward a portion of the offerings we receive in support of synod and churchwide ministries like Lutheran Campus Ministries at UM & MSU, Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry at the state prison in Deer Lodge, and the work of Lutheran Disaster Relief. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory: Cantilena

Everett Titcomb

Offering Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

P: "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus..."

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.

Invitation: P: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

Be Known to Us

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts ELW #658

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all:
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountain-head; our thirsting souls from you we fill.
3. For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad when your smile on us your turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
4. O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Andante Marziale

Everett Titcomb

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Song Leader: Jodie Tooley

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Prayer Focus: Joy (In your prayers this week, you are encouraged to immerse yourself in the joy of Christ.)

Announcements:

- Confirmation students meet TODAY from 1-3 pm at Our Savior's.
- Church Council meets Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- R.O.M.E.O. Men's Lunch Group meets at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Bring your lunch.
- Blaine Thielman, one of our high school students, is collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the new food pantry being set up at Simms High School (where he is a student). Donated food items may be dropped off at the church.
- Reminder: Our congregation's constitution stipulates that voting members must be on record annually as having communed and contributed financial support for the ministry here.
- Christmas Eve worship will be held outdoors at the church on Dec. 24th at 5 pm.

Worship Texts for Next Sunday: John 1:1-18 and Psalm 130:5-8

Keeping in prayer... Cathy Hubert, Dan, Carol, Inge, Jean Norby, Kantor family, Judi, Tom Dolan, Mike, Alexandra, Brandy, Darla & Dennis Kuntz, Mary Pat, Wes & Daryl Ries, Barb T., Julie, Joe & Tammie, Skye, Courtney, Grant Brumwell, Steve, Jerry, Stacy K., Doris Gullickson, Ralph, Ann Thielman, Linda Kathman, Dorothy Sowa, Dakota Suta, Toni Sperle, Dave & Carrie Lee, Jim & Honor Conley, Tricia, Deb, Mitchel, Steven, Megan, Marissa, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley, Elaine Rice.

GOING DEEPER:

Our Lutheran worship follows a pattern of Gathering – Word – Meal – Sending.

This page offers some opportunities for reflection as you prepare for worship, participate today, and go out into the world in the coming week.

Gathering:

- What is on your heart as you come to worship today?
- What burdens, brokenness, or sin do you want to turn over to God in the time of Confession and Forgiveness?

Word:

- What connected with you in the scripture readings and/or sermon today?
What challenged you or made you wonder?
- What prayers are on your heart today? Consider these areas: Help, Thanks, Wow!

Meal:

- What nourishment do you need from Jesus for the days ahead?

Sending:

- What will you carry with you from worship this week?

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1. Advent

1st Theme
O Peo - ple of Si - on. —

2nd Theme
O Em - man - u - el.

3rd Theme
O come, O come Em - man - u - el.

Gt. 8' 4' 2', Prepare Reeds
Sw. Strings, soft Flutes 8' 4'
Ped. 8' 16'

EVERETT TITCOMB

Moderato (♩=72)

MANUAL

Gt. Sw to Gt.

f

ff

PEDAL

ff

dim.

Gt. *mf*

Sw. *p*

First system of a musical score. It features a grand staff with three staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, including a sharp sign. The middle and bottom staves provide harmonic support with chords and sustained notes. A *rall.* (rallentando) marking is placed above the final measure of the top staff.

Second system of the musical score. The top staff continues the melodic line. The middle staff is marked *pp a tempo* and includes the instruction "Sw. Strings, Celeste" with a hairpin crescendo. The bottom staff consists of sustained notes and rests.

Third system of the musical score. The top staff features a guitar part marked *Gt. f*. The middle staff has a *rit.* (ritardando) marking and a *Sw. mp a tempo* instruction. The bottom staff continues with sustained notes and rests.

Fourth system of the musical score. The top staff includes a *Sw. rall.* marking. The middle staff has a *Gt. a tempo* marking. The bottom staff features a *Sw. rall.* marking and a *Gt. f a tempo* instruction. The system concludes with sustained notes and rests.

First system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody with a *ff* dynamic marking and the instruction "add reeds". The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line. The key signature has two flats.

Second system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody with a *rit.* marking and the instruction "Gt.". The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with a *Sw.* marking. The key signature has two flats.

Third system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody with a *mf* marking. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with a *mp* marking, a *Gt.* marking, a *f* marking, and a *cresc.* marking. The key signature has two flats.

Fourth system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody with a *rit.* marking and the instruction "Full Organ". The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line. The key signature has two flats.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Credo Unam Deum

Everett Titcomb

Credo in Unum Deum

I believe in One God.

EVERETT TITCOMB

Maestoso (♩ = 76)

MANUALS

Gt. *ff* & Full Sw.

PEDAL

ff

rall.

accel. poco

a tempo

Gt. (*mf*)

Più mosso (♩=104)

Sw. to Ped.

Meno mosso (♩=96)Gt. *f*

(*cresc.*)

Gt. to Ped.

First system of musical notation. It features a grand staff with three staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle and bottom staves have bass clefs and the same key signature. The music includes chords and single notes. Above the first measure of the middle staff is the word *broaden* with a wedge-shaped hairpin. Above the second measure of the middle staff is the word *rall.* with a wedge-shaped hairpin. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' and a slur over groups of three notes in the middle and bottom staves.

Second system of musical notation. It features a grand staff with three staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle and bottom staves have bass clefs and the same key signature. The music includes chords and single notes. Above the first measure of the middle staff is the word *rit.* with a wedge-shaped hairpin. Above the second measure of the middle staff is the word *cresc.* with a wedge-shaped hairpin. Above the third measure of the middle staff is a wedge-shaped hairpin. Above the fourth measure of the middle staff is the word *Tempo I*. Above the fifth measure of the middle staff is the word *Full Organ*. The system ends with a 3/4 time signature.

Third system of musical notation. It features a grand staff with three staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle and bottom staves have bass clefs and the same key signature. The music includes chords and single notes. Above the third measure of the middle staff is the word *sfz* with a wedge-shaped hairpin. The system ends with a 3/4 time signature.

Fourth system of musical notation. It features a grand staff with three staves. The top staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle and bottom staves have bass clefs and the same key signature. The music includes chords and single notes. Above the third measure of the middle staff is the word *rit.* with a wedge-shaped hairpin. The system ends with a double bar line.

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C: Amen.

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(silence for reflection and self-examination)

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Gathering Song: Blessed Be the God of Israel

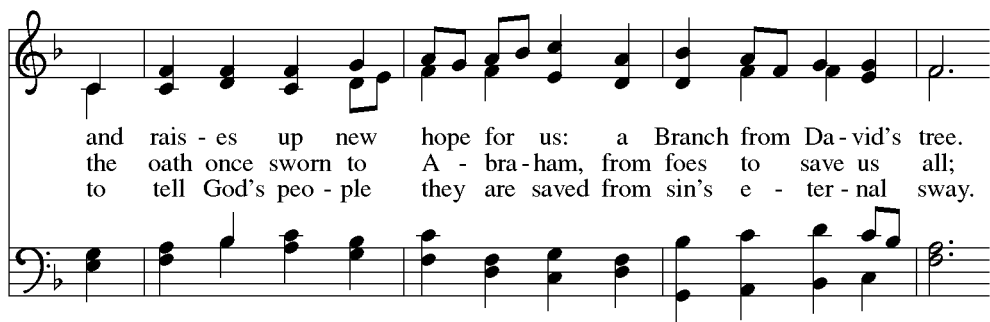
ELW #250

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To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
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To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



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 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice!

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O Come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of Justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together... **C: God of restoration, save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. Amen.**

WORD

L: The holy Gospel is according to John, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 4

New Revised Standard Version

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

4 Now when Jesus[a] learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" 2 —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— 3 he left Judea and started back to Galilee. 4 But he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)[b] 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you[c] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ).

“When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he,[d] the one who is speaking to you.”

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,[e] can he?” 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving[f] wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Jesus Returns to Galilee

43 When the two days were over, he went from that place to Galilee 44 (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet’s own country). 45 When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival.

Jesus Heals an Official’s Son

46 Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you[g] see signs and wonders you will not believe.” 49 The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” 50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. 51 As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” 53 The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. 54 Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

L: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Handbell Choir: The Gift of Love

arr. Jason Krug

L: The 2nd reading is from Ezekiel Isaiah 55:1-13

Isaiah 55

New Revised Standard Version

An Invitation to Abundant Life

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Let Streams of Living Justice Flow

ELW #710

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service; our hope in others' dreams,
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way – the path untried;
Your truth – the heart of stranger; your life – the Crucified.

Let Streams of Living Justice



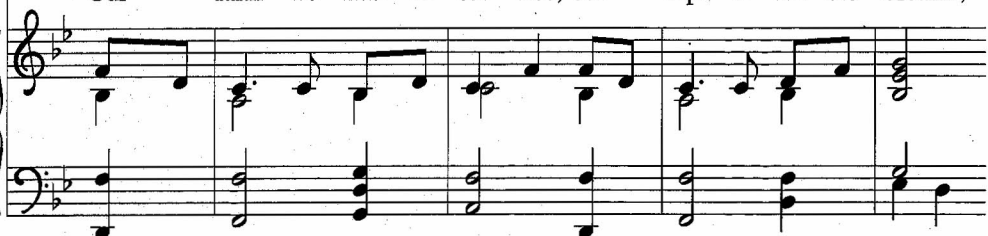
1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh-ter, the blind-ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en-roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh-bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib-er-ty a bea-con, strike down the i-ron pow'r;
 O great weav-er of our fab-ric, bind church and world in one;
 In-scribe our hearts with jus-tice; your way—the path un-tried;

a-bol-ish an-cient ven-geance: pro-claim your peo-ple's hour.
 dye our tex-ture with your ra-diance, light our col-ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang-er; your life—the Cru-ci-fied.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith... ELW p. 105

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the People (Petitions ends... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

The Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is by paying forward a portion of the offerings we receive in support of synod and churchwide ministries like Lutheran Campus Ministries at UM & MSU, Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry at the state prison in Deer Lodge, and the work of Lutheran Disaster Relief. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory: Cantilena

Everett Titcomb

Offering Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

CANTILENA

Sw. soft Strings 8', 4'

Ch. Flute solo

Ped. soft 16 coupled to Sw.

Sw. A# 00 3434 111

Gt. A# 00 5850 000

B 32 4545 223

Ped. 4-3 Vibrato: V-1
(or ad lib.)

Prepare: Sw. A# Gt. A#

Lento (♩ = 46) Gt. Ch. *mf*

Sw. Sw. *p*

a tempo *rall.* *a tempo*

rall.

Gt. B
Sw. to Ch. (Trem. ad lib.)
16; 8; 4'

Sw. E
a tempo

rall.

Sw. A#
Gt. A#
Ch. (Sw. to Ch. off)

Sw. [Sw.] *a tempo*

Sw. [Sw.] *rall.*

Ped. 4-1

a tempo

poco rall.

Sw. both hands

rit. e dim molto

pp

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

The first system of the musical score consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of a treble and a bass staff in D major. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offertory Prayer: **C: Merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

P: "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus..."

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.

Invitation: P: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

Be Known to Us

ACS p. 40

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp). The vocal line (treble clef) consists of six measures: G4-A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), and D4 (half). The piano accompaniment (grand staff) consists of six measures: a whole rest in the right hand and a G3 (half) in the left hand; a G3 (quarter) and B3 (quarter) in the right hand, and a G3 (half) in the left hand; a G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), and B3 (quarter) in the right hand, and a G3 (half) in the left hand; a G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), and B3 (quarter) in the right hand, and a G3 (half) in the left hand; a G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), and B3 (quarter) in the right hand, and a G3 (half) in the left hand; and a G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), and B3 (quarter) in the right hand, and a G3 (half) in the left hand.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

[41] After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "At last, Lord" (p. 26 [26]) or another suitable song may be sung.



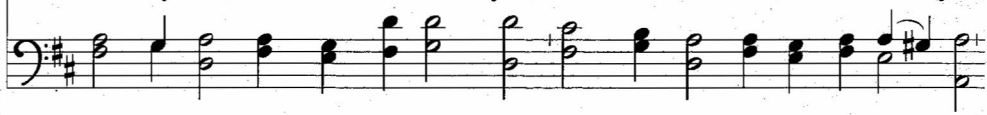
1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad-ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand - ing;



Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:
 with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."
 Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.



P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all:
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountain-head; our thirsting souls from you we fill.
3. For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad when your smile on us your turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
4. O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Andante Marziale

Everett Titcomb

3. Andante marziale

Full Organ ad lib.

(♩ = 76)

MANUAL

Gt. *f*

PEDAL

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First system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody with a *cresc.* marking. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line. The system concludes with a *ff* dynamic marking.



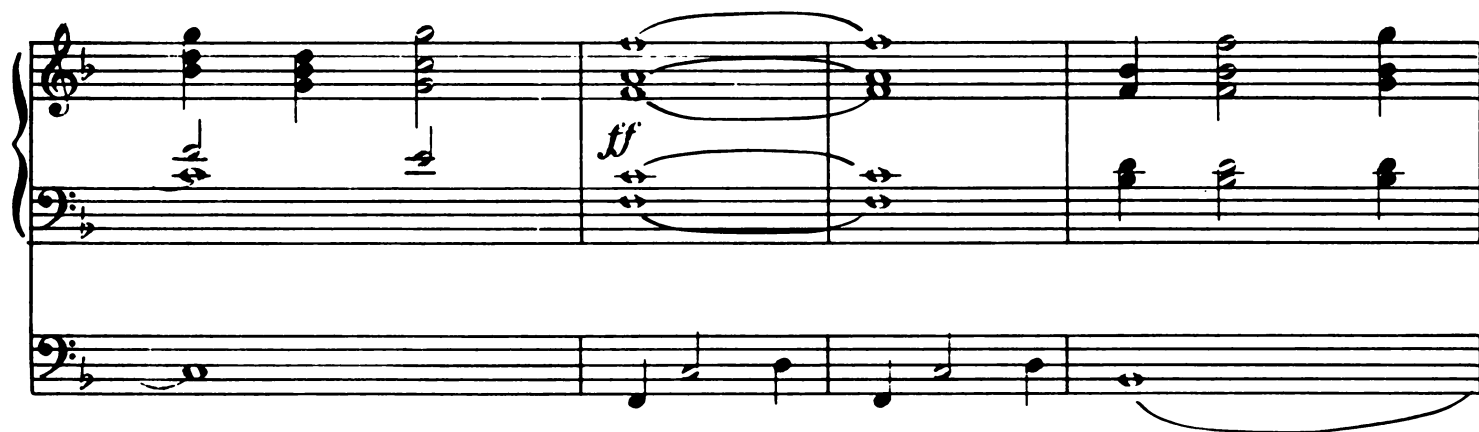
Second system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody with a *ff* dynamic marking. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line. The system concludes with a *ff* dynamic marking.



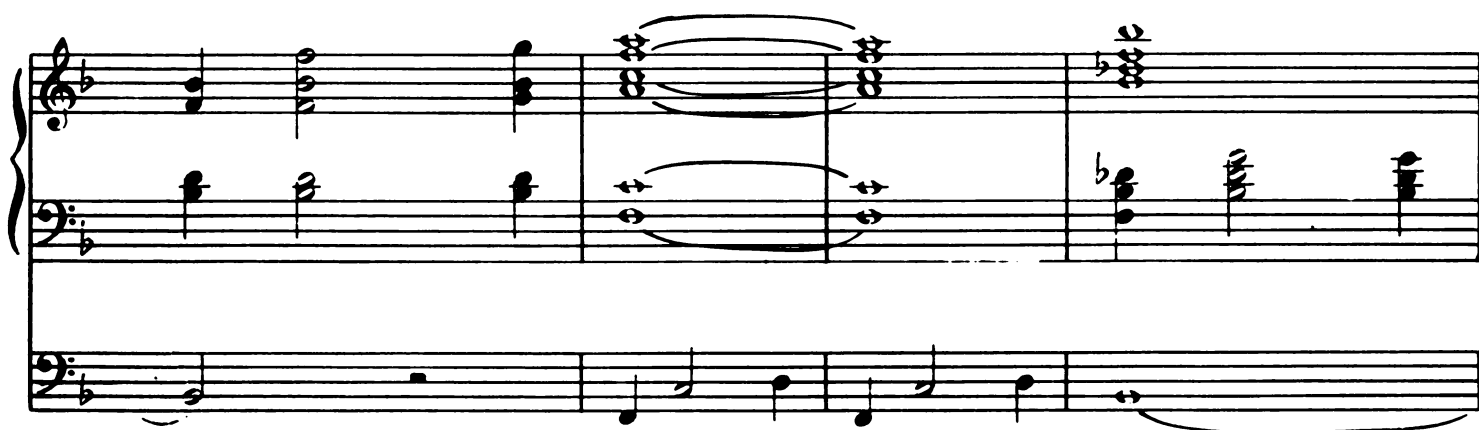
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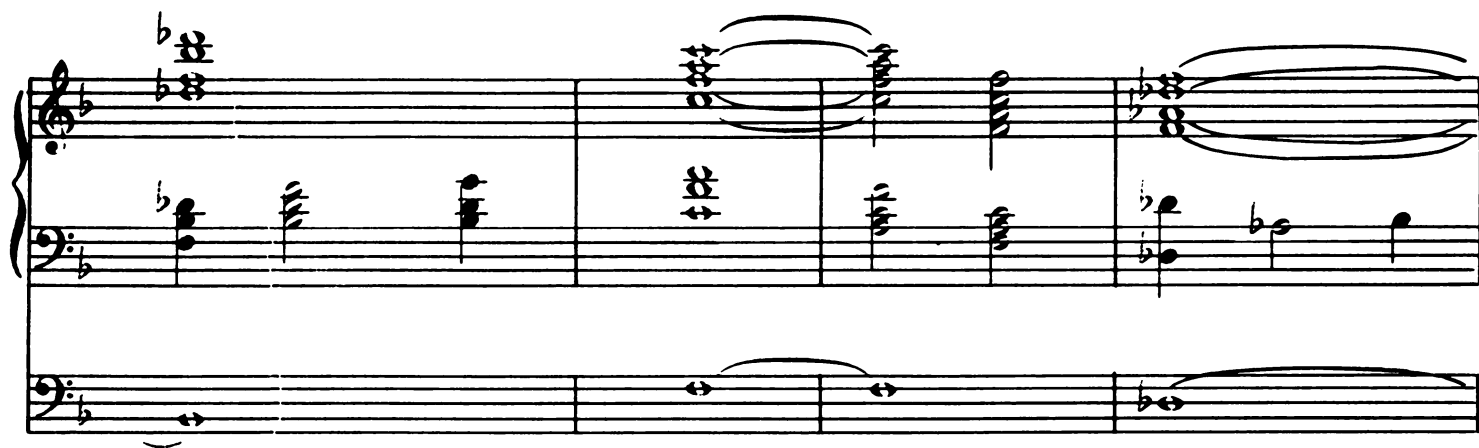
Fourth system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melody. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a bass line. The system concludes with a *Gt.* marking.



The first system of musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains three measures: the first measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) in the treble and a half note (F3) in the bass; the second measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) in the treble and a half note (F3) in the bass, with a forte (*ff*) dynamic marking; the third measure has a half note chord (F4, A4) in the treble and a half note (F3) in the bass. The bottom staff is a single bass clef staff with a half note (F3) in the first measure, followed by a half note (F3) in the second measure, and a half note (F3) in the third measure, all connected by a slur.



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