

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Third Sunday in Advent – December 12, 2021**

*Known as GAUDETTE Sunday! =Rejoice! Gaudette is grammatically imperative, reminding us that even in the midst of darkness, we are called to rejoice. This is also why we light a pink candle – the color of joy in the penitential season of blue. Only the Christ candle is white, also a color signifying joy in many cultures, because the fullness of joy is in the world.*

**Thought:** *In this third Wait Upon the Lord Service for Advent, we wait upon the Lord with rejoicing. Elizabeth rejoiced as she waited for the coming of her son, John. And Mary rejoiced as she waited for the birth of her son, Jesus. In the same manner, we rejoice as we wait for the coming of the Son of God.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Advent/Gaudette Peace:**

P: Rejoicing in the hope of Christ Jesus dwelling in our hearts always!  
Peace be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

**Isaiah 25:9**

***This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.***

**Call to Worship**

A: Wait upon the Lord.

**C: Be strong and courageous.**

A: Wait upon the Lord. That is what Elizabeth did.

**C: She waited for a child.**

A: John who would be known as the Baptist.

**C: Then she said to Mary:**

A: When the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leapt for joy.

**C: Wait upon the Lord.**

A: Be strong and courageous.

**C: In JOY we wait upon the Lord!**

### Gathering Hymn

“Angels From the Realms of Glory” ELW #275

<https://youtu.be/ELjgFKACcdQ>

Angels from the Realms of Glory – The Piano Guys, Peter Hollens and David Archuleta

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Gaudette

Tim and Leslie Leitner

Let us Pray:

**C: Surely God is my salvation;**

**I will trust and not be afraid,**

**For the LORD is my strength and my might;**

**God has become my salvation.**

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

**C: Rejoice in the Lord always;**

**again I say, Rejoice!**

L: Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257 Vs. 7

*O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one; refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

### Invocation

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.*

P: Rejoice and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of +Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

**C: Rejoicing we await His coming, Amen!**

## Kyrie for Advent

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Give us patience as we wait.**

P: Christ, have mercy.

**C: Give us a heart for rejoicing.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Give us patience and peace while we wait rejoicing for the coming of these days.**

## Hymn of Praise

"Hark, the Glad Sound!" ELW #239 Vs. 1

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.*

## Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty God, the Baptizer spoke, and ears were opened to your will.

**C: Prepare God's way!**

A: Open our ears, our hearts, our minds that we may know your holy will.

**C: Prepare God's way!**

A: Open our mouths, our lives, our hands, that we may do your holy will.

**C: Prepare God's Way!**

A: Let us proclaim as John had done, the coming of your own dear Son.

**C: And so we shall prepare your way. Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

## The Word

### Old Testament reading – 1 Samuel 2:1-3

*My heart exults in the Lord*

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;

my strength is exalted in my God.<sup>[a]</sup>

My mouth derides my enemies,

because I rejoice in my<sup>[b]</sup> victory.

<sup>2</sup>“There is no Holy One like the LORD,

no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,

let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,

and by him actions are weighed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm/Isaiah 12:2-6

*In your midst is the Holy One of Israel*

<sup>2</sup> **Surely God is my salvation;**

**I will trust, and will not be afraid,**

**for the LORD GOD<sup>[a]</sup> is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.**

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> **And you will say in that day:**

**Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known<sup>[b]</sup> in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal<sup>[c]</sup> Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

### **Epistle reading – Romans 12:11-18**

*If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

<sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;<sup>[b]</sup> do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**C: Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.  
Hallelujah!**

### **Holy Gospel – Luke 1:39-45**

<https://youtu.be/ZQGfpAgD7V8>

*The baby in my womb leapt for joy*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be<sup>[a]</sup> a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Children of God**

<https://youtu.be/6I6zz1t15Qk>

### **Homily – “Let Us Be Glad and Rejoice”**

<https://youtu.be/Xs42JxibwNw>

### **Hymn of the Day**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” ELW #244

<https://youtu.be/FMBRLq0-y9Q>

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers – K. Lee Scott

### **Nicene Creed – 2<sup>nd</sup> Article**

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians (*especially*). With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace (*especially*). By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**Offering** – *A time of thanksgiving as we wait for our Lord.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

A: Heavenly Father, accept what we have brought – humble offerings to do your will.

**C: Grant that they might bear the fruit of our faith as we rejoice in your coming.**

A: You came to us in Christ our Lord.

**C: So we offer the fruit in our lives to your service.**

A: Through Jesus Christ, you Son our Lord.

**C: 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.**

### Preface

“What Feast of Love” ELW #487 Vss. 1&3

*What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?*

*What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?*

*This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.*

*Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!*

*What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?*

*What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?*

*This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.*

*Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!*

### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

## Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

### Post Communion Prayer

A: O Lord, this sacrament, like John, proclaims your presence with us here.

**C: We proclaim your presence until you come.**

A: Help us to continue rejoicing each day.

**C: That we may shout your name.**

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

P: May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous.

**C: As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ELW#545

<https://youtu.be/aGzMd1i92lo>

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing – Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

### Dismissal

A: Rejoicing always in the gift of Jesus our Lord, we go to serve.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude