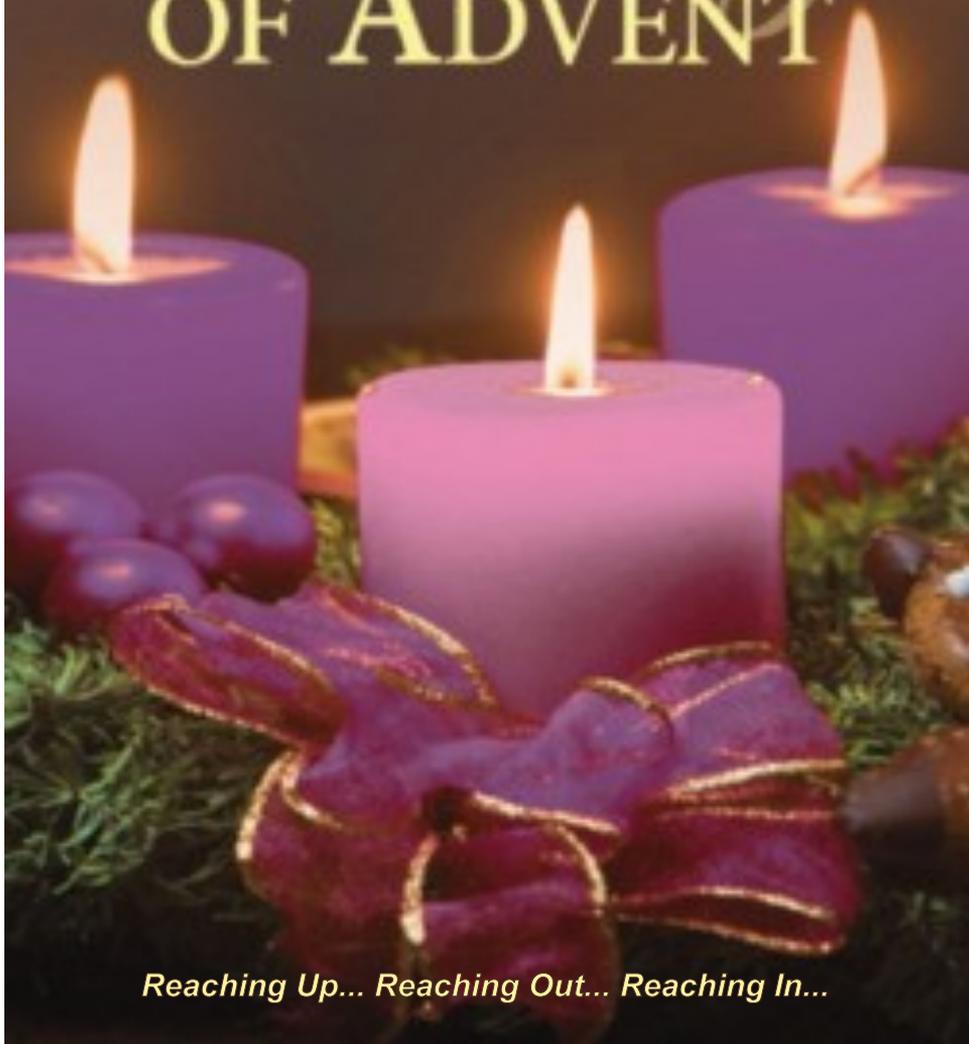


Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
OF ADVENT



*Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...*

## Gathering Song - Even So, Lord Jesus Come

Even so, Lord Jesus come,  
O divine and glorious Son.  
Though we live as your body here on earth,  
even so, Lord Jesus come.

Holy Father, sovereign Lord,  
Your creation's one adored.  
By Your hand we receive Your majesty.  
Even so, Lord Jesus come.

Holy spirit, breath of life,  
light a path through darkest night.  
In Your care we confess our deepest sigh.  
Even so, Lord Jesus come.

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# Third Sunday of Advent

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another,  
we confess our sin before you.  
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.  
We falter in our call to tend your creation.  
We find our sense of self in material wealth.  
We fear those different from ourselves.  
We forget that we are your children  
and turn away from your love.  
Forgive us, Blessed One,  
and assure us again of your saving grace.  
Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# Christ, Be Our Light!

Arranged by Joel Raney

## A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Congregation sings:



3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for



wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,



bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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L: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

**C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

### ***Candle Lighting***

L: This morning we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The second candle is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by the circumstances of life. We echo the cry of scripture to renew their strength and increase their power. The third candle awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming.

**All repeat:** Christ Be Our Light! refrain

### ***Closing Prayer***

L: God of eternity, you called faithful people throughout the ages to behold your glory. We acknowledge you call us to the same awareness today. We confess at times our spiritual senses are stifled. Rekindle a new awareness of your everlasting glory. We stand in awe of your deeds and ask you to repeat them in our day. In Jesus's name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

*Advent texts by Rev. Rich Davis, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, River Forest, IL*

## Greeting

### Sharing of the Peace

*Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed by the Pastor.*

### Children's Time

#### First Lesson:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

#### Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

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

L: And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

**C: make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

**C: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

#### Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

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

#### *Congregation sings:*



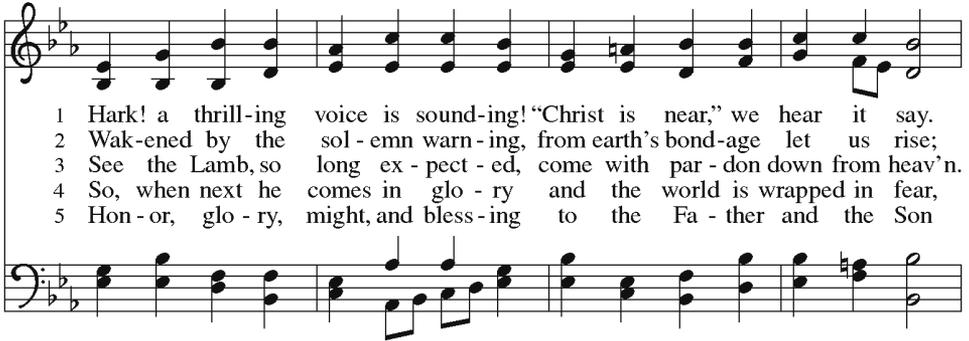
## Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:7-18

### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

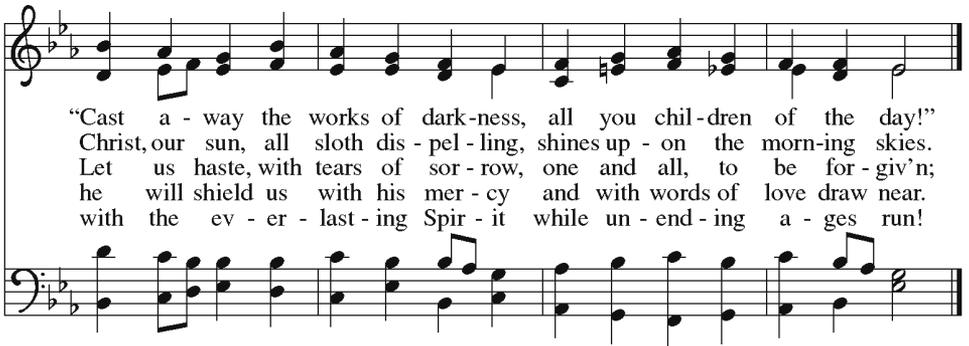
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### Hymn of the Day - Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, come with par- don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in glo- ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## Prayers of Intercession

**Prayer Response:**

**P: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.**

## Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

## Offertory Prayer

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our pathway and our peace..  
**Amen.**

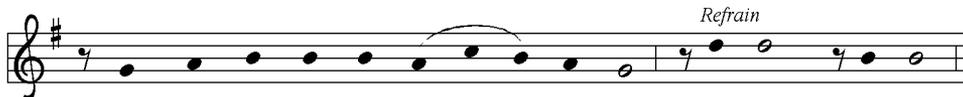
## Communion Song - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sing verses 1 & 2*



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,



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



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

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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## Holy Communion

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*At this time we lift up the elements of  
bread and wine, one after the other.*

### 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**

*We share the bread and wine together.  
Family members may serve each other.*

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

*Response: Amen.*

P: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Response: Amen.*

## Post Communion Prayer

### BLESSING

#### Announcements

#### **Worship Service - Glory @ Strathcona Care Centre Thursday, December 16 - 10:30AM**

Looking for volunteers to attend and assist residents  
(walk them to the service, hold things for them and assist in singing),  
please contact Pastor Markus if you are able to volunteer

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**

Thursday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

*Advance registration is required for the Christmas Eve services.*

***Please register online using Eventbrite here:***

***<https://glorylutheran.eventbrite.ca>***

***or contact the office***

#### **Sending Song - Ready My Heart**

Ready my heart for the birth of Immanuel;  
ready my heart for the Prince of Peace.  
Heap the straw of my life for His body to lie on;  
light the candle of hope, let the Child come in.

#### **Chorus**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, Christ the Saviour is born.**

Mine is the home that is poor and is barren;  
mine is the stable of cold and stone.  
Break the light to each corner of doubt and of darkness;  
now the Word is made flesh for the birth of me.

#### **Chorus**

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#### **Dismissal**

## Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

<b>Musicians:</b>	Glenda Nelson, Elizabeth Wood, Mike Lee, Dwayne Heinsen, Esther Madsen, Pat Becker
<b>AV Techs:</b>	Brett Woodrow, Noah McKinnon, Cole Berg
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rhonda Berg
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ellen Sitrler
<b>Advent Candle Lighting:</b>	Heidi, Owen & Alianna Jones
<b>Reader:</b>	Cole Berg
<b>Church Lock-Up:</b>	Barb Anderson

**Thank you to all who helped last Sunday bringing in all the trees and bins after the service and all the helpers who volunteered to decorate throughout the week.**

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### Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
December 5	22	66	\$2270.00

**PAR total for November: \$17095.00**

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### Next Sunday's Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

**The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.**

This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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