

December 15, 2021

Midweek of Advent 3



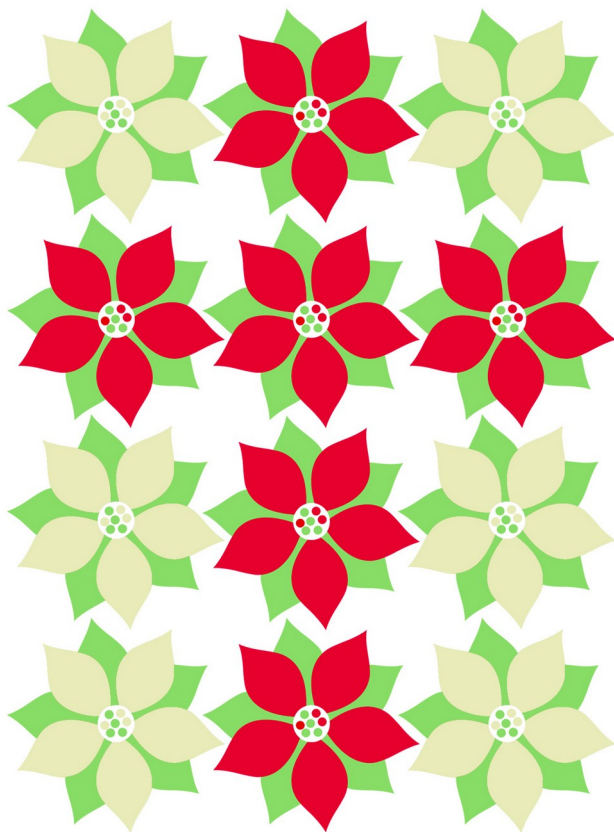
**“We Preach Christ Crucified...”**

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

**LUTHER MEMORIAL**  
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

134 21st Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

An Affiliate of the Church of the Lutheran Confession ♦ [www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org)



*It is by God's will that we have been  
sanctified through the offering of  
the body of Jesus Christ...*

*Hebrews 10:10, NRSV*

Church/Office (920) 922-7421 • Pastor's Cell Phone (920) 602-3242

Visit our website: [www.FDLlutheran.com](http://www.FDLlutheran.com)

Pastor Rob Sauers • Principal Jennifer Wiese

## Welcome to Worship

Christmas is coming! But the coming of the promised Messiah does not just signify a baby being born in a stable; it reveals the Son of God coming to a broken, sinful world to save each of us from our own sinful nature. He comes to rule His people with loving justice; He comes to sacrifice Himself for us; He comes to fulfill all God's promises to us.

*[Tonight's hymns are printed on pages 8-10 of the bulletin]*

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### Opening Hymn

TLH 71 – Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

**P** O Lord, open my lips

**C** and my mouth will declare your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

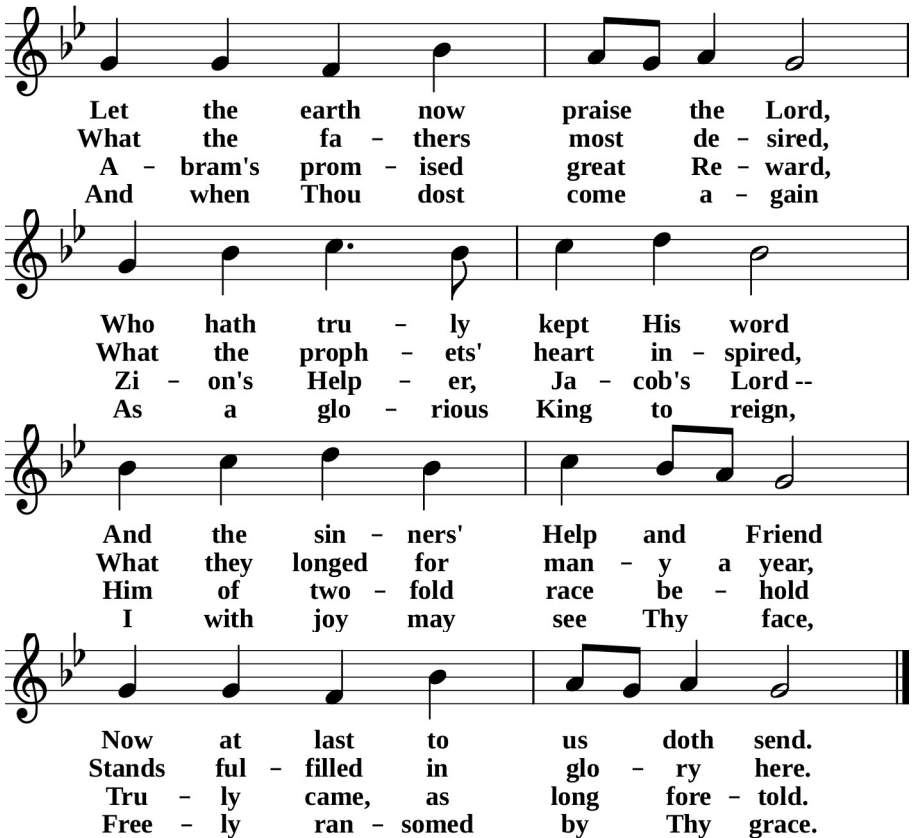
**C** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us, therefore, confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Hymn of Praise** TLH 91 (1-3, 9) – Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
 What the fathers most desired,  
 A - bram's prom - ised great Re - ward,  
 And when Thou dost come a - gain

Who hath tru - ly kept His word  
 What the proph - ets' heart in - spired,  
 Zi - on's Help - er, Ja - cob's Lord --  
 As a glo - rious King to reign,

And the sin - ners' Help and Friend  
 What they longed for man - y a year,  
 Him of two - fold race be - hold  
 I with joy may see Thy face,

Now at last to us doth send.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Free - ly ran - somed by Thy grace.

**Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world, the kingdom of heaven now is open to all who believe in Him. Give us grace to look for the signs of His coming and to receive the Lord Jesus as our Emmanuel, God with us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, lead us evermore to serve Him in our lives until that day when He comes again to claim us as His own for eternity. This we ask in His most blessed name.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Word ✠

### Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-4

<sup>2</sup> “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”

<sup>3</sup> Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

### Psalm of the Day

Psalms 85

**P** Lord, You have been favorable to Your land;

**C** You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

**P** You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

**C** You have covered all their sin.

**P** You have taken away all Your wrath;

**C** You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

**P** Restore us, O God of our salvation,

**C** And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

**P** Will You be angry with us forever?

**C** Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

**P** Will You not revive us again,

**C** That Your people may rejoice in You?

**P** Show us Your mercy, LORD,

**C** And grant us Your salvation.

**P** I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints;

**C** But let them not turn back to folly.

- P** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
- C** **That glory may dwell in our land.**
- P** Mercy and truth have met together;
- C** **Righteousness and peace have kissed.**
- P** Truth shall spring out of the earth,
- C** **And righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good;
- C** **And our land will yield its increase.**
- P** Righteousness will go before Him,
- C** **And shall make His footsteps our pathway.**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

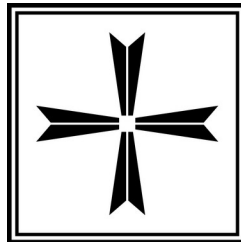
<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup> For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. <sup>50</sup> And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, <sup>55</sup> As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

## Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!



## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

## Hymn

TLH 387 (1, 4-6) – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

## Sermon Text

Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. <sup>6</sup> In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



*Sermon*

### The Gift of Obedience

- I. Jesus' obedience for us required that He take on a human body
- II. Jesus' obedience has set us apart from sin.

## Offertory

TLH 50 st. 2



Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy Gos - pel's  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion  
In our hearts and lives a - bound; Ev - er faith - ful,  
Ev - er faith - ful To the Truth may we be found!

## General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

TLH 554 – Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

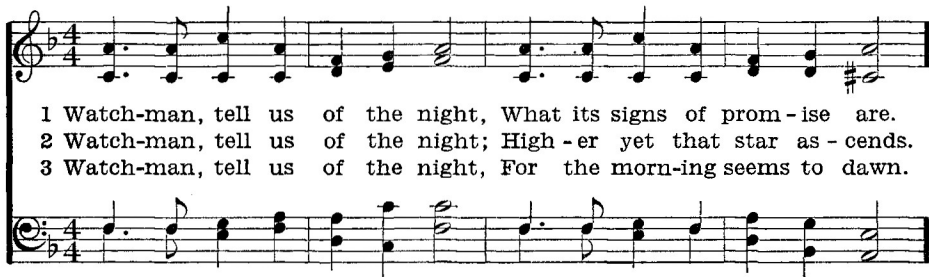
*Hymns and liturgical settings under copyright are used by permission through Concordia Publishing House License #000014358 or OneLicense.net #A-729565. Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Bulletin cover art is courtesy of Communication Resources Inc., copyright © 1983-2021. Used by Permission. All rights reserved.*

# TLH 71 – Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

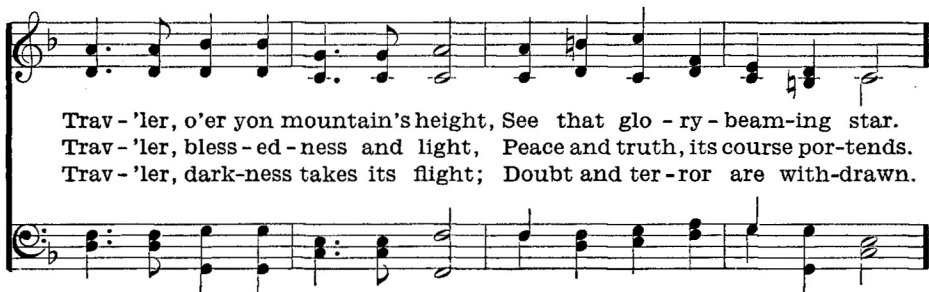
Is. 21 : 11  
John Bowring, 1825

7. 7. 7. 7. D.

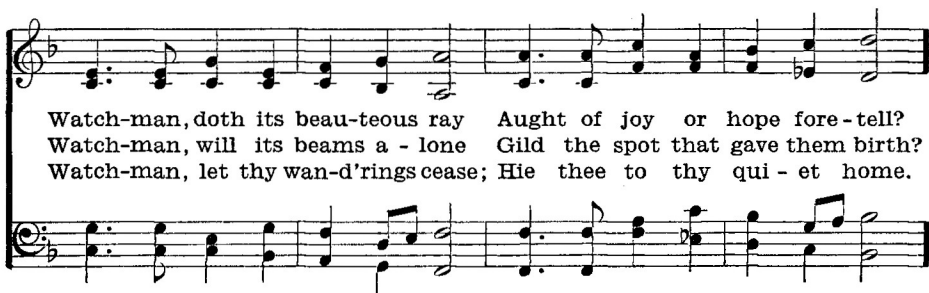
St. George  
George J. Elvey, 1858



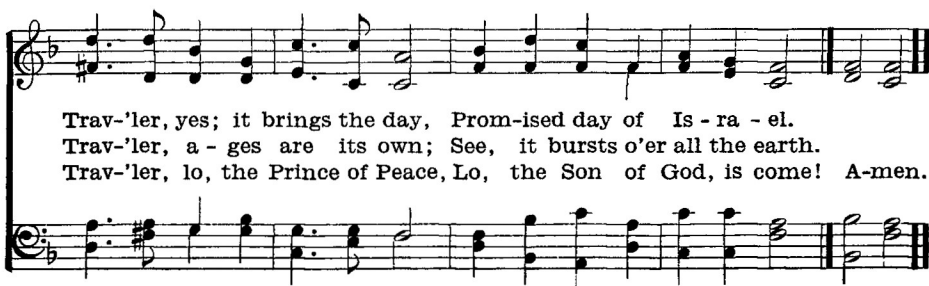
1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.  
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; High-er yet that star as-cends.  
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav-'ler, o'er yon mountain's height, See that glo-ry-beam-ing star.  
Trav-'ler, bless-ed-ness and light, Peace and truth, its course por-tends.  
Trav-'ler, dark-ness takes its flight; Doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, doth its beau-teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore-tell?  
Watch-man, will its beams a-lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Watch-man, let thy wan-d'rings cease; Hie thee to thy qui-et home.



Trav-'ler, yes; it brings the day, Prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.  
Trav-'ler, a-ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
Trav-'ler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God, is come! A-men.



# TLH 387 (1, 4-6) – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Rom. 3 : 28

Nun freut euch, liebe Christen g'mein

Martin Luther, 1523

Tr., Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 8. 7.

Nun freut euch  
"Ettlich' christliche Lieder"  
Wittenberg, 1524



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion spring-ing,  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay, Death brooded dark-ly o'er me,  
3 My own good works a-vailed me naught, No mer-it they at-tain-ing;  
4 But God be-held my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-da-tion,



And, with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly rap-ture sing-ing,  
Sin was my tor-ment night and day, In sin my moth-er bore me;  
Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all good re-main-ing.  
And, mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned my soul's sal-va-tion.



Pro-claim the won-ders God hath done, How His right arm the  
Yea, deep and deep-er still I fell, Life had be-come a  
My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left naught but death to  
A fa-ther's heart He turned to me, Sought my re-demp-tion



vic-t'ry won; Right dear-ly it hath cost Him.  
liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.  
be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.  
fer-vent-ly: He gave His dear-est Treas-ure. A-men.



5 He spoke to His beloved Son:  
'Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,  
And bring to man salvation;  
From sin and sorrow set him free,  
Slay bitter death for him that he  
May live with Thee forever.

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And God's good pleasure to fulfil,  
He came to be my Brother.  
No garb of pomp or power He wore,  
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,  
To lead the devil captive.

# TLH 554 – Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

Ps. 139: 11

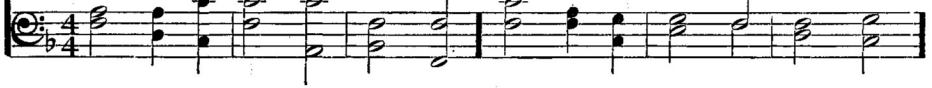
Nun ruhen alle Wälder  
Paul Gerhardt, 1648, cento  
Tr., composite

7. 7. 6. 7. 7. 8.

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen  
Heinrich Isaak, c. 1490



1 Now rest be-neath night's shad-ow The wood-land, field, and mead-ow,  
2 The ra-diant sun hath van-ish-ed, His gold-en rays are ban-ish-ed  
3 The rule of day is o-ver And shin-ing jew-els cov-er  
4 To rest my bod-y hast-eth, A-side its gar-ments cast-eth,



The world in slum-ber lies; But thou, my heart, a-wake thee,  
By night, the foe of day; But Christ, the Sun of glad-ness,  
The heav-en's bound-less blue. Thus I shall shine in heav-en,  
Types of mor-tal-i-ty; These I put off and pon-der



To prayer and song be-take thee; Let praise to thy Cre-a-tor rise.  
Dis-pel-ling all my sad-ness, With-in my heart holds constant sway.  
Where crowns of gold are giv-en To all who faith-ful prove and true.  
How Christ will give me yon-der A robe of glo-rious maj-es-ty. A-men.



5 Lord Jesus, who dost love me,  
Oh, spread Thy wings above me  
And shield me from alarm!  
Though evil would assail me,  
Thy mercy will not fail me:  
I rest in Thy protecting arm.

6 My loved ones, rest securely,  
For God this night will surely  
From peril guard your heads.  
Sweet slumbers may He send you  
And bid His hosts attend you  
And through the night watch o'er your beds.

