

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

*Wednesday Advent Service Week Three: Wait Upon the Lord with Joy*

### **Isaiah 25:9**

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

### **Christmas Carols**

#### **386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**

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| 1 Now sing we, now rejoice,<br>Now raise to heav'n our voice;<br>He from whom joy streameth<br>Poor in a manger lies;<br>Not so brightly beameth<br>The sun in yonder skies.<br>Thou my Savior art!<br>Thou my Savior art! | 2 Come from on high to me;<br>I cannot rise to Thee.<br>Cheer my wearied spirit,<br>O pure and holy Child;<br>Through Thy grace and merit,<br>Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,<br>Draw me unto Thee!<br>Draw me unto Thee! |
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#### **380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

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| 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,<br>"Glory to the newborn King;<br>Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled!"<br>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br>Join the triumph of the skies;<br>With the_angelic host proclaim,<br>"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain | ref <b>Hark! The herald angels sing,<br/>"Glory to the newborn King!"</b> |
| 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br>Late in time behold Him come,<br>Offspring of a virgin's womb.<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,<br>Hail the_incarnate Deity!<br>Pleased as Man with man to dwell,<br>Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain     |   |

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## Invocation and Call To Worship

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

**P** Wait upon the Lord

**C Be strong and courageous**

**P** Wait upon the Lord. That's what Elizabeth did.

**C She waited for a child.**

**P** John the Baptist.

**C Then she said to Mary:**

**P** When the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

**C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

## Opening Hymn: LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

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| 1 | Angels from the realms of glory,<br>Wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br>Ye who sang creation's story,<br>Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain | ref | <b>Come and worship, come and worship;<br/>Worship Christ, the newborn King.</b>  |
| 2 | Shepherds in the field abiding,<br>Watching o'er your flocks by night,<br>God with us is now residing,<br>Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain  | 3   | Sages, leave your contemplations,<br>Brighter visions beam afar;<br>Seek the great Desire of nations,<br>Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain |

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## Confession and Absolution

**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 stray 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.**

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

**P** Believe 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 Amen.**

**P** Wait upon the Lord.

**C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

## Kyrie

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C Give us patience.**

**P** Christ, have mercy.

**C Give us patience and peace.**

**P** Lord, have mercy.

**C Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.**

## Old Testament Reading, 1 Samuel 2:1-3

And Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord;  
my horn is exalted in the Lord.

My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>2</sup> "There is none holy like the Lord:  
for there is none 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

## Epistle Reading, Romans 12:11-18

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<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> Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, Luke 1:39-45**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke    **C** **Glory to You, O Lord**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby 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 from the Lord."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord    **C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon Hymn LSB 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

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## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## **Prayers**

**P** Heavenly Father, we wait for you.

**C** **More than watchmen wait for the morning --**

**P** More than watchmen wait for the morning

**C** **Lead us in your truth and teach us.**

**P** For you are the God of our salvation.

**C** **For you we wait all the day long.**

**P** O God, inspire us to wait for you faithfully,

**C** **Serve you joyfully**

**P** and give to others generously.

**C** **Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick.**

**P** Courage for the fainthearted.

**C** **Hope for the discouraged.**

**P** and great clarity for all in the valley of decision.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## 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!**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Song LSB 333 Once He Came in Blessing

1 Once He came in blessing,

All our sins redressing;

Came in likeness lowly,

Son of God most holy;

Bore the cross to save us;

Hope and freedom gave us.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,

From our sins release us.

Keep our hearts believing,

That we, grace receiving,

Ever may confess You

Till in heav'n we bless You.

(Please be seated)

## Announcements



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