

# Advent Lutheran Church

August 23, 2020

## 818 In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of  
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the  
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text and tune: Public domain

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

## Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,

and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 138*

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.  
<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.  
<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.  
<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle

*Romans 11:33—12:8*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:13–20*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## 645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



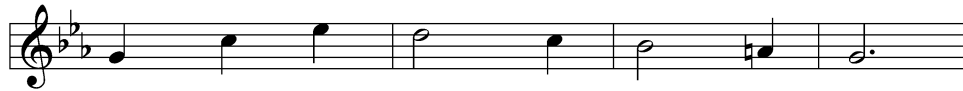
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Tune and text: Public domain

## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

**Benedicamus**

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

- 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.

**798 The God of Abraham Praise**

*sts. 1-4, 8-9*



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

8 The God who reigns on high  
 The great archangels sing,  
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
 "Almighty King!  
 Who was and is the same  
 And evermore shall be:  
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
 We worship Thee!"

△ 9 The whole triumphant host  
 Give thanks to God on high.  
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
 They ever cry.  
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
 I join the heav'nly lays:  
 All might and majesty are Thine  
 And endless praise!

Tune and text: Public domain

SO PETER ANSWERS  
JESUS' QUESTION AND  
JESUS' SAYS HIS ANSWER  
**ISN'T REALLY HIS** - IT  
COMES FROM GOD.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

SO MUCH FOR  
**PETER'S**  
CONFESSION!

OUR EXPRESSIONS  
OF FAITH ARE **GIFTS**  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



SO EVEN  
**PRAYING** IS  
GRACE!



EVERY TIME,  
YES.



MATTHEW 16:13-20

© WETZSTEIN<sup>3</sup> 20.08.18

## Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV<sup>®</sup> Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version<sup>®</sup>), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.