

Benediction

P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

C God heard Zechariah's prayer!

P His wife Elizabeth bore a son named John.

C Who turns the children of Israel to the Lord their God,

P And goes before Jesus in the spirit and power of Elijah.

C To turn the hearts of the parents to the children to make ready a people prepared!

Bell

Sending Hymn: Holy Child within the Manger

Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near;
come as friend to every stranger, come as hope for every fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,
as you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.

Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,
so we see in every stranger how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,
that our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.

Dismissal: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Please note:

- December 7th – Confirmation Class at 6:15 – Nora
- December 11th – 9am Service at Kirkebo w/council following
10am Sunday School and 11am Service at Nora w/potluck and council following
6pm – Carols and Cocktails at Happy Trails – bring a snack to share
- December Ushers: Josie & Clint Hayden and Brittany & Jesse Hayden

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**Perley Parish
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. Psalm 69:13

We think about ways in which we can take more time during this season to communicate to our God through prayer as we wait for Christ. Zechariah, who went to the temple to pray, serves as an example for us of how hard that waiting in prayer can be.

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Song: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all; Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story - tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you; Christ the babe was born for you!

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 Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

C God promises to be with us and keep us wherever we go.

P He will not leave us until he has done what he has promised.

C Surely the Lord is in this place!

P This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

C For God sent John the Baptist—

P To turn the hearts of parents to their children.

C To make ready a people prepared!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Absolution

P Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry—

C Too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

P Forgive what our lips tremble to name.

Prayers

We believe that you will— **Turn the hearts of parents to their children.**

We believe that you will— **Turn the hearts of children to their parents.**

We believe that you will— **Turn our hurts to trust in you.**

Meal

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

C: Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

C: all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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. 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

Old Testament Reading, Genesis 28:10-17

Epistle Reading, 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Gospel Reading, Luke 1:5-25, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message: A Tale of Two Families

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Away in the Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes

But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes

I love You, Lord Jesus look down from the sky

And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask You to stay

Close by me forever and love me I pray

Bless all the dear children in Your tender care

And fit us for heaven to live with You there

Offering Response – *We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.*

All that we have is thine alone a trust o, Lord in thee.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

C What our hearts can no longer bear

P And what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

C As parents, we have not fully loved our children.

P As children, we have not fully loved our parents.

C Set us free from a past that we cannot change.

P Open to us a future where we can be changed.

C And grant us grace to grow more and more in the image and likeness of Jesus. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P Surely the Lord is in this place as the God of love and kindness who forgives you, frees you, heals you, strengthens you and raises you up to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. He also sends his Holy Spirit to turn the hearts of parents to their children.

C To make ready a people prepared!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you that in your providence you sent John the Baptist to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents to make ready a people prepared for the coming of our Savior; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

C: Christ is our light and the source of peace

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O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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