

**ABOUT THE DAY:** *“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Peace*

-Friendship Ringers

-Traditional American tune, arr. by Sandra Eithun

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving and forgiving God,

**we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

People of God, hear this glad news: by God’s endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God’s love, † comforted by Christ’s peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway p. 14***

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

*Light three candles.*

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*All may be seated*

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

*Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.*

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;

<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 126 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*The LORD has done great things for us. (Ps. 126:3)*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for  
them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great | things for us,  
and we are | glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

*Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ’s coming.*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

*John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.*

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN: *Each Winter as the Year Grows Older* p. 15**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

**NICENE CREED**

In the words of the Creed, let us confess our faith:

**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**

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of preachers and messengers, you have entrusted your church with the work of proclaiming good news. Strengthen the witness of bishops, pastors, deacons, church musicians, lay leaders, and all people who contribute their prayers and talents to public worship. Embed your word in their hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every living creature, you announce the year of your favor for all of creation. Extend your kindness and relief to endangered animals and plants. Strengthen the human beings who rely on the rhythms of nature to make their living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all peoples and nations, you plant us as your oaks of righteousness and ask us to care for one another. Be present with the leaders of every nation as they govern. Give them a spirit of righteousness, that your goodness and mercy is revealed through their actions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of exiles and wanderers, you repair what was once destroyed. We pray for people who have been displaced from their homes by fire, flood, earthquake, or storm. Support the work of Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all disaster relief organizations in their recovery efforts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the powerful and helpless, you clothe us with strength when our spirits are weak and weary. Bestow your spirit upon this congregation and empower us to comfort the people who turn to us in times of need (*especially George, Doug, Lillian, Arlene, Linda, Dorothy, Paula, Jim, Shirley, Mike, Clark, Lois, Dan, Nancy, Candy, Richard, Kaylie, Dave, Irene, Julie, Justin, Darlene, Randy, Louise*). Make your church a place of refuge and healing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of sinners and saints, you offer joy even in the midst of our grief. We are grateful for the beloved, imperfect people whose lives testified to your radiant love. Anoint all who mourn with the oil of gladness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Sharon, Anna, Ray, Amelia, Maeve, Karly, Jace, Grace, Louise, Curtis, Arlene, Jeffrey, Dorothy.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Karen & Glenn, Carol & Michael.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Lord, as our shepherd, guide the ministries of all our siblings in Christ in congregations who continue to do your work. Through your Holy Spirit provide courage, perseverance and resources to those who speak your word of truth and love. We give thanks this day for our sisters and brothers united through you. We pray especially for Emmanuel, Emmanueltown, and their transitional pastor, Daniel Clayborne. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.

## **BLESSING**

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✝ now and forever.  
Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:** *Hark the Glad Sound* p. 16

## **EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People*

-arr. by Gerald Near

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## *Christmas Eve Worship Service* *December 24<sup>th</sup>*

Our prerecorded service will include singing Christmas carols, a brief message, reading of the Christmas gospel, a children's message, and candle lighting. It will be available to stream (Thursday after 3:00 p.m.) at your family's convenience. Please take time out on December 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the great love God has for everyone when He gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ.

**Drive-thru communion Christmas Eve 6 - 7 pm**  
**in the Family Center (back) parking lot.**

**THIS WEEK (Dec. 13-19)**

**TODAY (13<sup>th</sup>)**

-9:15am, LIVE-STREAMED Worship Service  
-10:30am, **First Congregational Meeting - ZOOM**  
-6:30pm, New Beginnings, M3/5/7

**MON (14<sup>th</sup>)**

-6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers  
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Social Hall

**WED (16<sup>th</sup>)**

-5:30pm, Jr. Gyros  
-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers

**NEXT WEEK (Dec. 20-26)**

**SUN (20<sup>th</sup>)**

-9:15am, LIVE-STREAMED Worship Service

**THU (24<sup>th</sup>)**

-Prerecorded Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service  
(Available after 3:00 p.m.)  
-6:00-7:00 p.m., Drive-thru communion

***The church office will be open Dec. 21, 22 & 23 and closed Dec. 24, 25, & 28.***

***Assisting at Worship this Morning***

**Lector:** Dave Mancke

**Cantor:** Chris Heilman

**Video:** Tom Daniels

***Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit***

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth

**Whitehall Mnr:** LaRue Wuchter

**Lehigh Commons:** Barbara Diehl

**Mosser:** Arlene Miller

**The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock

**Manor Care:** MaryAnn Rau

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley

***Please keep these people in your prayers:***

George Hein, Doug Fay, Lillian Young, Arlene Miller, Linda Grantz, Dorothy Diehl, Paula Huston, Jim Miller, Shirley Hamm, Clark Snyder, Lois Heisler, Dan Stark, Candy Cordes, Richard Seltzer, Kaylie Radocha, Dave Ludwig, Irene Johnson, Justin Williams, Julie Williams, Darlene Wenhold, Randy Wenhold, Louise Quaintance

***Birthdays this week:*** Sharon Andersch, Anna Bieber, Ray Hamm, Amelia Jensen, Karly Stout, Jace Gill, Grace Keller, Louise Quaintance, Curtis Stettler, Arlene Trumbauer, Jeffrey White, Dorothy Diehl

***Anniversaries this week:*** Karen & Glenn Hahn (48), Carol & Michael Martin (56)

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**2020-2021 SPONSORSHIPS**

***All sponsorships have been temporarily suspended until we are back to live worship.***

***Thanks for understanding!***

***HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:*** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Altar flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

***SPONSORSHIP POLICY:*** Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

**ATTENDANCE – 12/6/20 – 43-streaming**

**Treasurer's Report  
for November 2020**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 279,215.00	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 318,450.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 13,110.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 18,337.00
Property	\$ 2,009.00	\$ 24,252.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 546.00	\$ 9,045.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,015.00</b>	<b>\$ 325,622.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,117.00</b>	<b>\$ 364,287.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 13,995.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 21,835.00
Ministries	\$ 1,002.00	\$ 8,755.00	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 15,807.00
Payroll	\$ 20,884.00	\$ 233,984.00	\$ 22,049.00	\$ 242,539.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 3,156.00	\$ 69,319.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 87,362.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 19,592.00	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 21,087.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,707.00</b>	<b>\$ 345,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 388,630.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (5,692.00)</b>	<b>\$ (20,023.00)</b>	<b>\$ (2,213.00)</b>	<b>\$ (24,343.00)</b>

We are now seeing updates on the Truist website for the next phase of the PPP SBA process where we apply for the loan forgiveness but we are in a holding pattern as Truist is finishing their online application process. So, we are still tracking our employee payroll expenses and utilities (electric & oil), which are being paid for through PPP SBA loan funds. We are required to track all these expenses separately for the necessary documentation in our forgiveness application with Truist Bank to show that we have met qualifications for possible forgiveness and conversion to a grant.

In this month's Treasurer's Report, the dollar amounts show the full expenses associated with Payroll and the Property-Utilities, grounds, etc. in the expenses section of the report. These expenses are still being tracked separately from our normal income and expense records using features of our PowerChurch software. This month's Treasurer's Report shows a deficit for the YTD (year to date) a little **less than (\$15,000)**. Treasurer's Reports will NOT be reporting any surplus amounts due to the \$ 47,400 SBA Loan, since this amount was deposited into our Operating Income as a balance adjustment until we are potentially granted forgiveness.

**First Congregational Meeting  
TODAY following worship**

Worship will still be live streamed as usual. There will be a slight break after worship, and at 10:30 we will switch to Zoom to hold the meeting. This will give everyone the opportunity to take a brief break, freshen their coffee etc. and time to log on to the Zoom meeting. You will be able to participate via Zoom using either a computer or a telephone.

**In the event we need a backup meeting date,  
we will have the meeting Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Small candles:** will be available for pick up, to light at home during the Christmas Eve service. If you have your own candles, please feel free to use one, but anyone not having candles is welcome to stop by the church and take one from the box that will be placed on the bench outside the church office after Wednesday. If you are homebound but in need of candles, please call the office and we will arrange to have them delivered to you, just let us know how many you need. (one per family member, please)



**Church Office Hours:** The office is still open! Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, to take your phone calls, drop off your offering envelopes, etc. Every effort will be made to do so contact-free.

**Scrip Cards:** can be picked up. Please call the church office and we will arrange for you to pick up your gift cards contact free if needed.

**Our clothing collection:** is TEMPORARILY ON HOLD due to the collection company's inability to schedule a pick up. We are out of storage space right now so, please, no clothing drop offs till further notice.

**Living Lutheran Magazine, Upper Room, and Christ in Our Home:** are all available from the church. Please call and we can make arrangements for you to pick one up while we are here, or put one on the bench for you to pick up at your convenience.

**Poinsettias:** For those who sponsored poinsettias, they will be available for pick up on either Tuesday, 12/22 or Wednesday, 12/23 since the service will be pre-recorded on Monday. You may also pick one up after Christmas.



A gentle reminder about appropriate masks that are required to be worn whenever in the Jordan building: The masks should be either the disposable type or two-layer fabric masks of a similar design that cover both the nose and mouth. Face coverings such as plastic shields (unless used in conjunction with an appropriate mask) and masks with vent valves included, are not considered by the CDC to provide adequate protection. CDC approved masks are available in Monica's office if needed.

Having every all abide by the CDC guidelines will enhance the safety of others within the building. The responsible focus here is not our own personal preferences, it is based upon our loving consideration for those around us and reliable information. Please enjoy our streamed services from the comfort of your home now through January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The Relaunch Committee

We send our gratitude to those who continue to faithfully make their offerings!

We highly recommend that at this time you prayerfully consider using online giving. Here is how you sign up:

**WEBSITE** – go to [www.jordanlutheran.org](http://www.jordanlutheran.org) click on the **SUPPORT** tab, then **Electronic Giving** and you will be offered two options to set up your electronic giving

**GIVE+ PLUS** (a free, secure phone app) download this free app to your mobile phone, search by zip code 18069 and when you see Jordan, follow the instructions to make your donation.



# Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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## Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,  
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for  
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from  
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the  
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the  
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and  
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that  
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can  
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.  
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.  
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.  
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.  
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

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# Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820