



The 63rd Annual Julfest

Sunday, December 5, 2021

10:45 a.m.

(Where you see an asterisk please stand as you are able.)*

PRELUDE *Traditional Swedish Melodies*

String Band

***SANCTUS** *from "A Folk Mass"*

Choir and String Band

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts

The heavens and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Todd Johnson, *Senior Pastor*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader

Lord, our God, You who in Jesus Christ reveal your kingdom to us,
grant us the grace to prepare the way for your one and only Son,

so that we, with his second coming in view,

Can serve you willingly and with a clean heart.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL

God, our Father, Prepare us to receive your Son,

When he comes to us. Help us to cease our activity

And hasten to meet him, And serve you in his holy name.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Steve Elde, *Pastor of Adult Ministries*



Nursery Care is provided for young children during the
Julfest program, in the Nursery downstairs.

(Please see an usher for directions.)

Please join us for a **Festive Reception** following the service,
with coffee and Swedish treats, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

CHOIR
Hosianna, David's Son!

G.J.Vogler

*Hosanna, Son of David!
Blessed be his Holy name
Hail to the Son of David,
He comes evermore to reign.*

LESSON: Isaiah 40:3-5

Read by Erik Sundholm

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

***HYMN**

Bereden väg för Herren (*Prepare the Way, O Zion*) Franzén, tr. A. Nelson, Swedish Melody

**Bereden väg för Herran! Berg, sjunken, djup, stå upp.
Han kommer, han som fjärran, Var sedd av fädrens hopp.
Rättfärdighetens förste, Av Davids hus den störste.
Välsignad vare han, Som kom i Herrens namn.**

**Den tron, som han bestiger, Är i hans Faders hus.
Det välde han inviger, Är kärlek blott och ljus.
Hans lov av späda munnar, Blott nåd och frid förkunnar.
Välsignad vare han, Som kom i Herrens namn.**

**Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh.
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
O blest is he that came, in God the Father's name.**

**The throne which he ascended is fixed in heav'n above;
His everlasting kingdom is light and joy and love.
Let us his praise be sounding for grace and peace abounding:
O blest is he that came, in God the Father's name.**

YOUTH CHOIR

Nu är det Jul igen

*Now it is Christmas time. Oh, now it is Christmas time.
Our hearts are filled with love and gladness.
Oh, this is the time of year. Oh, this is the time of year
When joyous song will banish sadness.*

Tre pepparkaksgubbar

*We come, we come from Gingerbread Land, The road we wander together hand in hand
So brown, so brown are we three, With currents for eyes and hats tipped to the side.*

*Three old guys from gingerbread land, For Christmas we're marching hand in hand
But tomte and goaty we had to leave behind, They couldn't just abandon our ginger cookie pig.*

Tomtarnas julnatt

*Now it's midnight, everyone is sleeping! All are sleeping!
The house is quiet, all the lights are out now! Lights are out now!
Tip-toe, tip-toe, tippie tippie tip-toe, tip, tip, toe!
From every corner, tomtes now are sneaking! Sneaking, tomtes!
Listen, closely, can you hear their tiptoes! Hear them tiptoe!
Christmas dinner's still upon the table! On the table!
What a treat to set out for the tomtes! Treat for tomtes!
How they dance among the plates and glasses! Plates and glasses!
Tissla, tassla, Christmas food is so good! Christmas food!
The morning's coming, time to clean up our mess! Clean up our mess!
Quickly, quietly, they'll never know we were here! They'll never know!*

Nu ha vi ljus här i vårt hus

*Now we have lights, here in our home, Christmas is here, hop tra-la-la-la.
The children in a ring, dancing around, dancing around
The tree stands so green and grand in the cabin
Tra-la-la-la la, Tra-la-la-la la, Tra-la-la-la la, La-la!
Come little friend, come now again
Dance around the Christmas tree, hop tra-la-la-la
The joy is great, sister and brother, sister and brother
Papa, Mama, everyone is dancing!
Tra-la-la-la la, Tra-la-la-la la, Tra-la-la-la la, La-la!*

***HYMN**

Var hälsad, sköna morgonstund (*All Hail to Thee, O Blessed Morn*) Wallin/Nicolai

**Var hälsad, sköna morgonstund, Som av profeters helga mun
Är oss bebådad vorden. Du stora dag, du sälla dag,
På hvilken himlens välbehag, Ännu besöker jorden!
Unga, sjunga, Med de gamla, Sig församla Jordens böner
Kring den störste av dess söner.**

**Han kommer, till vår frälsning sänd, Och nådens sol, av honom tänd,
Skall sig ej mera dölja. Han själv vår herde vara vill,
Att vi må honom höra till, Och honom efterfölja.
Nöjda, höjda, Över tiden, Och i friden, av hans rike
En gång varda honom like.**

**All hail to thee, O blessed morn! To tidings long by prophets borne.
Hast thou fulfillment given; O sacred and immortal day,
When unto earth, in glorious ray, Descends the grace of heaven!
Singing, ringing, Sounds are blending,
Praises sending unto heaven. For the Savior to us given.**

LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Read by Linda Carlson

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation)**

Led by Linda Carlson

Fader vår, som är i himmelen. Helgat varde ditt namn. Tillkomme ditt rike.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,

Ske din vilja, såsom i himmelen så ock på jorden. Vårt dagliga bröd giv oss i dag.

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

Och förlåt oss våra skulder, såsom ock vi förlåta dem oss skyldiga äro

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Och inled oss icke i frestelse, utan fräls oss ifrån ondo,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

ty riket är ditt, och makten och härligheten i evighet, Amen.

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Gå Sion (*O Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer*) Servoss/Nyström/McGranahan

**Gå Sion, din konung att möta! Jerusalem gläds åt din Gud!
Strö palmer på vägen för Herren och red dig som väntande brud.
Var glad! Var glad! Var glad i din Herre och Gud!
Var glad! Var glad! Och hylla din konung och Gud!**

**Han kommer från eviga fröjder. Han lämnar sin tron av kristall,
Sin ära i ljusets palatser. Och lägges på strå i ett stall
Var glad! Var glad! Var glad i din Herre och Gud!
Var glad! Var glad! Och hylla din konung och Gud!**

**O Zion, acclaim your Redeemer! Jerusalem, welcome your King!
Strew palms on the way for the Savior, his praises exultantly sing.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in your Savior and King!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Acclaim him your Savior and King!**

**Var glad! Var glad! Var glad i din Herre och Gud!
Var glad! Var glad! Och hylla din konung och Gud!**

SANKTA LUCIA PAGEANT

THE STORY OF SANTA LUCIA

Read by Melia Scranton

LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3

Read by Jonah Scranton

LUCIA PROCESSIONAL: CHOIR

Strålande Helgonfé

Brandt/Hammarström/Stureborg

Brilliant saint! Once again we see your noble image, blessed bearer of light! Death overcome was like a night that passed. Over your bonfire that burned, starlight shone. High above the night sky, soon the morning will dawn. Saint Lucia!

Saint from ages passed, lovely and pious and mild you tell of light and peace for people who suffer. Shadows, which covered the earth, are dispelled by in your vigil. For us hope has not been extinguished, we wait for the light. Your crown of glory shines beautifully in starry splendor, Saint Lucia!

Up to our northern land, you were lead by God's hand, saga of light from far away shores, heralding gladness. Now you are also ours! Once again you sow starlight around, when your attendants adorn themselves in candles. Beneath your halo of light, the dawn has already begun. Saint Lucia!

Lucia: Phia Waite

Lucia Attendants: Girls and young women of First Covenant Church

Star Boys: Felix Blomgren, Ueli HansPetersen, Oskar Nelson

LESSON: John 8:12

Read by Jonah Scranton

CHOIR

Nu tändas tusen juleljus

Traditional

*Now shine a thousand candles bright, upon the world's dark sphere.
The deep blue sky is set alight, as myriad flames appear.*

LESSON: Matthew 5:14-16

Read by Axel Nelson

RECESSIONAL: CHOIR

Sankta Lucia

Traditional

CHOIR

Lyssna, lyssna: hör du änglasången

J.Holstedt

*Listen, listen, hear the angels' song! Listen, listen, "Glory be to God!"
Listen, listen, hear the angels' song. "Glory, glory, glory unto God!"
Glory be to God in the highest, Peace on earth, peace on earth.
Glory be to God in the highest, To mankind, goodwill.*

LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

Read by Erik Sundholm

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*HYMN

Ära vare Gud i höjd (*Our Day of Joy is Here Again*)

A.L. Skoog

**Nu glädjens timme inne är och manar oss till sång,
Vi stämma upp den lovsång kär oss änglar lärt en gång:
Ära vare Gud i höjd, frid på jorden, frid och fröjd!
Människor ett gott behag på denna glädjens dag!**

**Our day of joy is here again with love and peace and song;
come, let us join th'angelic strain with voices clear and strong.
Glory to our God we sing, glory to our Lord and King;
peace goodwill with all abide, this holy Christmastide.**

**Now to the manger let us go to worship and adore
the tender babe upon the straw, our Savior evermore.
Glory to our God we sing, glory to our Lord and King;
peace goodwill with all abide, this holy Christmastide.**

**How wonderful that God's own Son should so himself abase!
He thrust the mighty from their throne and gave the lowly grace.
Glory to our God we sing, glory to our Lord and King;
peace goodwill with all abide, this holy Christmastide.
Ära vare Gud i höjd, frid på jorden, frid och fröjd!
Människor ett gott behag på denna glädjens dag!**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Steve Elde, *Senior Pastor*

POSTLUDE

String Band



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with coffee and Swedish treats, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome!

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND THANKS to members of the First Covenant Church council, staff, and others who have planned this service, helped with decorating, provided and served the refreshments, ushered, and many other tasks. Our thanks also to each of you who have come to share with us in our annual Julfest.

PARTICIPANTS

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| CHOIR DIRECTOR | Natalie Bartels |
| ORGANIST <i>and</i> PIANIST | Natalie Bartels |
| YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR | Johanna Staman |
| LUCIA PAGEANT DIRECTOR | Emma Whitaker |
| MUSICIANS | First Covenant Church String Band |
| SOUND AND LIGHTS | Jim Johnson |
| RECEPTION COORDINATOR | Donna Larson |
| JULFEST DIRECTOR | Ann Scranton |



ADVENT

*Join us as we take time to be present in the moment; to savor this special time of year when we hope for light in the darkness.
All are welcome!*

Advent Worship

Every Sunday through December 19th
at 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

Advent Reading

Responding to readings in the book, "Music for Eternity."
Every Tuesday evening through December 21st
at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Carols & Cocoa

Sunday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m.
An intergenerational Christmas carol sing with a hot cocoa bar!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Friday, December 24 at 10:45 p.m.,
in the Sanctuary.



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