

Advent 03

12-11-2022

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Celebrate (Introduction)

"A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

Opening Hymn: [ELW 259 - Fling Wide the Door](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 146:5-10

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 250 - Blessed Be the God of Israel](#)

Advent Prayer – Lighting of the Third Candle: Forgiveness

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we light this second candle on the Advent Wreath. Teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, and until none hurt or destroy all the earth. Amen

The Advent Hymn: [ELW 257 \(v1-3\) – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

2nd Reading: [James 5:7-10](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 11:2-11](#)

Hymn: [ELW 256 – Comfort, Comfort, Now My People](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The ELCA World Hunger Campaign is underway, and you may choose to give an additional offering to the World Hunger Campaign and add an angel to our Angel Tree.

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially the Ash Family, Bob and Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, David Kieffer, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 244 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers](#)

Announcements

- Piano Recital – TODAY – 12/11 5:45 pm and 6:45 pm
- Christmas Nativity Village is Open to the Public, Sundays 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- World Hunger Campaign is underway to add angels to our Angel Tree
- Please contact Debbie Fultz if you would like a Christmas Poinsettia (\$10)
- **Night of Caroling and Hot Chocolate**, Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Saturday, 12/23/2022 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day Service**, Sunday, 12/24/2022 9:30 am

*Offering to be sent to
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Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291