



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

December 11, 2022

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Today we continue the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation for Christmas. We will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent by lighting the candles on our advent wreath.*

Prelude

Hymn Sing

Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Hymn**

**“All Earth is Hopeful”**

**ELW #266**

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!  
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

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Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection.*

Prayer of Confession

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Forgiveness

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In  $\text{†}$  Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! **C: Amen.**

### **Third Sunday of Advent – *Hope for Those Who Are Watching***

P. Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P: Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P: Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

**C: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P: For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

**C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

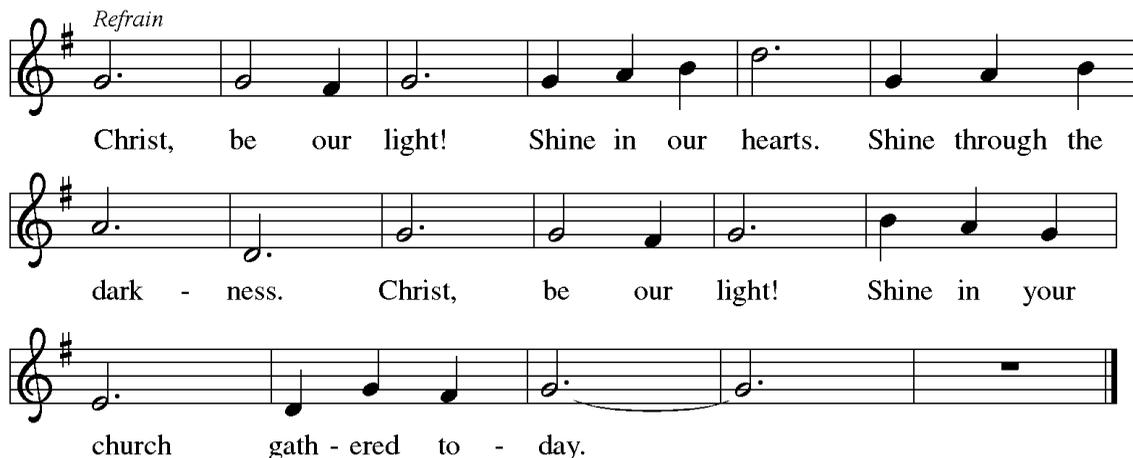
### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

P: This morning we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The second candle is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by the circumstances of life. We echo the cry of scripture to renew their strength and increase their power. The third candle awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming.

## “Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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### Prayer of the Day

**C: 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.**

Anthem (8:30)

“Sing Noel” – Larson

Adult Choir

Sunday LinCt Christmas Program (10:30)

“Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star”

“Away in a Manger”

“And His Name is Jesus”

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

**Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reading: Psalm 146:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed  
down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but  
frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter eleven.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

**Sermon**

**"We Have to Be . . . Patient"**

**Pastor Dave**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Once in Royal David's City"**

**ELW #269 vs 1-3**

- 1 Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Text: Cecil Frances  
Alexander, 1818-1895

## Apostles' Creed (8:30)

**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 saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***Affirmation of Baptism, The Rite of Confirmation (10:30)***

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **AFFIRMATION**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice

and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support this brother, and pray for him in his life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *Taylor* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

**Offertory Hymn**

**"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"**

**ELW #286 vs 3**

3 Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord,  
and to us all your grace accord;  
true faith and love to us impart,  
that we may hold you in our heart.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845-1925, alt.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.**

# Holy Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

ELW #294, #276

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

## Sending Hymn

## “Joy to the World”

ELW #267 vs 1&4

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| 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!<br>Let earth receive her king;<br>let ev'ry heart prepare him room<br>and heav'n and nature sing,<br>and heav'n and nature sing,<br>and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing. | 4 He rules the world with truth and grace<br>and makes the nations prove<br>the glories of his righteousness<br>and wonders of his love,<br>and wonders of his love,<br>and wonders, wonders of his love. |
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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *God Bless Our Confirmand*

### Confirmand

Taylor Jon Hansen

### Verse

Matthew 7:7

### Parents

Kristal & Ryan Braun



# OUR SAVIOR'S

Lutheran Church

NEW ULM, MN

**Senior Pastor:** Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner  
**Director of Music Ministry:** Shannon Stuckey  
**Education Ministries Coordinator:** Lindsay Medina  
**Business Administrator:** Caryn Nelson  
**Adult Choir Director:** Madeline Cacciatore-Warta  
**Deacon:** (8:30) Coryn Enck  
**Acolytes:** (8:30) Corbin Haynes, Keira Sullivan  
 (10:30) Karly Meier, Tanner Backer  
**Communion Server:** (8:30) Jennifer Hauth  
**Lector:** (8:30) Deb Kaehler  
**Ushers:** (8:30)  
**P/P:** (8:30)

**Associate Pastor:** Dave Nissen  
**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger  
**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman  
**Organist/Pianist:** Shannon Stuckey  
**A/V:** Tom Kaehler  
 (10:30) Jenny Krosch  
 (10:30)  
 (10:30) Kitty Rader  
 (10:30)  
 (10:30) Adam Geiger

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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
<b>12/4</b> General Offering	\$ 11,826.85	\$ 423,580.69	\$ 442,225.00
<b>12/4</b> Building Fund	\$ 1,217.50	\$ 67,440.08	\$ 53,361.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 13,044.35</b>	<b>\$ 491,020.77</b>	<b>\$ 495,586.00</b>
<b>12/4</b> World Hunger	\$ 201.00	\$ 9,853.75	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	Healing Service	7:30PM Wed.
12/4/22	206	100	14	52

### *In Our Prayers This Week:*

Peter Bastian, Rich Baumann, Bob Beussman, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Dixie Flitter, Joan Gerth, Brad Haynes, Sharon Hulke, Mike Hysten, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Mavis Jones, Ann Julien, Dave Marsh, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Verne Radloff, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Marion Rolloff, Martha Schugel, Katie Senske