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Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome in Jesus' name.

We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude/Procession/Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW #715

v. 3 – Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

L: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

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

L: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

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

L: 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!

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

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

L: 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.

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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***Prayer**

Children’s Christmas Program

***Prayers of the People:**

L: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

***Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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***Offertory Prayer:**

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving:**

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.

***Holy, Holy, Holy:**

ELW Setting 3, Page 144

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer:**

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns:

“He Came Down”

ELW #253

1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

2 He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

3 He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

4 He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional Augsburg Fortress.#SB109327

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Augsburg Fortress.#SB109327

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922 Augsburg Fortress.#SB109327

***Communion Blessing**

***Communion Prayer:**

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good
news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

***Benediction:**

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of
the Spirit ✠ remain upon you now and forever.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” ELW #251

1 My Soul proclaims your greatness; I sing my Savior’s praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev’ry land and ev’ry age this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

2 To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

3 To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word;
and praise the Pow’r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

Text: with one voice, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 Augsburg Fortress #SB109327

***Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Keep awake. **C: Thanks be to God.**