



GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW #249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✚ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

SPECIAL MUSIC

ADULT CHOIR

Prepare Ye, Marc A. Robinson

Soloists: Curtis Osmundson, Kari Vaughn,
Linda Mellon, Matthew Kettner,
Suzanne Demuth and Jody Hanson

READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:7-18

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR DAVID STROM



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

APOSTLES CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

He Came Down

ELW #253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

ELW #240
ELW #254
ELW #256

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW #267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

This Sunday, December 12, 2021 -Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies
- 4-5:30pm Movie & PJ party for Sunday School Kids, *Youth Room*

Monday, December 13:

- Meals by Wheels Delivery
- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 9am-12pm Pr Strom in the office
- 5pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 14:

- Meals by Wheels Delivery
- 12:00pm & 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 6:00pm Council Meeting, *Kairos*

Wednesday, December 15:

- Meals by Wheels Delivery
- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 3:30-4:30pm FLY K-6
- 5:00pm OA
- 5:30pm Handbells Practice
- 6:30pm Advent Worship, "Food", *also on YouTube*
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 16:

- Meals by Wheels Delivery
- 6:00pm Women's AA, zoom id #147353510; passcode 999.

Friday, December 17:

- Meals by Wheels Delivery

Next Sunday, December 19- 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, Pop-Up Christmas Program followed by a visit from the Trowbridge Zoo, followed by cider, coffee, cookies & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!
* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.
* The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.
* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.
* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

Please pray for our Service Members: CJ Ward and William Pajari.

Kid Worship Challenge – Did you find Bo the fuzzy donkey last Sunday? He was watching worship from the Christmas garland on the balcony. Bo is on the loose again. Can you find where Bo is hiding today? Check the Christmas decorations, he really LOVES anything that reminds him that Christmas is coming.

The flowers this week are sponsored by David & Lorri Holt in memory of Carmon Jackson & Eugene Holt.

The radio this week is sponsored by Steve & Gayle Fitz.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in 2022; Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is available in 2022. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

Thanks to Dustin & Sara Reese and family for lighting the Advent Wreath this week.

Christmas Movie & Pajama Party Sunday, December 12 from 4:00-5:30 in the Youth Room for Sunday School aged students.

“Pop Up” Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 19 at 9:30am. (Check out the December Messenger for details.) Join us afterwards for the Trowbridge Creek Petting Zoo, Christmas Carols around an open fire, Christmas goodies, and hot apple cider.

24 Days of Giving – Join the First Lutheran Sunday School students in giving to the Community Food Shelf with the gift of money as we count down the days to Christmas. Envelopes can be found in front of the church office. Please turn in your envelopes by Jan. 16th.

Advent Resources are available for you and your family in the Narthex. Take some home with you today!

We need one more person to help call volunteers for funerals at church! If you are willing to help let the office know.

Check out our Wednesday night Advent services, and previous services, on YouTube.

Upcoming Advent services: December 15th and December 22nd, 6:30pm.

Younglife Wyldlife Clubs: 6-8th graders. December 19- Christmas Club.

Thank you to those who helped prepare and deliver Christmas Baskets to various members of our community! We delivered 23 baskets total this year.