

St. John's Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



A D V E N T

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Welcome to *St. John's Lutheran Church*



A WORD ABOUT ADVENT FROM PASTOR JOHN

The four Sundays of Advent build week to week, preparing us for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas, in our hearts and our community now, and at the end of time to gather all things to God in love.

The first Sunday (December 1), Jesus speaks of signs in the heavens and distress from roaring waves, then likens these things to the first tender leaves in spring. How might this understanding give peace in troubled times?

The second Sunday (December 8), we hear from John the Baptist, crying out in the wilderness, “prepare the way of the Lord!” What does it mean that the high will be made low and the low made high, to prepare the way for Jesus?

The third Sunday (December 15), we hear again from John, saying of Jesus, “one comes after me, whose sandals I am unfit to untie.” John was a powerful prophet. What does it mean that he knew, Jesus is the one to be exalted?

The fourth Sunday (December 22), Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits her relative Elizabeth, pregnant with John. Mary sees Elizabeth and herself as the lowly lifted up by God. What might it mean for us to be so lifted up?

An additional invitation to peace: **Holden Evening Prayer**

Every Wednesday in Advent (December 4, 11, and 18), we gather by candlelight at 6:30pm, to sing the most peace-giving prayers we know. In a season that can often feel hurried and harried, give yourself — and family and friends — the gift of peace. The service is about 30 minutes and will be followed by cookies and cocoa in the fireside room.

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP THEME

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

The processional cross represents Christ coming into the midst of his people. As the procession begins in the back of the nave, please turn and face the cross as it is carried forward.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Please stand in body or spirit.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 264

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

9:00 AM

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Mari Brooks

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11:00 AM

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Usher:

Megan Venable

Benny Smith

Audio/Visual:

TBD

Altar Guild:

Before:

Clarke Hinkle

Between:

Jeff Welch

Linda Welch

After:

Alice Garrison

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

(Please kneel, in body or spirit. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of mercy,

A: we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

A: Amen.

(Please stand in body or spirit.)

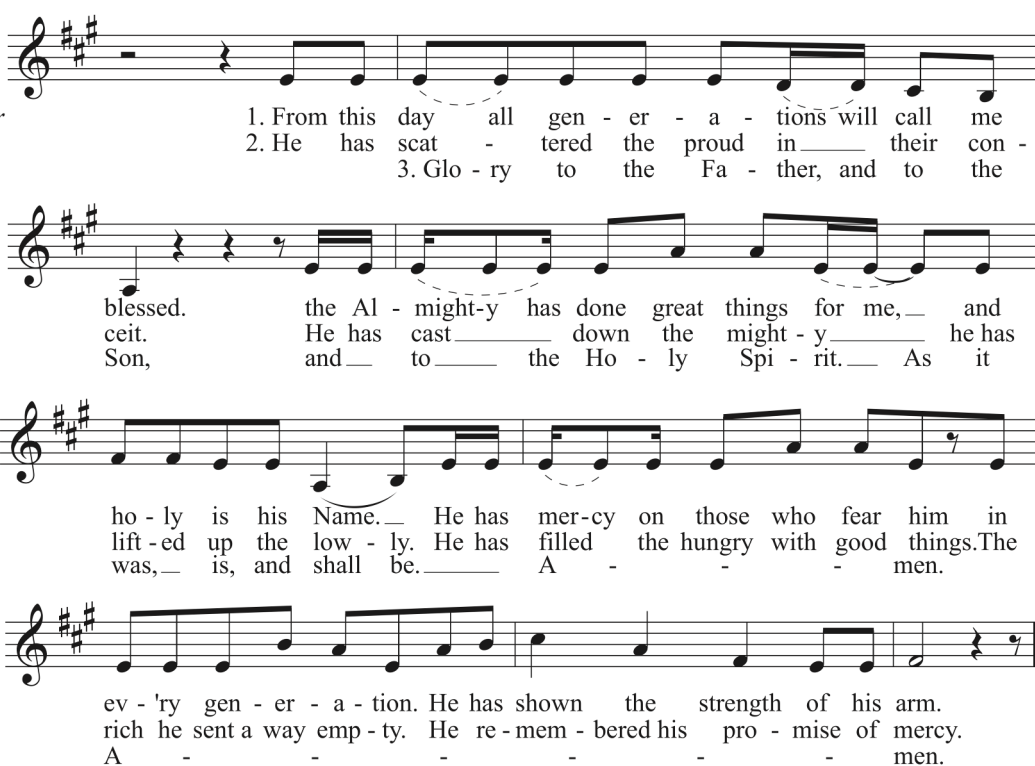
HYMN OF PRAISE

All



My soul pro-claims the great - ness of the
Lord. My spi - rit re - joi - ces in God my sav - ior, for
he has done great things for his low - ly ser - vant.

Cantor



1. From this day all gen - er - a - tions will call me
2. He has scat - tered the proud in their con -
3. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
blessed. the Al - might-y has done great things for me, and
ceit. He has cast down the might - y he has
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit. As it
ho - ly is his Name. He has mer - cy on those who fear him in
lift - ed up the low - ly. He has filled the hungry with good things. The
was, is, and shall be. A - - - men.
ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion. He has shown the strength of his arm.
rich he sent a way emp - ty. He re - mem - bered his pro - mise of mercy.
A - - - men.

GREETING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

This prayer concerns the theme of the day and prepares us for hearing the readings from scripture.

In the Old Testament, Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

(Please be seated.)

THE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

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

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOD'S INVITATION: "Let the Children Come..."

Matthew 19:14

(Please stand in body or spirit.)

GOSPEL VERSE

"Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Taizé Community
 Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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In the Gospel lesson: John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John 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? ⁸ Bear 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. ⁹ Even 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." ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers 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." ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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. ¹⁷ His 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."

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The meditation interprets
the meaning of God's
word for our lives today.

(Please be seated.)

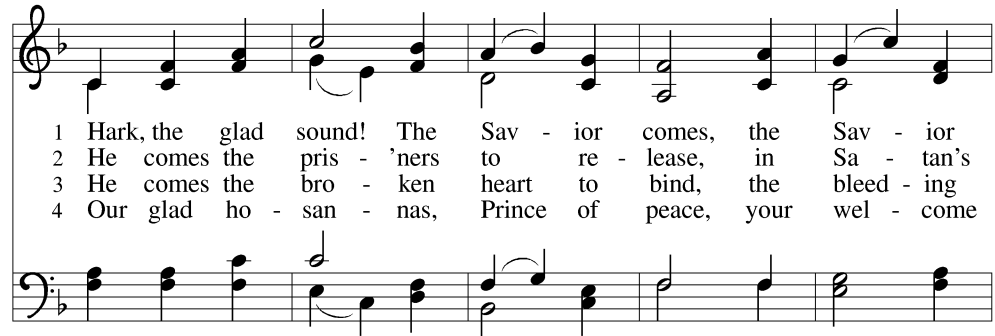
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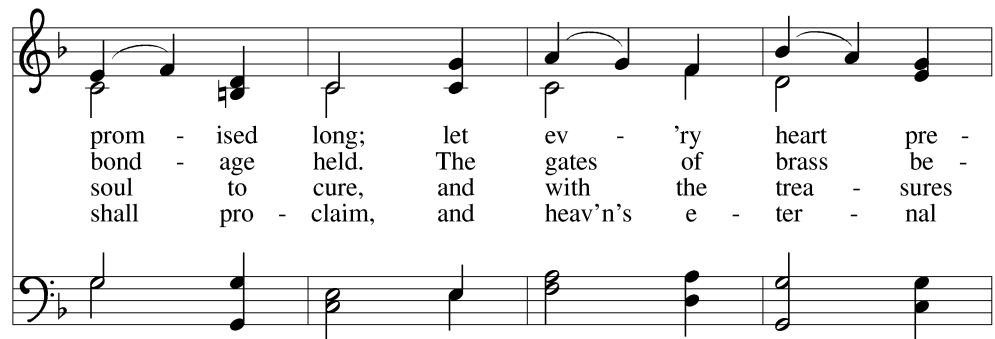
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HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 239

"Hark, the Glad Sound"



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

*We respond to God's
almighty acts as we
confess our faith in the
Words of the Creed.*

*This ecumenical creed is
the most widely accepted
creed in the Christian
faith and it is an essential
part of the doctrine and
liturgy of Lutheran
churches. Historically, it
has been used at Holy
Communion on Sundays
and major feasts.*

*This reference to the
holy catholic church is
to the church universal.*

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**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

With this prayer, we express our concern for the whole Church, for the nations of the world, for people in their various needs, and for our own congregation.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel in body or spirit

All:

Bring Your best to their worst, bring Your peace to their pain, God of Love, heal Your

One:

peo - ple.

1. That none who cry a - loud may cry in vain, _____
2. That all who doubt may find a deep - er faith, _____
3. That all who fear may feel your shelt-'ring hand, _____
4. That guil - ty ones may know they are for - given, _____
5. That we may be Your hands to heal the world, _____



Those Remembered in Prayer:

Michael Adams, David & Linda Cash, Pat & Charlsie Counts,
 Hugh Denton, Jim Friedrich, Al Gill, Lynda Hinkle, Jean Keener, Dick & Pat Krogmann,
 Stan Leib, Don McWilliams, Nicki Nye, Nancy O'Callaghan, Frances Ratliff,
 Don Ray, Pam Shealy, Keith Solt, Norm Sorensen, Barbara Teague, Will Trout
 Tom Wainner, Maxine Whistler, Bill Wing, Ron & Jeanette Woodward,
 our seminarians: Jordan Baker, Caitlynn Fox, and Joe Ley,
 the students, staff, & mentors at Christenberry Elementary school,
 synod partners in Guatemala,
 and all those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

(Please stand in body or spirit.)

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Keep Your Lamps”

We respond to God's Word by giving our offerings for God's work in the world. In our offerings to God, we give all that we are and have: ourselves, our abilities, and our possessions.

(Please stand in body or spirit.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Come to Me, All You Weary”

Come to me, all you wea-ry; — hea-vy - la - den — lay your
bur-den down; Find — rest in me: my yoke is ea sy — and my burden is light

Words: P. D. (Matthew 11:28), Adapt. by Zack Nyein

Music: Zack Nyein

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The offertory prayer reminds us that God is the source of all gifts.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Creator God,
A: **you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you! And al-so with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Text: *The Book of Common Prayer*
Tune: John Tirro
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The words Jesus used in instituting the Lord's Supper remind us of God's wonderful works, invite us to receive the sacrament, and ask for the Holy Spirit to bless us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



On the night He was be-trayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

"Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."

On the night He was be-trayed He took the cup, gave thanks, and raised it up:

"Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."

Text: *1 Corinthians 11:22-25, Matthew 26:27*, adapt. John Tirro
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This prayer is based on
Matthew 6:9-13 and
Luke 11:24.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

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(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

Regarding the gift of Holy Communion, all are welcome! This is God's table, and there is a place for each of God's beloved. Gluten-free wafers are in the small silver box on the baptismal font.

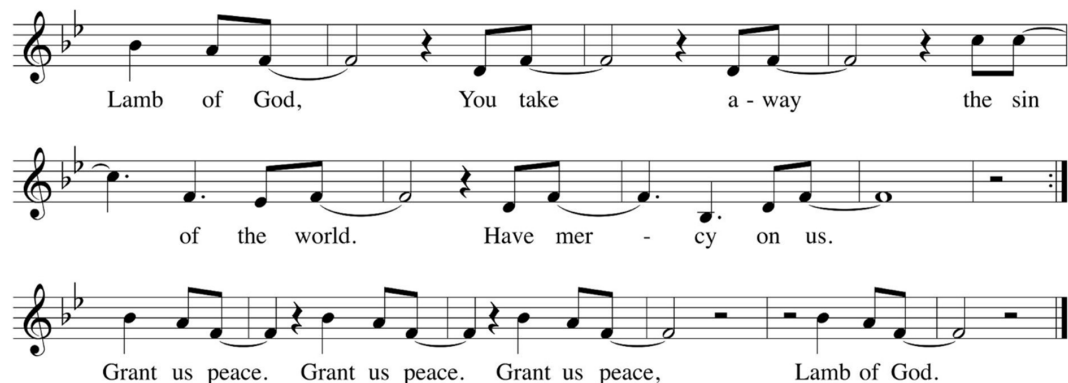
An usher will direct you down the center aisle to the chancel stairs where you may:

- Receive Holy Communion by intinction, taking the bread, dipping it in the wine, and consuming them together
- Receive Holy Communion by the common cup, first eating the bread and then drinking from the silver chalice
- Receive a blessing by placing your hands across your chest and embracing God's love for you

You will return to your seat by the side aisle.

Again, all are welcome at God's table; come and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin
of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Tune: John Tirro
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1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
 3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;

You looked up-on my low-li-ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might-y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex-pose.
 the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil-dren will se-cure.

Now ev-'ry land and ev-'ry age this bless-ing shall pro-claim—
 The ruth-less you have cast a-side, the low-ly throned in-stead;
 Sing glo-ry to the Ho-ly One, give hon-or to the Word,

great won-ders you have done for me, and ho-ly is your name.
 the hun-gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un-fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a-dored.

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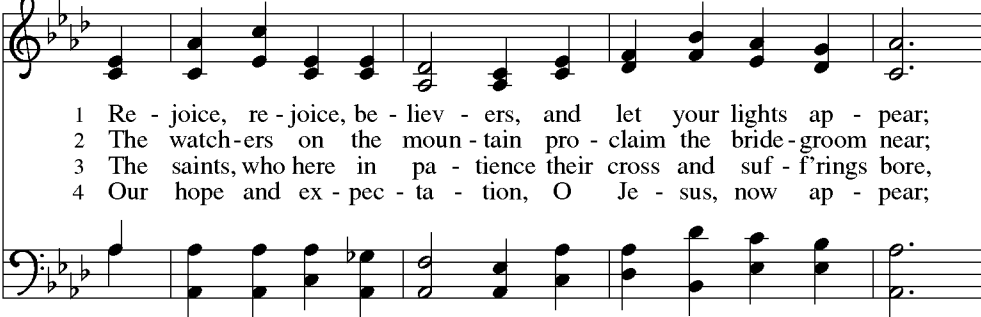
BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

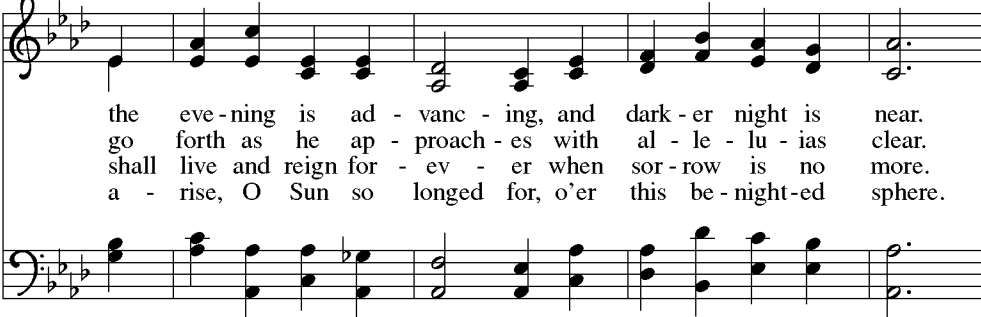
SENDING HYMN ELW 244

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

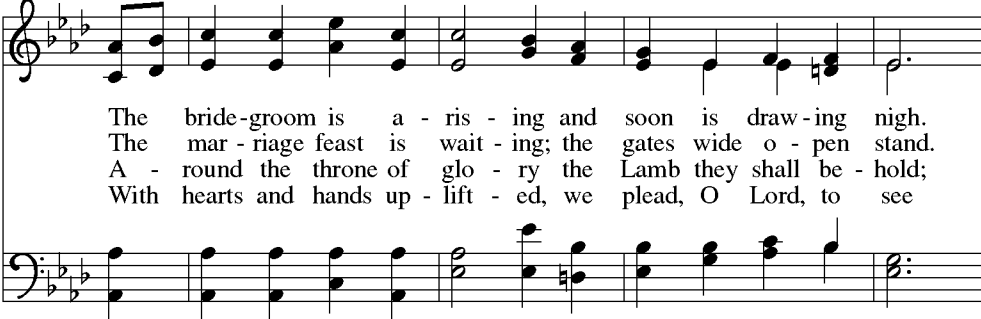
As the cross is carried
out into the world, we
visually and spiritually
follow the cross as we
are led to love and
serve the Lord.



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- P:** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE SJLC MINUTE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2024

SJLC CALENDAR

Dec. 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

- *Nursery
 - *Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, and Craft
 - *Youth ... Games and Spiritual Gains
 - *Parents ... Coffee and Conversation
 - *Adults ... Bible Study
- Nativity Pageant
- *Denotes off site location

Dec. 18 Holden Evening Prayer and Tasty Treats

Dec. 19 Homeless Service of Remembrance

Dec. 22 4th Sunday of Advent

- *Nursery
- *Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, and Craft
- *Youth ... Games and Spiritual Gains
- *Parents ... Coffee and Conversation
- *Adults ... Bible Study



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

These next two weeks in Adult Faith Formation we'll be getting into the holiday season by focusing on the music of Advent and Christmas. We'll have two guest musicians visit us. Pastor John will lead us this coming Sunday (December 15), and Deb Sousa will lead us on December 22, at least until she has to leave to practice the choir before the second service. We're so fortunate to have two talented musicians as congregational leaders, and we're looking forward to what they'll have to offer us on the 15th and the 22nd.

As usual **we'll start at 10:10**. We hope you'll join us for coffee and—probably—some Christmas cookies.



December 15 | 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Please join us for a community nativity pageant presented by the children and youth of area Lutheran churches. Little ones are encouraged to attend for walk-on roles.

All are welcome to enjoy an evening of wonder in our beautiful candlelit sanctuary followed by a time of fellowship with a gourmet hot cocoa bar.

If you would like to attend the nativity pageant but need transportation, please call Toni in the church office at 865.523.3330, and we will make arrangements for you.

DECEMBER 18 6:30 PM WORSHIP 7:15 FELLOWSHIP HOSTED BY TLC

Join us for the glow of candlelight and gentle music of Holden Evening Prayer, the most restful liturgy of the year. We will consider the theme "Fear Not" from the perspective those who experienced that silent night: Joseph, son of David; and the chosen people of God. Please join us!

Tender Lovin' Cookin' will provide hot drinks and yummy treats for a time of fellowship following each service.



Red poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship.

The Altar Guild is providing the opportunity for you to contribute one or more plants in honor or in memory of someone special. Each plant will cost \$14.00. We have purchased 30 plants this year. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please fill out an envelope found in each pew. Your gift will be noted in the Poinsettia Bulletin.



Homeless Service of Remembrance

Thursday, December 19

6:00 pm - Candlelight Walk begins at VMC

6:30 pm - Memorial Service at St. John's

7:15 pm - Reception in Fellowship Hall

If you want to help or have any questions,
please reach out to Nancy Friedrich
at nancy.o.friedrich@gmail.com.



Please save the date
for 2025 St. John's
Leadership Summit on
Friday, January 10 and
Saturday, January 11.



We will welcome Dr. Amy Sander Montanez as we consider leadership through the lens of hope. We look forward to learning together with Church Council members, Team leaders and members, and other interested individuals!

Peace and Love,

Pastor Amy

Dove Tree 2024

The Dove Tree dates to remember:

Sunday, December 15: Dove Tree gifts need to be returned to St. John's. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped, but please be sure to attach the dove with the child's name to the bag of gifts.

Tuesday, December 17: Dove Tree gift distributed at St. John's.
If you need further information, contact Ruth Crowley at (865) 405-3727.

Thank you for sharing Advent love with a child this holiday season!



Christmas Eve At St. John's



4:00 pm

Family Christmas Eve
Worship with Candlelight
and Communion

5:30 pm and 8:30 pm

Candlelight Communion
Worship

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those
whom he favors!"*