

December 15th, 2024
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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as able

Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Hymn

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242

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.

Hymn of Praise and Advent Wreath Lighting

1. Come, thou long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - e - ver,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient me - rit, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Prayer of the Day

Response: **Amen.**

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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? 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. 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone

who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 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." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Please be seated through the Offering

Homily

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

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

*As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, ..Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
...Savior of the nations, come, .. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

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.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those near you.

Meal

Offering

Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy

Offering Response



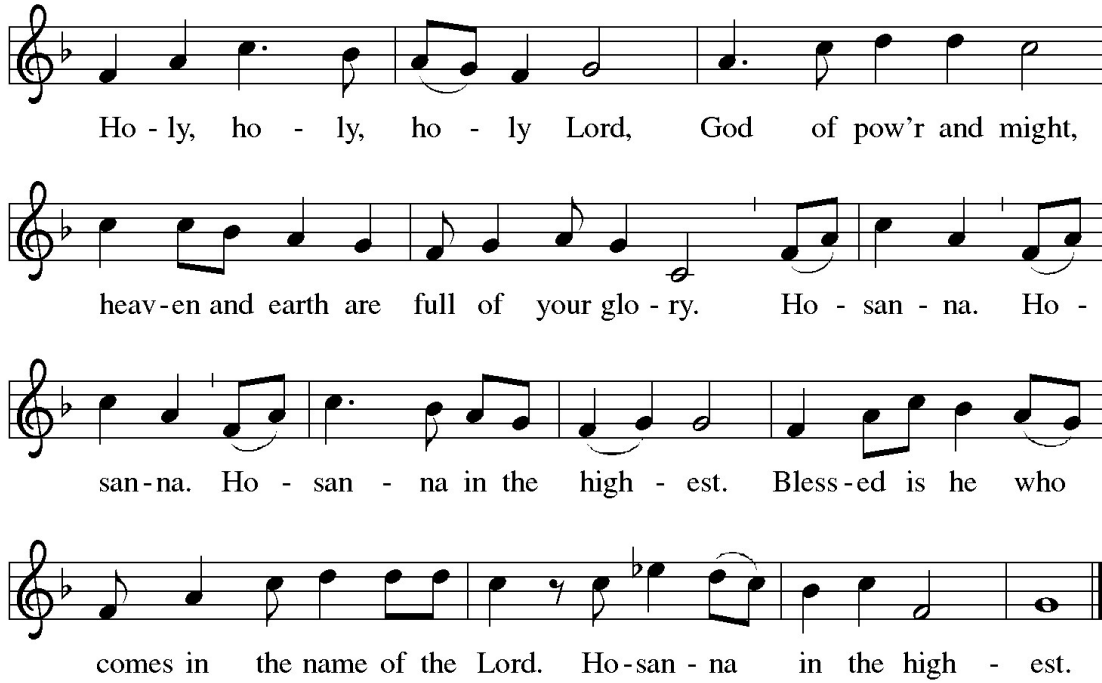
Offering Prayer

Response: Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

Preface *join their unending hymn... (4 measure intro)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

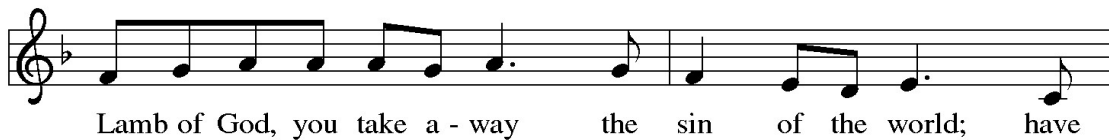
Please be seated

Thanksgiving at the Table

Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy. **Come to the table.**

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.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

(All take the wafer located in the bottom of the chalice)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

(All drink from the top of the chalice)

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Response: Amen

Sending

Hymn

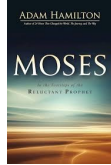
Good Christian Friends Rejoice

ELW 288

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Advent Study Series

We will be studying the book:

Adam Hamilton's Moses: In the footsteps of a reluctant prophet

Tuesday, December 17th

In Zion's Chapel at 6:30pm



Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th

7PM

Worship Assistants

Homilist

Lei Fahrner

Lector

Judy Flading

Ushers

Cindy & Howard Leasure

Greeter

Cindy Leasure

Main Camera/Production

Carl & Anne Fahrner

Pianist

Maira Liliestedt



Today's altar flowers are given by Sharon Luntz to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband William's 100th Birthday.

December Concern of the Month
Monetary Donations for Christmas

gift cards

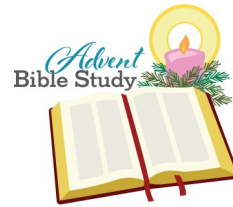


We will, once again, collect monetary donations for our Christmas food gift cards. We will then purchase as many cards as possible to distribute to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your holiday generosity !!

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ANNUAL
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REPORTS
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Council Members: Please have your annual reports in the office, or my email inbox, no later than January 7th. Thanks!
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Sunday School Dec 15th and 22nd

Join us the next two weeks as we study Luke chapters 1 & 2 and the liturgical music that was derived from those stories.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who took a part in the first Gift for Christmas Bazaar. Those who spent time wrapping presents, adding ribbons and helping to set up prior to Saturday. Thank you to those who participated on the day of the bazaar. A huge thank you to those that helped tear down, repack and move everything to the different places so that a sense of normal returned to the church.

Thank you goes out to anyone that bought a wrapped package or two or three or found something on one of the tables as you helped to make this project a success

And lastly I want to thank the kitchen staff for seeing to our hunger cravings. The sloppy joe was delicious.

Lester



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Worship Assistants



Thank
You
Volunteers!



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
12/15	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Judy Flading	Cindy Leasure	Kathy Schmidt	Donna Jakmides	Robinson
12/22	Pat Long/Linda Burgess	Jen Lowry	Linda Lautenschlager	Kathy Schmidt	Donna Jakmides	Davenport
12/24	Rod Swartz/Bill Toy	Nancy Miller	Judy Baum	Lei Fahrner	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman
12/29	Jill & Bill Toy	Gale Nagel	Annick Schrader	Jill & Bill Toy	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman
1/5	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Neil Carlson	Chuck Pressler	Linda Lautenschlager	Pat Long	Miller
1/12	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Linda Burgess	Sandi Self	Linda Lautenschlager	Pat Long	Burgess
1/19	Jan & Neil Carlson	Pat Long	Jill Toy	Gay Rankin	Pat Long	Robinson
1/26	Anne Fahrner/Pat Hoffman	Gary Miller	Gloria Kohl	Gay Rankin	Pat Long	Davenport
2/2	Judy & Wil Baum	Cindy Leasure	Howard Leasure	Karen Pressler	Sandi Self	Miller
2/9	Pat Long/Annick Schrader	Anne Fahrner	Donna Jakmides	Karen Pressler	Sandi Self	Burgess
2/16	Linda & Gary Miller	Jan Carlson	Wil Baum	Judy Flading	Sandi Self	Robinson
2/23	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Pat Hoffman	Lee Deem	Judy Flading	Sandi Self	Davenport

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	2 3 Hannah Circle 10a Advent Study at Zion 6:30p	4 AA 7p Trip with Zion to Sugarcreek 10a	5 Yoga 10a Dominoes 7p	6 Quilting 10a	7 Christmas Bazaar 10a-3p	
8 Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	9 10 Advent Study at Zion 6:30p	11 AA 7p Council 7p	12 Yoga 10a Dominoes 7p	13 Crafts & Conversations 10a	14	
15 Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	16 17 Advent Study at Zion 6:30p	18 AA 7p	19 Yoga 10a Dominoes 7p	20 Quilting 10a	21	
22 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	23 24 Christmas Eve Worship 7p	25 AA 7p 	26 Yoga 10a Dominoes 7p	27 Crafts & Conversations 10a	28	
29 Pr. Bob Here Worship 9:15a No Sunday School	30 31	1 AA 7p 	2 Yoga 10a	3 Quilting 10a	4	