



Welcome to
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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

Our Mission Statement: *Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will share the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, and be faithful to God's Word and Commandments.*

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent

† *Congregation will stand if able.*

Prelude *"Lift Up Your Heads"*

John A. Behnke

Parish Notices

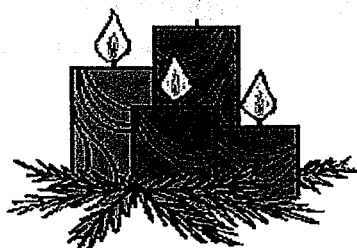
Litany of Welcome see attached

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

L: We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Light the first, second and third candles



Lighting of the Advent Candle "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics: "Come now, and set us free, O God, our Savior." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Come, O Lord Jesus, recon- cile all na- tions." The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947, tr. Marion Pope
Music: Geonyong Lee
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† Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

C: 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 fear those different from ourselves. 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We


praise our God and Lord, Cre a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong,
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

† Greeting

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

C: And also with you.


† Hymn of Praise "Prepare the Royal Highway"



Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near! ____



Let ev - ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear! ____



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:



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

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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† Prayer of the Day - read by all

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.

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ 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 ¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 12:2-6

read responsively, congregation reads bold print

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,
and has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this
name is exalted.

**⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, who has done gloriously; let this be known
in all the earth.**

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

† Gospel Acclamation #253 "He Came Down"

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

† Gospel

Pastor: The holy gospel according to **Luke 3:7-18**

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord

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.

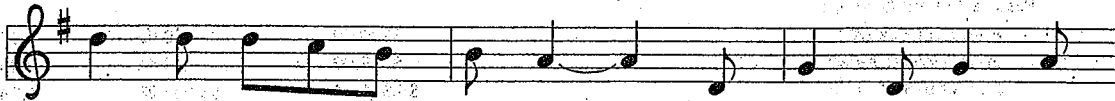
Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon "Surprising Signs of our Savior"



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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: Marty Haugen
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† Nicene Creed

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.

† Prayers of Intercession

P: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. *A brief silence.*

P: Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day, especially Linda Rehtin, Ingrid Hoerz, Maggie, Mary Hennig, Charles Rennie, all those affected by the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy, Patrick Doughman, Louise Davison, and Family & Friends of Lucille Licht. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians. With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

(here other intercessions may be offered)

P: We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

† Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Offertory

"As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"

Carl F. Schalk
Arr. Frederick Frahm

† Offertory Prayer

P: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: Amen.

† The 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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:

† Sanctus

"Holy Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, melodic style with lyrics underneath. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

† Words of Institution

Invitation to Communion

L: Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here. Come, eat and drink.

Communion

† The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

† Prayer After Communion

L: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

† Blessing

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

† Closing Hymn #248 "People Look East"

vs, 1,4

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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 Music: French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934
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† **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

John A. Behnke

Prayer Requests

Linda Rehtin—sister in law of Jody Hoffmann
Ingrid Hoerz—friend of Mark & Cindy Rennie
Maggie—Nola Sella’s sister in law
Mary Henning
Charles Rennie—Mark Rennie’s brother
All those affected by the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy
Patrick Doughman
Louise Davison—Linda Staley’s mom
Family & Friends of Lucille Licht

<i>ATTENDANCE & GIVING</i>	
Attendance Sunday, December 5 9 am: 33 YouTube views of December 5 service: 42	
Weekly Giving <i>through December 5</i>	
General Giving	\$ 4,140.00 **we need to have \$4,182 in general
Missions	\$ 100.00 giving weekly to meet our expenses
Property	\$ 150.00

A beloved Trinity Advent tradition is making a comeback!

ADVENT CRAFT & FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Join us on TODAY at 10 am in the Dining Room
Advent crafts and fun group activities—have fun eating, celebrating and crafting with simple projects and fellowship activities for all ages and abilities!

ASSISTING MINISTERS

	Sunday, December 12 9 am 3rd Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 19 9 am 4th Sunday of Advent	Friday, December 24 7 pm Christmas Eve
Advent Candles	Deb Clifford, Carol Anderson	Marty Moser, Kim Viesselmann	
Acolyte	Usher	Usher	Usher
Reader	Nick Sella	Jeff Miller	Julie Ische
Sacramental	Julie Ische	Kathy Kallenbach	Sue Dunfee
Altar	Julie Ische	Kim & Joanne Viesselmann—poinsettias	
Usher	Team 1: Jeff Miller Ron Sella Bob Jessel	Team 1: Jeff Miller Ron Sella Bob Jessel	Team 3: Scott Leppert Mike Reimer John Ische Susie Thoms
Flowers	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Coffee Hour	Advent Craft & Fellowship Event	Christmas Cookies	No Coffee Hour
Live Stream	Brant Anderson	Brant Anderson	Brant Anderson

Announcing the 2021 Trinity Reverse Advent Calendar

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Advent is a time of waiting. Advent can also be a time of “doing” as we reflect and wait for the birth of Jesus. Our “Reverse Advent Calendar” gives us opportunities to light candles, read scripture, collect clothing for Afghan refugee babies and children, as well as do kind and loving acts for self and others. The Reverse Advent Calendar has been emailed to the congregation and there are some hard copies in the back of the church and in the church office.

Donations noted on the calendar will be collected for the Afghan refugees living at Fort McCoy. There are over 13,000 refugees in the camp, with about 20 babies born each month. The refugees arrived with little or nothing, mostly just the clothes they were wearing. We’ve been told the refugees will be at Fort McCoy for approximately one year. Drop off donations in the boxes inside the Trinity Office door. Clothing should be new, or clean and gently used. Donations can be dropped off weekly, or whenever convenient through the Advent Season.

Enjoy this year’s “Reverse Advent Calendar”!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>12 8:00 a.m. Chapel Choir 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Advent Craft & Fellowship Event</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle</p>	<p>15 11:30 a.m. Ozaukee County Human Services (facility use) 5:00 p.m. Confirmation at Advent 5.00 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	<p>16 7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study</p>
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Poinsettias

To contribute to the purchase of a poinsettia or reserve and place your name in the bulletin in Honor or Memory of someone, please complete the form on the tables in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office by Sunday, December 19. Each plant is \$5, contributions are also welcome, as some will be delivered to shut-ins. Thank you!



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