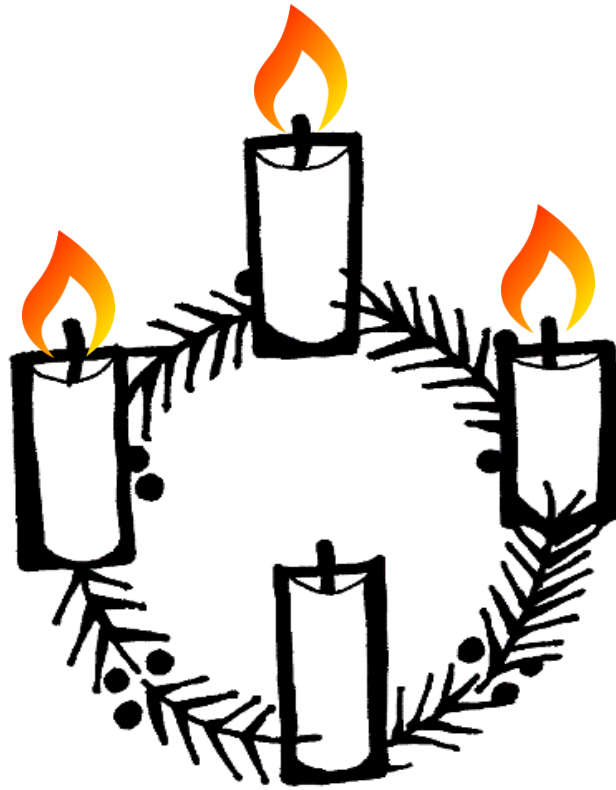


Third Sunday of Advent

Spirit of the Lord Upon Me

Isaiah invited people to invest their energy not in what they are against, but in what they are for.



Joy: Renew

December 15, 2024 | 10:00am

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex. Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. Cassler
- Fedak

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord our God!
God has clothed us with salvation.
God has covered us with righteousness.
Our whole being exults in our God!

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Gracious God,

We confess to you that we have made decisions which have caused harm to you and our neighbors. We have put our selfish wants ahead of the needs of others. We have sought comfort in worldly things and forgotten you. For these and for all the ways in which we have fallen short, forgive us. Lead us back into a right relationship with you, our neighbors, and all of creation.

Beloved of God, I bring you good news of great joy for all people, for in Jesus Christ, all things are made new. For his sake, God forgives us all our sin and calls us into abundant life. Receive this gift with joy, in Jesus name. **Amen.**

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel.

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.**

Almighty God,

We are always in need of your comfort and restoration. May we turn to you again and again, our source of strength and hope, no matter what we face or what each day brings. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Musical Offering

Come, Emmanuel

- arr. Sterling

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

The anointed one who is sent by God will proclaim good news to all who have been crushed and oppressed. Because of God's faithfulness and righteousness, there will be restoration and renewal among the people of God.

Reader Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁵Strangers shall stand and

feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; ⁶but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. ⁷Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. ⁸For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Invitation to the Word

ELW 247

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

(Repeat)

Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

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

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Lighting of the Advent Candle

ELW 240

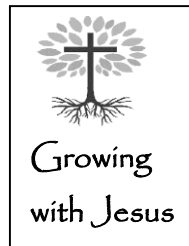
**Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.**

Litany

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.
We light this candle in the **hope** of your coming.
We light this candle in **love** for our you and our neighbors.
With Isaiah we rejoice in your promise to liberate all of creation.
We light this candle with **joy** in the promise.

Children's Time +

Children's Church
Children age 3 – 4th Gr.
During message



Faith Talk
Youth 5th – 12th Grade
After worship

Message

Song

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242 vs 1,2,4

**Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.**

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

God – who created the light and separated it from the darkness
- I Believe

Jesus – who is the light and shines in the darkness
Yet is not overcome by it
- I Believe

Spirit – who spreads the light into the darkness of our world
- I Believe



Prayers of the People

Confident in your grace and truth, we pray for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

Prayer response:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up all of our prayers, spoken and unspoken to you.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Invitation

Jesus, who came to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, now invites you to the feast of freedom in his name. He meets us now in the bread and wine and proclaims to us good news for all creation. This good news is for you!

+ All are welcome at the table +

Options on how to receive Holy Communion

You may come forward to the rails, kneel or stand, starting at the center and filling in along the rail. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty cup in the basket. Those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the rail. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited...

To bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion. The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Songs

Wait for the Lord

ELW 262

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

**Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.**

**Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**

**Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.**

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, † bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Arise Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Sending

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

Postlude



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: Lisa Grimm
- Communion Assistants: Susan Linner, Corene Morcom
- Greeter: Reid Clark
- Usher: Jeff Watts
- Musical Offering: Chancel Choir
- Teen Faith Talk: Chris Stuberg
- Children's Church: Pam Klenz, Margaret & Becca Mohrbacher
- Altar Guild: Judy Ekberg, Joan Meister-Bridges
- Technology: Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Parra Family

Song Resource Key

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Pew)*

ACS: *All Creation Sings* | **HSSB:** *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

WOV: *With One Voice* | **W&P:** *Worship & Praise*

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+ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once worship has finished, please feel free to stay and greet each other and go into the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the **PayPal** link. *Thank you.*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to engage in worship volunteer opportunities, and we'd love to have you! If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities below or just want to hear more about them please contact Diane Klinkerfues at dklinkerfues@holyshepherd.com

- Reader, communion assistant, altar guild (preparing the wine and bread), screen operator, usher, or greeter.

KIDS ZONE

The **Kids Zone** (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.

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