

**Order of Worship
for
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023**

**CALL TO WORSHIP
“The Hope of Jesse’s Tree”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING & PASSING OF THE PEACE

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

PRAYER

*Let us pray: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to
the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your
light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Joy

*This week we light the Candle of **JOY**. **JOY** comes to us as part of the fruit of the work of the Holy Spirit in our life. In this Season of Advent, it is important for us to know that the **JOY** God gives us is far more profound than mere happiness. The word "Advent" means "the Coming." **JOY** is not only a fruit of the Spirit that grows in us, it is the coming of the **PEACE** we have in God's salvation and the **HOPE** we have in the future. "**JOY** to the world, the Lord has come!" And He will come again!*

(Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are lit)

HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257

vs 1 & 4

FIRST READING

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of John, chapter one, verses six through eight and verses nineteen through twenty-eight. John writes::

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' " as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal.” ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

“A Charlie Brown Christmas”

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HYMN

“Hark, The Hearld Angels Sing”

OFFERING

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HYMN

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him
for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*Today we pray for
Wes, Bill, Alden, Mark, Bob, Alan, Carol, Chris, Tracy, Melisa
Ashlee, Soyong, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Randy & Mary, Jillian*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal
prayers to God.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers.

Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made.

If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism.

Today you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

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.

It is indeed right to give You our thanks and praise, O God...

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer You thanks and praise, mixed with the eternal blessings offered even now by Your angels and archangels, as we join them in that praise of You today!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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, broken for you. Eat this, and remember Me."

After supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all to drink, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant, written in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of all sin. Drink this, and remember Me."

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may do so.***

***For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice
so that you may receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus the Christ.***

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!

SONG

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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