

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)



Offertory Hymn

Ruth, organ

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

ELW #282 (vss. 1, 3-4)

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."

Sunday, December 11th, 2022; 9:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

Call to Worship

P: Come and rejoice in God!

C: Sing praise to God who continually blesses our lives!

P: In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.

C: Our hope is in the Lord.

P: Let all the people praise God.

C: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Winston & Becca Loman with Asher,
Hadley & Adalyn

Light the Candle (words below)

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| 1) Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the hope that's ours today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. | 2) Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the peace that's ours today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. |
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Bridge: Emmanuel, Son of the Father,
Come to us now, Savior and Lord.

Prayer of the Day (All)

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Sylvia Benson

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Alleluia

Love Has Come

ELW#292 (vs. 3)

3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Children’s Sermon

Mary Lee



Beaver Valley Advent Music Festival

(Please see music insert for Christmas songs.)

Musicians:

Director: Shelly Berg
Accompanist: Gingi Hanson

Soprano:
Janet Andersen
Sally Rosin
Ellen Schmidt
Tricia Steen
Ruth Tieszen
Brenda Winter

Alto:
Georgia Backer
Sylvia Benson
Sue Johannsen
Nancy Johnson
Kathy Reisenweber
Linda Wingate

Baritone:
Denis Andersen
Doug Anderson
Greg Johnson
Alan Schmidt
Lyndon Severtson

