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Third Sunday in Advent

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Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our gracious God to offer him our worship and praise. We assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate his life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him in heaven.

For Your Convenience and Safety

For your ease and convenience, the entire order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located in lower level of the church. Parents who need to attend to upset infants or toddlers may use the parent's room located just beyond the ushers' room on the left as you leave the church. A large print version of this service folder and a printed copy of today's sermon for those who have difficulty seeing or hearing are available from an usher.

For the convenience of others please silence all electronic devices.

Offerings may be given in the collection plate in the church entryway. Please keep your service folder or recycle it in the green bin in the entryway. Communion will be offered by continuous distribution.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Opening Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”

Christian Worship Hymnal #3

Stand for last stanza.



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be -
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make
5 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My



hold, the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is
Christ the rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and
it a tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for
heart to you; here, Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your



draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.
ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.
hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
sav - ing grace; Show me your kind and friend - ly face.



Life and sal - va - tion he will bring; There -
The end of all our woe he brings; There -
The cloud - less sun of joy is he Who
So shall your Sov - 'reign en - ter in And
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on Un -



fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To God the Fa - ther
fore the earth is glad and sings. To Christ the Sav - ior
comes to set his peo - ple free. To God the Spir - it
new and no - bler life be - gin. To God a - lone be
til our glo - rious goal is won. E - ter - nal praise and



raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
praise For word and deed and grace!
fame We of - fer to your name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (88 88 88 66) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our gracious Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for your guilt by his death on the cross and freed you from death by his resurrection from the grave. You are at peace with God. Live in the comfort and joy of his forgiveness.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the
 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and
 4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
 Bride - groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,
 suf - f'ring bore, Shall live and reign for - ev - er
 now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom
 With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage
 When sor - row is no more. A - round the
 Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
 feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
 throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
 hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
 day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.
 Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG (76 76 D) *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Song: (8:00; K-3) "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Baptism: (10:30) Caroline Ellis Paulus

First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Today's first lesson will serve as the sermon text.

¹⁴Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion;

do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷The Lord your God is with you,

the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you;

in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you

with singing."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

When the world opposes Christ and his Church, Christians do not respond with anxiety or anger, but gentleness. We bring all our concerns to God in prayer and rest in his peace of knowing the Lord will humble his enemies in due time.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Sing to the tune of "What Child Is This"

**A flick'ring candle sheds its light In hope of dawn's victorious might,
And backward scurries cow'rdly night Reminded of the morning.
Watch, watch, for Christ is near, The promised Son of God most dear.
Hope, hope, his light will clear The shades of death and sin.**

**Though night is long, do not grow weak, To all who suffer, clearly speak:
"The Lord, the Savior whom you seek, Behold, is come among you!"
Watch, watch, for Christ is near, The promised Son of God most dear.
Hope, hope, his light will clear The shades of death and sin.**

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Three Advent candles are lit.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Who is Christ's enemy? Anyone who refuses the gifts of his grace, received humbly in repentant faith.

M: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke chapter 3.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. 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 barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Christian Worship Hymnal #18



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you
3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, Who sit in
4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Let not your
5 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror



you a - right? Your peo - ple long to greet you,
down to me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion
deep - est gloom, Who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed
souls dis - tress; Your guilt the Lord will par - don
to his foes, A light of con - so - la - tions,



My Hope, my heart's De - light. O Je - sus, let your
Pro - cured my lib - er - ty. Oh, love be - yond all
And trem - ble at your doom. De - spair not; he is
And cov - er by his grace. He comes, for you pro -
And bless - ed hope to those Who love the Lord's ap -



Word be A lamp to light my way, To show me
tell - ing That led you to em - brace In love, all
near you, He's stand - ing at the door Who best can
cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n, His chil - dren
pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come, Send forth your



how to please you, To guide me ev - 'ry day.
love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!
help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.
thus se - cur - ing A her - i - tage in heav'n.
beams most cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN (76 76 D) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.

Sermon

Text: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Theme: Rejoice Believers

Following the sermon, please stand for the Creed.

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

Prayer of the Church

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

STAND

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

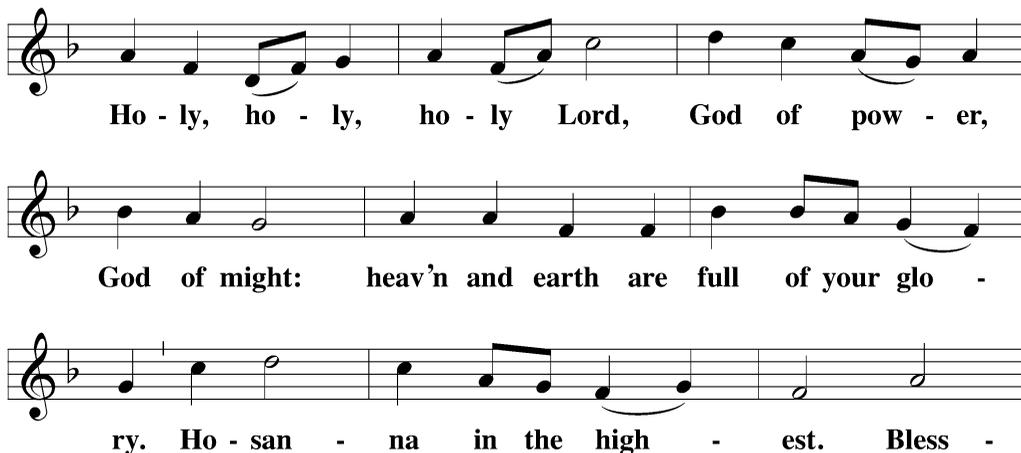
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

The congregation begins singing after a brief introduction.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of 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.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

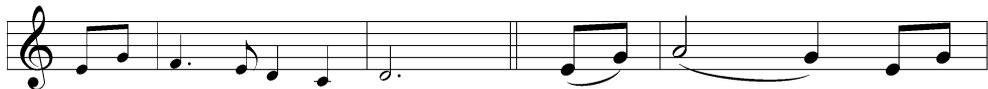
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of



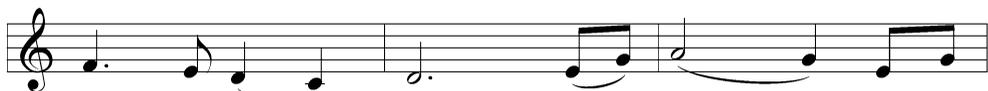
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

Distribution Hymn

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

Christian Worship Hymnal #26



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant When the heav'ns shall



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



Low - ly came on earth to die, Al - le - lu - ia!
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer, Al - le - lu - ia!
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
ev - er sing - ing Till the dawn of end - less day.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, abr., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

After all have communed the minister says, “The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Amen.”

STAND

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

Christian Worship Hymnal #22



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come
2 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - dant Dawn, When will we
3 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies; Grim death looms
4 There shall we all our prais - es bring And sing to



down with might - y stride; Un - lock the gates, the doors break
sing your morn - ing song? Come, Son of God! With - out your
fierce be - fore our eyes. Oh, come, lead us with might - y
you, our Sav - ior - King; There shall we laud you and a -



down; Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
light We grope in dread and gloom of night.
hand From ex - ile to our prom - ised land.
dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635, abr.; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–67, alt. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.
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Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfelssisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*,
Augsburg, 1666.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookie Hunt: Thank you to everyone who helped out with the cookie hunt this past Sunday: the people who decorated and bagged the cookies, those who greeted our guests and distributed the cookies, those who decorated the hallways and set up the sound system for music, and the snow shoveler. Your service to the Lord is greatly appreciated

New Hymnal Update: You can pre-order your own copies of *Christian Worship: Hymnal* and *Christian Worship: Psalter* at nph.net.

Scholarship Information: The Schaefer Higher Education Scholarship Application for the 2021/2022 school year is open for high school students. The deadline for applying is December 15, 2021. You may apply using the Google Form found at: <https://forms.gle/7SQB8kKrByBPupJN9>

The Walvoord Music Scholarship for the 2021/2022 school year is also open for application. The deadline is also December 15, 2021. For both scholarships, notifications and disbursements will be made in January of 2022. The application for the Walvoord Music Scholarship can be found here: <https://forms.gle/ct1Lh6qaVzucT3HbA>

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, December 15 -- *Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing*

December 18 & 19 - *A God Lived Life Opens Our Hearts to Others*

December 24 - *Who Is He?*

2 PM & 4 PM Lutheran Elementary School

6 PM Sunday School

10 PM Candlelight Service -- *What Child Is This?*

December 25 - 9 AM -- *What Child Is This? God in the Flesh*

December 26 -- *What Child Is This? Our Substitute and Sacrifice*

December 31 -- *New Year's Eve*

January 1 & 2 -- *What Child Is This? Who Turns Slaves into Sons*

CALENDAR

December 11-December 19, 2021

Suggested readings for each day of the week are listed in parenthesis.

Saturday	<i>(Revelation 3:14-22)</i>	
9:00am	Sunday School Christmas Eve Rehearsal	
6:00pm	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Butzke
Sunday	<i>(Luke 3:7-18, Zephaniah 3:14-17, Philippians 4:4-7, Psalm 130)</i>	
8:00am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Kempf
9:15am	Family Bible Class and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship w/Communion	Ushers: Koch
Monday	<i>(Matthew 11:11-15)</i>	
Tuesday	<i>(Matthew 3:1-11)</i>	
6:30pm	Bible Hour	
Wednesday	<i>(Luke 3:10-20)</i>	
3:30pm	Public School Confirmation	
6:30pm	Midweek Advent Service	Usher: Schacht
Thursday	<i>(John 1:6-9, 15, 16)</i>	
10:00am	Bible Hour	
Friday	<i>(John 1:29-34)</i>	
Saturday	<i>(Luke 7:29-35)</i>	
9:00am	Sunday School Christmas Eve Rehearsal	
6:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Peters
Sunday	<i>(Luke 1:39-55, Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Psalm 85)</i>	
8:00am	Worship	Ushers: Stoltz
9:15am	Family Bible Class and Sunday School	
10:30am	Worship	Ushers: Wolter

***St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is
always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.***