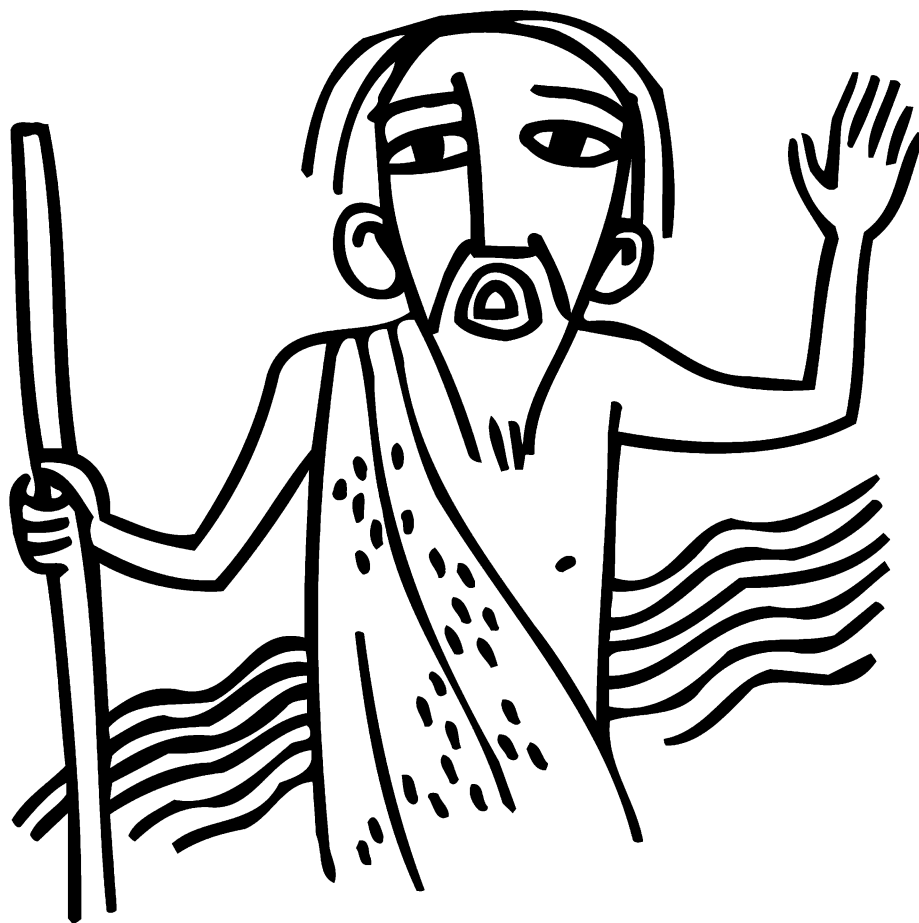


# **3rd Sunday of Advent**

**December 11, 2022 ~ 11:00AM**



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## GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

### **PRELUDE**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

*Emily Maxson Porter*

*During the prelude, we silently and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

*Stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.*

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit, you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

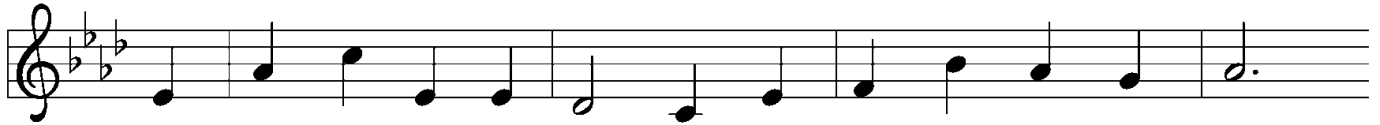
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Amen.**

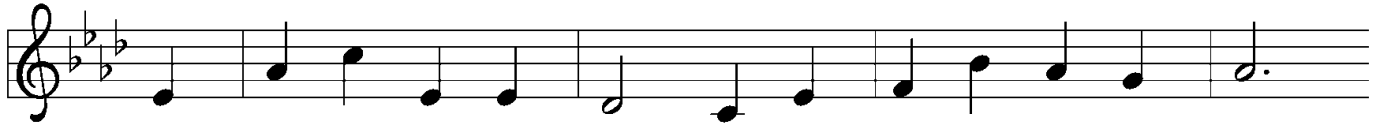
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HYMN #244

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

**GREETING**

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.**

## **KYRIE**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God. **Amen.***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**

*Sit*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible Page 578

*After the reading:*

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

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Carol of the Light  
David Barton*

*In a world that seems so dark;*

*In a world that seems so lost:*

*May the light of Christ this Christmas be a beacon, be a light.*

*May the beacon light your way,*

*May the light send you forth, may it journey at your side,*

*May the love of the Christ-child be your guide.*

*In the cold of the night, in the warmth of the day,*

*In the stillness of a newborn child:*

*When we can't comprehend why our wars never end:  
May the peace of Christ enfold you this year.  
May the love of Christ flow among you.  
May it hold the weak and strong;  
May the love never cease, may it offer signs of peace;  
May the love of the Christ-child hold you strong.*

## **SECOND READING**

James 5:7-10

Pew Bible Page 982

*After the reading:*

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

*Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 11:2-11

Pew Bible Page 792

*Before the reading:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **SERMON**

*silence for meditation*

*Stand*

## **HYMN #242**

*Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn*

*(See page 11)*

## **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.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.*

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict (*regions in turmoil may be named*). Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss (*especially*). Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*Stand*

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with the peace sign or wave their hands to others saying "peace be with you" or similar words.*

*Remain Standing*

## **MEAL**

### **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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

### **Lamb of God**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.*

*\*Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle. As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*

*\*Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*

*\*If you prefer, you may use an individual cup set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*

*\*Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing or you may trace the sign of the cross on their foreheads and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

*\*Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*

*Stand*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

## ***Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise***

*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice, and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us O God with your promises and lead us forth in joy with  
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. alleluia.*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God,  
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.  
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.  
Guide us toward your promised future,  
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BENEDICTION**

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **HYMN #239**

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

*(See page 12)*

## **DISMISSAL**

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

*Please stay after the service and join us for our Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing five new council members and approving the 2023 Financial Budget.*

*If you have brought a monetary offering, you may place it in the offering basket in the Narthex when entering or leaving. You may also give securely on our homepage: [www.christlutheranroanoke.org](http://www.christlutheranroanoke.org) Thank you for supporting the work of Christ Lutheran Church and our ministry partners!*

**Serving Today:**

**Preacher:** Pastor David Skole, **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Keyser, **Greeter:** Beck Smith, **Ushers:** Ramsey family, **Communion Assist:** Joan Schumann, Mike Ramsey, **Reader:** Mike Ramsey, **Lighting the Advent Candle:** Nate Fisher, **Flower Delivery:** Mary Vest, **Communique:** Thursday, December 22, at 9am, Sue Berry, Alice Spoerl, Helen Kleven.

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**The Altar Flowers:** For last week's altar flowers, *Given in honor of Syd & Sue Berry's on their 10th Anniversary.*

Please sign up on the Flower Chart located outside Pastor Dave's office or phone, email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

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# Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



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: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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# Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820