

# 3rd Sunday of Advent

## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14th 9:00 AM



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are glad you are joining us for worship at  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please fill out the **Pew Pads** for registering your attendance and communion participation. If you would like a pastoral call or want to join OSLC, please check those boxes and include contact information.

During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the traditional offering plates. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly**. **Please Note:** If you give cash in an envelope, please write your name on the envelope if you want credit for it on your giving statement.



We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

- 1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white).  
  
Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with you palms open to receive a wafer.
- 2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are located in the rear of the sanctuary as you walk in.

There are portions of the worship service when the **assembly is invited to stand**. Feel free to sit anytime during worship.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

## GATHERING

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Gathering Song: "Come Now, O God"

*please stand as you are able*



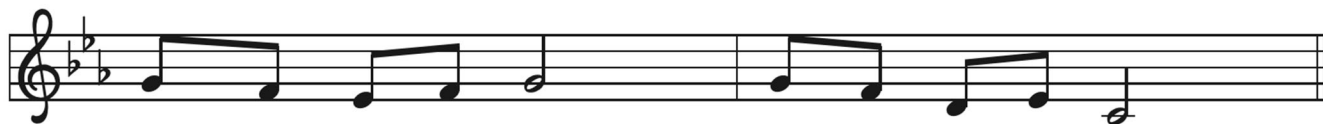
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.  
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Long-expected God,

C **We confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.  
Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
Amen.**

L God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.  
You are freed and forgiven,  
saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen.**

## Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

ELW 155

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.  
Chris - te e - le i - son.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff contains two measures of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. and Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. The second staff contains two measures of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: Ky - ri - e e - le i - son. and Chris - te e - le i - son. A large oval is drawn around the second measure of the second staff, encompassing the notes 'e - le i - son.' and the lyrics 'i - son.' and 'son.'

## Prayer of the Day

**C** 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.

*you may be seated*

## Children's Christmas Program

**Scene 1:** Luke 1:26-55 (The angel Gabriel & the Magnificat)

**Scene 2:** Luke 2:1-7 (Mary and Joseph find no guest rooms in Bethlehem)

**Carol:** "Away in the Manger"

**Scene 3:** Luke 2:8-13 (An angel appears to the shepherds)

**Carol:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Scene 4:** Luke 2:15-20 (The shepherds go to Bethlehem)

**Carol:** "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

## Sermon

Rev. Jon Strasman

## Hymn of the Day: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

ELW 251

*please stand as you are able*



- 1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
- 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
- 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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 the People**

**L God of grace,**

**C Hear our prayer.**

**L Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.**

**C Amen.**

## **Peace**

**L The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C And also with you.**

*you may be seated*

# MEAL

## The Offering

*This QR code can be used to give electronically through **Tithe.ly***



## Offering Song: “We Are Waiting for Jesus”



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957  
Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen  
Text and music © 2013 Augsburg Fortress

## Offering Prayer

*please stand as you are able*

**C Nourishing God,  
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

## Words of Institution



## The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

P Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

## Communion

*you may be seated*

### Communion Song: "Be Known to Us"

ACS Setting 12



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Communion Song: "The First Noel"

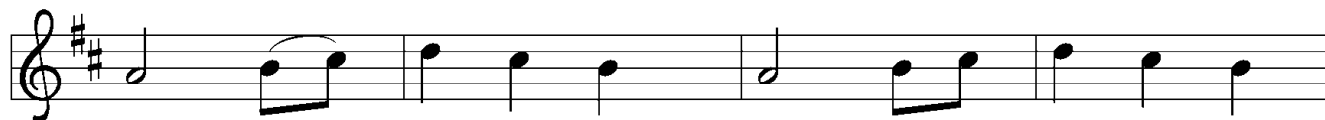
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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

## Refrain



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

## **Table Blessing**

*please stand as you are able*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**C** Amen

## **Prayer after Communion**

**C** God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth,  
eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

## **SENDING**

**P** May God who comes among us,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting,  
peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song: "People Look East"

ELW 248



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.