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December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent



*Luke 3:16*

<sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to  
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Thank you for joining our service today.

*This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.  
You may stand during worship with asterisk (\*) in this bulletin*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

**Tena Rackow**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: In our waking and in our sleeping, **C Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

L: In our business and in our stillness, **C: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

L: Stir our hearts in your joy, **C: Come, Lord, Jesus, Come!**

**\*Gathering Hymn “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”**  
**verses 1 &4** **ELW #242**

**\*Greeting** **page 138**

**\*Kyrie** **page 138-9**

**\*Canticle of Praise “Glory to God”** **page 139-40**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Choir**

**“We are Waiting for Jesus”**

### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**Children’s Message**

*We’ll learn about the Joy candle!*

**Advent Candle Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** **ELW#257**  
**Verse 6**

**1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

**\*Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18**

The Holy gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” <sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**P:** the gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day**      **“Hark, the Glad Sound!”**      **ELW# 239**

**Apostles’ Creed**      *you will find the Apostles’ Creed on page 105.*

**Prayer**

**L:** The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

*Leader will lead the prayer.*

*Congregation may respond each petition with the following word:*

**L:** Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Curt, Sharon, Denny Bergmann, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Jim DeMontigny, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Dan, Bryan, Shane, Joe, Dan Kempel and bookkeepers.*

*Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Announcements**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

P: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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

**\*Sending Hymn**

**“Joy to the World”**

**ELW #267**

**Postlude**

**Tena Rackow**

*Isaiah 12:2*

*2Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.*

*Attendance November 28<sup>th</sup>*

*In-person— 34 Online – 36*

*On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.*