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Welcome to Worship

December 10, 2023— Advent 3

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check out Our Welcome Center



Under the window to the Narthex .. We have offering plates and a bin for vision and purpose giving.

Weekly newsletters are available as well.

Coffee and other refreshments are available at the Narthex Coffee Stand.

Upcoming Advent/Christmas Schedule

Sat, Dec 9, 2 PM—Family Sankta Lucia Event
Sun, Dec 10—Sankta Lucia Sunday
Sun, Dec 24—10 AM Christmas Eve worship
7 PM Christmas Eve worship
With candlelight
Sun, Dec 31—10 AM Lessons and Carols
With Blessing for the New Year

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements, Prelude
Advent Wreath Litany
Advent Wreath Reading: Psalm 141:1-2
Advent Wreath Hymn: ELW 240 Light One Candle, v1-3
Peace
Opening Hymn: ELW 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v5-8

The Word

Pastoral Greeting
Advent Litany
Hymn of Praise: Glory Be to God on High

Prayer of the Day

God of fulfilled hope, you entered the human story through a child born of Mary and in his face we see the fulness of your glory. Remind us, as your beloved children, we are called to break lines of division that scar your glorious image and inspire us to respond to you always with the same determination of the Mother of our Lord. In the name of our Coming Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Luke 1:26-38

Gospel Refrain: "Oh Thank the Lord"

Sermon
Hymn: ELW 263 Savior of the Nations, Come
Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Erica Lancaster, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Chris Buban, Gary Eyer, Cecil Lovdahl, Ann Enstrom, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott

Sending

Offering Prayer
Communion Prayer
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Lord's Prayer
"Lamb of God"
Distribution
Post-Communion Prayer
Hymn: ELW 282 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Benediction
Benediction Refrain: ELW 290 Go Tell It On The Mountain,
Refrain, sung 1
sung once
Dismissal

Psalm 141:1-2 Wreath Reading

1 I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you.

2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

8 For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.