

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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### Announcements

- **Worship Schedule:** Worship will be indoors every Sunday at 9:00am. We ask that you please wear a mask and continue to sign in.
- **NO Bible Study today** and will continue next Sunday, 12/19 & take a break until January.
- **Bake Sale:** Please walk through the library following worship! Shop for some goodies that our church members have baked! All proceeds will go toward the ELCA Global Barnyard!
- **Taylor's Falls Element. Giving Tree:** All cash donations towards this year's giving tree need to be in by Monday 12/13 (office hours: 8:30-1:30) to ensure that the school will receive the donations. If you are donating a gift card, please bring it to the office by Tuesday 12/14 (office hours: 8:30-12:30). All donations will be brought to the school on Thursday 12/16. Thank you!!!!
- **Confirmation Class** will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Currently, the students are meeting with Pr. Dwight via zoom at 5:30pm. If you know of someone who would like more information, please have them call the church office. Dec. Dates: 12/1 and 12/15
- **House Blessing:** If you have interested in having your home blessed in January or are interested in blessing homes, please call the church office! No date has been set for this.
- **2022 Giving Envelopes** are available in the entryway. Please pick yours up today!
- **Christmas Eve Worship Services** are at 4:00pm and 10:00pm.

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**PRAYER CARE** Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Ron Hackmann, the family of Doris Fors, Helen Swanson, the family of Ann Rue, the family of Kurt Kowarsch, family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, & the family of Margaret Dale, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg Michelle Lynch, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Nancy Mallery, the family of Dale Stomberg, and the family of Lowell Nelson.



**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

Third Sunday of Advent

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Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Music: Toni Brekke ~ Ushers: Roger & Joan Boleman

Vocals: Natalie Landgreen & Miriam Flysjo

**Bolded words: Congregation**

Non-bolded words: Pastor

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

## Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: Love Has Come

**ELW #292**

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join in singing the hymns throughout the program!

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

### Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

### We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

## OPENING HYMN: The Magnificat

*All:*

1.3. My soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won-drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lucy Tverberg & Judy Peterson

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.**

Let us pray. **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.**

We praise you, O God, for these lights that mark our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

**As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

## ADVENT LIGHTING HYMN: Light One Candle (vs.1,2,&3)

Light one candle on the wreath. Light one candle of hope;  
Hope for the world to calm its fear, hope for the news we long to hear,  
Hope in a child who will soon appear. Light one candle of hope.

Light one candle on the wreath. Light one candle of faith;  
Faith that can heal a world in need, faith that can conquer hate and greed,  
Faith in a child who will come to lead. Light one candle of faith.

Light one candle on the wreath. Light one candle of love;  
Love that will teach the world to care, love that surrounds us everywhere,  
Love in a child who will help us share. Light one candle of love.

## THE GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Your Little One, Dear Lord (vs 1&3)**

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