

**Welcome to
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church!**
December 17, 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent



† **Stand** ELW: Red Hymnal WOV: Blue Hymnal

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ELW 240 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (verse 3)

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW p. 94-96

† **Hymn ELW 249 "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"**

† **Greeting & Kyrie "Have Mercy on Us"**

ELW p. 203

† **Prayer of the Day**

ELW p. 205

Blessing of the Reader

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The 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;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to 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.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For 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.

⁹Their 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.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹For 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.

Special Music "Come, Emmanuel, Come"

- Schram

Children's Program "Christmas: FAQ"

Songs during the program:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to you, O Israel.

"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.

"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 bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

"The Friendly Beasts"

Jesus, our brother, strong and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our brother, strong and good.

"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!"

"The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el!
Born is the King of Israel.

"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.

† The Apostles' Creed, Prayers & Peace

ELW p. 105

The Offering

(Pastor will be praying for the offering as the ushers come forward)

† Offertory Hymn ELW 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

† The Great Thanksgiving & Communion Liturgy ELW p. 206

† Song "Holy, Holy, Holy"

All those who are baptized are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that in the sacrament, we receive assurance that our sins are forgiven, that we are spiritually strengthened, and through our participation, we join with all Christians in an expression of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. The center circles of the communion trays have white grape juice.

Communion Hymns "Lamb of God"

ELW p. 208

ELW 253 "He Came Down"

ELW 260 "The King Shall Come"

† Communion Blessing

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Announcements

† Benediction

† Hymn ELW 248 "People, Look East"

† Dismissal

Postlude

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED... LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

The flowers are given by Becky Pranis in memory of Alma Partin, Becky's mother.

This month's Sanctuary Candle is given by The Sweda Family in memory of Sheila Stephenson; and by George & Chris Kuljurgis in memory of their parents.

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Christmas: FAQ
(A question-and-answer play for children)
by Patricia Caley

Produced by special arrangement with Christian Publishers

Cast Members:

Braxton Kern	Jonathan Voorhees
Garrett Kern	Nicholas Voorhees
Harison Kern	Nicholas Rozman
Sheperd Kern	Henrik Wolenberg

Choir Member: Tina Green

Stable Animals: Pre-Schoolers

Director: Melinda Kern

Ministry Opportunities

Monday

6:30 PM Zumba

Tuesday

9 AM Yoga

10 AM Prayer Shawl

7:00 PM Council meeting

Wednesday

10 AM Adult Study W/ Pr. Bill

7 PM NA Meeting

Thursday

6:30 PM Zumba

Friday

7 PM AA Meeting

Saturday

9 AM Zumba

Sunday

8:45 AM Choir

10 AM Worship

7 PM NA Meeting

9 PM Christmas Eve Service

Worship Assistants

Pastor - William J. Matlack

Lector/Greeter - Stan Samuelsen

Ushers - Jarrod Dexel, Jeff Parko,

Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern

Counters - Dan Bergman,

Marian Rowland

Altar Guild - Ruth Dziuba

Music Staff

Lead Musician - Bonnie Sweda

Choir - Marinda Jenkins

Handbell Choir - Heinz Mattern

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**Thank you for silencing your
electronic devices before
worship.**

May you find inspiration and joy
in your time here. It is our hope
that you feel welcomed into our
community of faith. We ask
that you sign our guestbook in
the entry. If you live in the
area, we invite you to consider
making Holy Spirit your
church home.

**Please remember that the time
before service in the sanctuary
is for many a time for
meditation and prayer.**

Please conduct your
conversations before the
service in the entry. Also,
please leave all refreshments
outside the sanctuary.

Our Mission

We are CALLED by Christ in
Baptism, GATHERED into
community and SENT out to share
God's grace.

