

*Prayer After Communion

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **C: Amen.**

*Blessing

Pastor: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn: **On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry** **LBW 36**

*Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Elzy Pauley Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich
Emma Rosman Beni Krisko
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Prayers of the church are asked for Judy Miller and family at the death of her son, William.

This morning, Gary Mickle, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

December 22—We will be decorating the church for Christmas after service. All help is welcome. There will be a lunch supplied after.

December 22—Newsletter items are due for the January—March 2025 newsletter. Items can be given to either Sharon Cordwell or Becky Canavan or placed in their mailboxes.

December 24—Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:30 pm.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

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Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024 Worship Sundays at 9:00 am



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Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune..

Tall and small candles are given to the Glory of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting II

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements:

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **C:** Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst, we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LBW 87

Pastor: 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**

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***Prayer of the Day:** **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

LBW 34 v. 3

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Isaiah 12:2-6

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***The Verse**

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***Holy Gospel:** Luke 3:7-18
C: Praise to you O Christ

C: Glory to you O Lord .

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day**

Hark, the Glad Sound!

LBW 35

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***Nicene Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: Lord, in you mercy, **C: Receive our prayer.**

***Passing of Peace** **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.

Offering

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

***Offertory**

"Let the Vineyards"

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***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

***Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus**

***When our congregation gathered for worship on Sunday morning, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.**

Gathered at the Lord's table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that "in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; is my body given to for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.

***The Lord's Prayer**

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***Invitation to Communion:**

Pastor: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

***Agnus Dei**

"Lamb of God"
*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:
'The body of Christ, given for you.' & 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.'
After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'*

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Distribution

Communion Hymn:

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

WOV 752

***Post Communion Blessing**

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