

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2024
9am Worship/Live Stream



The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE
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In-Person Worship: 9:00am

Livestream: 9:00am

Welcome Visitors! Please fill out the welcome card found on the pew and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for joining us today!" *Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

THE GATHERING

Confession And Forgiveness:

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

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

Silence for reflection.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We put our trust in earthly powers and human authority. 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.**

Gathering Hymn ELW # 242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

- 1 **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.**
- 2 **To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.**
- 3 **In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,**

**the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.**

**4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.**

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.**

*Kyrie: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus)

**Lord, have mercy on your people.
Christ have mercy on us.
Shine your light into our darkness.
Fill us with your holy love.
Be our strength in times of trouble.
Set us free from chains that bind.
Breathe new life into our spirits.
Purify our hearts and minds.**

Hymn of Praise: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 289 Angels We Have Heard on High)

**Glory be to God on high.
Peace, good will to all the earth.
Let us sing a joyful song
to the Christ, the Living Word.**

Refrain

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Love has come to dwell with us.
Light now shines on everyone.
Hope has lifted up our hearts.
Joy has made in us a home. *Refrain***

Prayer of the Day:

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.**

THE WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn (Sung to the tune of ELW # 288 Good Christian Friends Rejoice)

This candle we will light, within God's holy sight,

Hope and peace and joy and love, Christ came to us from above!

This glowing light will guide our way, that he'll come back to us we pray!

Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!

Advent Candle Prayer: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

Children's Time

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

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.

³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 267 Joy to the World)

Alleluia! To God we go!

With joy we praise your name!

You have the words, of everlasting life.

Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu! Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu! Al-le, Al-le, Al-le-lu-ia!

*Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

⁷John 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? ⁸Bear 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. ⁹Even 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.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers 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.” ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. This is the gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: The Joy of Repentance

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 867 In Thee Is Gladness

**1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely**

and stands forever: Alleluia!

**Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!**

**We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

**Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. We pray especially for **Herman, Bob, Emily, Terry, Dean, John, Eldon, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts... Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care those from our community who are deployed; **Ian, Brady, Matthew, Reuben, Kohl, Wyatt, Ryan, Ella**, as well as all who serve. Protect and guide them by your gracious love. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering: The ministry of Our Savior's continues thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



*Offertory Hymn: ELW #188 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering prayer: Let us pray, Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for what you have first given us, with 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. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

Advent Communion Liturgy: (Sung to the tune of ELW # 283 O Come All Ye Faithful)

The Lord be with you

And with you, God's servant.

Oh, come let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

With hearts uplifted, thanks to God we render;

With joy we come before you,

In gratefulness implore you,

With thankful hearts adore you evermore!

(sung to the tune of ELW #282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)

It is indeed our joy, our right, with hearts and hands and voice

To praise and magnify your name; in thankfulness rejoice!

Of old you promised peace on earth; a new creation to bring!

And so with church on earth and heav'n, and with the angels we sing:

(Sung to the tune of ELW # 270 Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!

Heav'n and earth cannot contain, All the glory of your name!

Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh!

In the name of God our King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:

Hail hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord, to You!

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your

people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's

openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do

this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until

he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh

in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come,**

Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most

High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: pg. 191

(Our Father who art in Heaven...)

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God (Sung to the tune of ELW # 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

O Lamb of God you take away our sin:

Have mercy on us, Give us your peace.

Prepare us to receive your grace

And teach us how to follow your ways.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emanuel has come to you, O Israel.

Communion video:

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, 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. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2024 Sunday School Christmas Program:

ELW # 277 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 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.**

ELW # 267 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.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

ELW # 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain***

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

ELW # 283 O Come All Ye Faithful - congregation will sing while kids hand out cards.

**1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**

**2 The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;**

- Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***
- 3** **Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: *Refrain***
- 4** **Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

Jingle Bells

- 1. Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh**
- Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way, ha, ha, ha**
- Bells on bob-tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight, oh!**
- Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.**
- Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.**

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Prepare the way. Thanks be to God.

“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”

Please continue to pray for the following people;

Herman Olson, Bob Dahm, Emily, Terryl Florcek, Dean Mewes, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, and Kristen Anderson. The men and women that are deployed; Ian Gilby, Brady Sharon, Mathew Normand, Reuben Huppert, Kohl Flock, Wyatt Roed, Ryan Orpen, Ella Wynveen. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office. The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

Announcements:

Sunday December 15th 9am Worship Service **10am** Christmas Program, **10:30am** Fellowship Hour, (Men in Mission), Candy Walk

Wednesday December 18th 7pm Confirmation

Sunday December 22nd 9am Worship Service **10am** Fellowship Hour (Property Committee)

Tuesday December 24th 4pm Christmas Eve Worship

Happy Birthday! December (15th) Bob Earney, Cora Johnson (16th) Derek Johnson (17th) John Schroeder (19th) Fred Parmeter (20th) Rick Foley

Coffee and Conversation: Please join us on Monday December 16th at 10am. We hope to see you there!

Volunteer/s Needed: Host needed for Coffee Hour for Sunday December 29th.

November Budget Report: Average weekly offering & donations: \$4,587.38
Average weekly expenses: \$3,144.87.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! We were able to get 117 gifts purchased for the five families that we sponsored. 25 people are going to be very blessed with gifts from Our Savior's members and the Heart organization. Thank you to the confirmation students who helped us wrap the ones that needed wrapping on Wednesday, December 4th. We

delivered them to the drop off point on Tuesday, December 10th. What a blessing it is to be able to make Christmas merry and bright for these families. May they feel the love that came to us through the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Christmas Blessings to all! The Evangelism committee Pauline, Kathy, and Darlene



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **DECEMBER**, we will be collecting; **Ramen Noodles,**

Bath Soap, Flour, Sugar, Canned Fruit, Dry Soup Mix, and Oatmeal. Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

Youth News!

Sunday School Reminder: Sunday School Christmas Program December 15th immediately following Worship.

Thank You! I want to Thank all 32 Our Savior's members that joined me a fun evening at Sam's Christmas Village. It was a memorable event for all of us.

Thank You! To all that braved the cold temps and joined in on the Christmas Caroling on Wednesday Night. **A Special Thank you** for Michael Chisholm for supply the transportation, Mike Rehbein for driving the bus, Heather Johnson for playing the piano for us at each facility, and Lori Coulson & Mary Halls for making and serving the pizza for us.

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER: This is a 2025 Mission Trip Fundraiser. Downstairs near the youth table there is a large bulletin board that has 100 envelopes on it. We ask that you donate the dollar amount that is listed on the envelope and place the envelope in the basket that is located on the table. Thank you for supporting the 2025 Mission Trip!

This fundraiser will be up until all envelopes are donated. This fundraiser will replace the Silent Auction that was always held in November.

2025 Mission Trip: Ashby MN, Sunday June 22nd – Saturday June 28th 2025.

All Youth ages 14-18 along with their Friends are Welcome!

*Recommended for youth in or going into 8th grade. This will fulfill your confirmation requirement and give you 30 hours of volunteer time for High School.

Contact Patricia if interested. Youthdirector.osbeldenville@gmail.com, 715-307-2739

Participants: Maddi Constant, Nora Christopherson, Chase Unser, Jake Knight, Brody Flynn and Wyatt Kirchner. Chaperones: Patricia Peterson, Jim Chisholm, and Mike Rehbein.