

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota
Pastor Brian Wasmoen

3rd Sunday in Advent 9 am December 13, 2020

ELW setting 4 *Please stand if able

WE PREPARE

The Prelude Dana Lewis
Welcome and Announcements
Advent Candle Lighting Elizabeth Fixsen
“You are love, God—eternal immortal love—remind us that we are born of your love and that we bear your love to the world by our words and deeds. Strengthen us in this true love. Amen”
Hymn of the Light “Drawn to the Light” #593
Kyrie (sung)
In peace let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who here offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.
Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

WE PRAISE

Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast” On Insert
Prayer of the Day:
Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen
Hymn “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #276

WE LISTEN

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
*Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28
*Gospel Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank...” (vs. 1-3) #249
*Share the Peace
Sermon

WE RESPOND

Hymn of the Day “Prepare the Royal Highway” #264
Apostles’ Creed
The Prayers
The Lord’s Prayer
The Offering
Hymn “On Christmas Night” #274

WE ARE SENT

Sending/Dismissal
Closing Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289
Postlude

Thanks to all those assisting with our Worship and Fellowship!

Accompanist: Dana Lewis
Song Leader: Mallory McMahn
Lector: Elizabeth Fixsen
Usher:

Radio Broadcast today is given by Deb Mills “in honor of my son’s heavenly birthday on December 3 and my mother, Vivian Bronson’s, heavenly birthday on Christmas Day.”

Bulletins today are given in memory of Henry & Norma Schroeder whose wedding anniversary was December 11 from their daughter, Shirley and Herb Stellmacher.

Bell Ringing has begun at Redfield Food Center to raise money for the Salvation Army and local needs. We do not have a sign-up sheet but invite you to ring the bell when you can.

Olivewood Carvings on display in church made by carvers in Bethlehem. Talk with LeAnn to purchase or to order other pieces for Christmas gifts (450-1385).

Fixing our ELW Worship Books - While they are piled up in the back of the Sanctuary, we realized that 60-70% of our red books have broken bindings. As long as we are not using the books, now is a good time to fix them. We have someone who can teach us how – we need volunteers willing to help with this project. If you would like to help, contact Pastor Brian or the church office. 450-5101 or 472-2640.

Food Pantry – Many thanks to all who brought in so much good food to share with those in need. Thanks to Henry, Diane, and Butch for delivering it this week but remember, we collect food throughout the year.

Harvestfest Offering—as we scramble to catch up on offerings and pay the bills of 2020, we offer you the opportunity to support some other vital ministries through this December offering. 25% of our Harvestfest offering will go to each of these ministries: Redfield Area Ministerial Assn, Lutherans Outdoors camps, ELCA World Hunger and Our Savior’s Operating Fund. Mark offerings clearly.

Christmas Schedule

Due to our pandemic, there is no cantata or Children’s Program this year. We have planned three celebrations of Christmas:

1. **Blue Christmas** chat online December 16 at 6:00 pm for those whose Christmas this year is not so joyful.
2. **Mini-Christmas Sunday**, December 20 at 9:00 am we will gather in person, masked and separated, but welcome to sing the carols, hear the Christmas gospel and receive Holy Communion. (Also on radio and Facebook)
3. **Christmas Eve Worship** (Facebook only) at 6:00 pm—sing along with the carols, hear special music, and light the candle(s) in your own home to feel the presence of the Light.

Call the Office to sponsor a Bulletin

January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28. Cost \$ 25.00.
Or a Radio Broadcast
January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Operating Offering last week - \$ 2,206.00
Harvestfest - \$ 50.00

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“Through the grace of God, we are worshiping, sharing, growing.”

#593 Drawn to the Light

1. People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.

**Refrain: Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the light and the morning,
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.**

2. How can we tell a heaven from hell if ev'ry one dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels, and we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain:

3. Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
Bids us to come! Life has begun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain:

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow;
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

#249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

#264 Prepare the Royal Highway

1. Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the king of glory, foretold in sacred story;

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

2. God's people, see him coming; your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! **Refrain**

3. Then fling the gate wide open to greet your promised king!

Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.

All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing; **Refrain**

4. His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.

His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding; **Refrain**

#274 On Christmas Night

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.

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News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth.

2. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad?

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When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

3. When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place.

When sin departs before his face, the life and health come in its place.

Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to see the newborn kind

4. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night;

"Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen"

#289 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain:**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee. Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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 broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound* and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.*' ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,* nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.