

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
DECEMBER 14-15, 2024**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Worship - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements  
Invocation  
Call to Worship  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Lighting of Advent Wreath  
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ELW 257  
v. 1-3

Litany of Praise  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Message  
Hymn of the Day  
Creed, Prayers and Peace  
Offertory Song  
The Words of Communion  
Communion  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Blessing & Sending

ELW 253

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude  
Invocation  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Lighting of Advent Wreath  
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ELW 257  
v. 1-3

Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day  
First Bible Reading  
Psalm of the Day  
Second Bible Reading  
Gospel Acclamation  
Today’s Message  
Hymn of the Day  
Creed, Prayers & Peace  
Offertory  
Offering  
Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord’s Prayer  
Lamb of God & Distribution  
Blessing & Prayer  
Benediction & Sending Hymn  
Dismissal

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord’s Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY’S THEME**

Christ’s presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

**Today’s Bible Readings**

Zephaniah 3:14-20	Pew Bible p. 767
Isaiah 12:2-6	Pew Bible p. 558
Philippians 4:4-7	Pew Bible p. 955
Luke 3:7-18	Pew Bible p. 834

**Today’s Message**

“Good News to the People” by Rev. Ralph Mineo

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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.**

### **PSALM RESPONSE:**



Isaiah 12:6

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### **OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson

#### **Cancer treatments:**

**Friends of the congregation:** Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, family of Audrey Hettrick

**Cancer Friends:** Canda, Chris

**Other prayer requests:** the family of Peggy Sue Seigworth

***Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.***

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir just for the Advent and Christmas Season you would be more than welcome. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord for the Holidays. Please contact Kathy Swanson for rehearsal times over the Holidays.

**Thank You -** We would like to thank our Chancel Choir for their gift of music today.