

# Ascension Lutheran Church

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2020

#### **PRELUDE**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Lynn Peterson)

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## Prepare the Royal Highway (v. 1, 4)

**ELW 264** 



**CHILDREN'S TIME** 

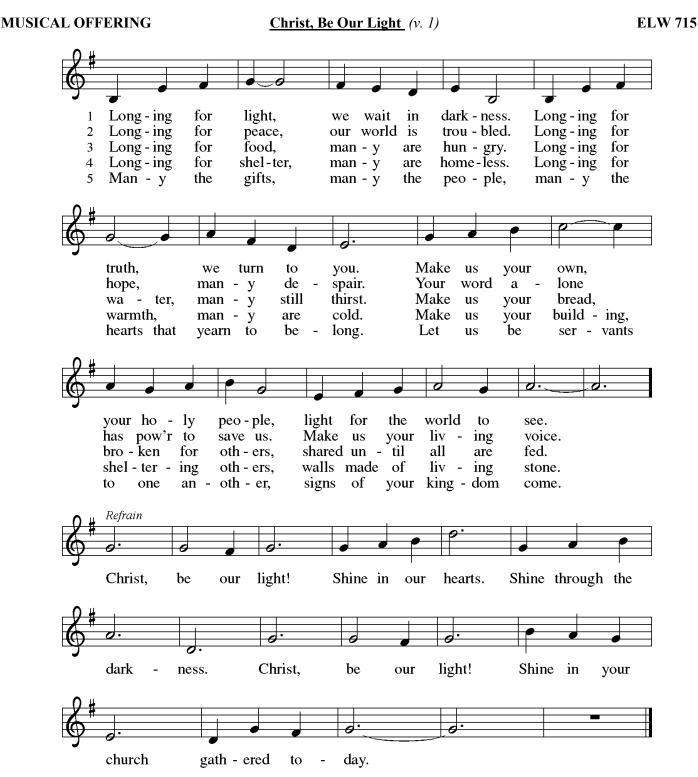
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath—JOY** 

**Pastor Chris** 

#### **PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Lord God, a third candle burns on our Advent wreath, first - a sign of hope, second - a sign of peace, now a message of joy. God of joy come to us again this Advent. May your joy live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

#### C: Amen.



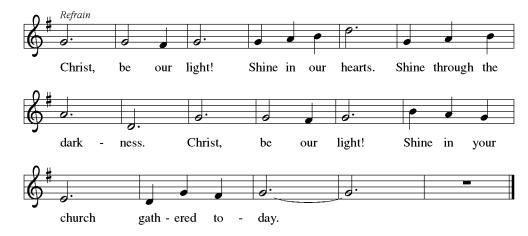
READING Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## Christ Be Our Light (refrain)

**ELW 715** 



GOSPEL READING

John 1:6-8, 19-28

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 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. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Chris

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

## Glory (Let There Be Peace) (Stevens/Maher/Popadic)

One star burns in the darkness Shines with the promise, Emmanuel One child born in the stillness Living within us, Emmanuel

We're singing glory, glory Let there be peace, let there be peace Singing glory, glory Let there be peace, let it start in me

One voice speaks for the voiceless Hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel One love brings us together Now and forever, Emmanuel *(chorus)*  Do not be afraid His love is strong enough to save us Nothing stands in the way His love is strong enough to lead us Do not be afraid His love is strong enough to save us Nothing stands in the way His love is strong enough to lead us

We sing glory, glory let there be peace, let there be peace Singing glory, glory let there be peace, let it start in me Singing glory, glory let there be peace, let there be peace Singing glory, glory let there be peace, let it start in me Let there be peace, let it start in me

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 & MUSIC**

## You Are My All in All (Dennis Jernigan)

Please sing after each petition:

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

#### MUSICAL MEDITATION

## Reckless Love (Culver/Asbury/Jackson)

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me You have been so, so good to me Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me You have been so, so good to me When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me You have been so, so kind to me *(Chorus)* 

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me (sing 4 times) (Chorus)

#### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



## **FAITH CONNECTION**

Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.

## **Donate Today or Give By Text or Online**

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: <u>tinyurl.com/DonateAscension</u>

## AMEN Christmas Gathering and Long Underwear

**Collection:** AMEN is asking for new men's and women's long underwear donations to support local shelters this Christmas season. Donations should be dropped off at Raised Grain Brewery 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec 22. Join us for some Christmas cheer and fellowship. RGB has agreed to let us have a bin near the entrance, or curbside if you don't want to come inside. If you're unable to attend or can't drive, someone will be happy to pick up your donation or donations may be dropped off at church prior to Dec. 22 when the building is open. Please contact Steve Boyer.

**Kids Coats Needed:** Hawthorne Elementary School is one of our newest partners. A large number of the students are low income. The school is in need of new or gently used jackets and boots. The children are 4K through 5th grade. Place your donation in the barrels in the Donation Center. For more information see the December newsletter.

**The Blessing Box** is being filled several times a week. We are especially in need of foods to make a meal. Examples: cereal, instant oatmeal, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cleaning supplies, etc. Place your donations directly in the BB or drop off at church during office hours.

**Special Advent Devotions**: We're sending daily emails of advent devotions. Watch for them and feel the anticipation of the season. The devotions and videos are also on our website daily.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Email Donna Aschenbrenner, wra@wi.rr.com to order your Christmas gifts of the new Makumira Holiday Blend (\$19/bag); a Christmas gift sampler pack of coffees; the high quality Peaberry coffee; or flavored or regular coffees. Regular/decaf coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$10. Peaberry coffee for a 12 oz. bag is \$15.

#### Submit a Prayer

Submit a prayer request online <u>ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers</u>), by email to <u>Tamie@ ascensionelca.org</u>, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

#### **Comfort**

 For Jackie Bosanac and family following the death of Bob Bosanac

#### Healing

- For Steve Spieker's brother Tim, undergoing testing for multiple significant health conditions including probable foot amputation
- For Kathy Hahn, further treatment following surgery
- For Becky Murray, in ICU for covid, prayers for healing so she can begin chemo
- For Sandy Sadowski after a fall while shopping broken bones and hip displacement
- For Doug Bue's father, hospitalized with covid.

#### **Thanksgiving**

 For successful surgeries to remove cancer from Barb, Brenda Lytle's mother. Prayers for healing from the surgeries.

## On our website, ascensionelca.org

- Read the monthly newsletter.
- Register online for next week's worship.
- Watch or re-watch worship and sermons.
- Read blog postings with updated information about church activities.
- Donate online to continue to help us pay the bills and support our ministries. Many of our community and international partners are hurting because of the ongoing pandemic.
- Submit a prayer request <a href="https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers">https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers</a>.

