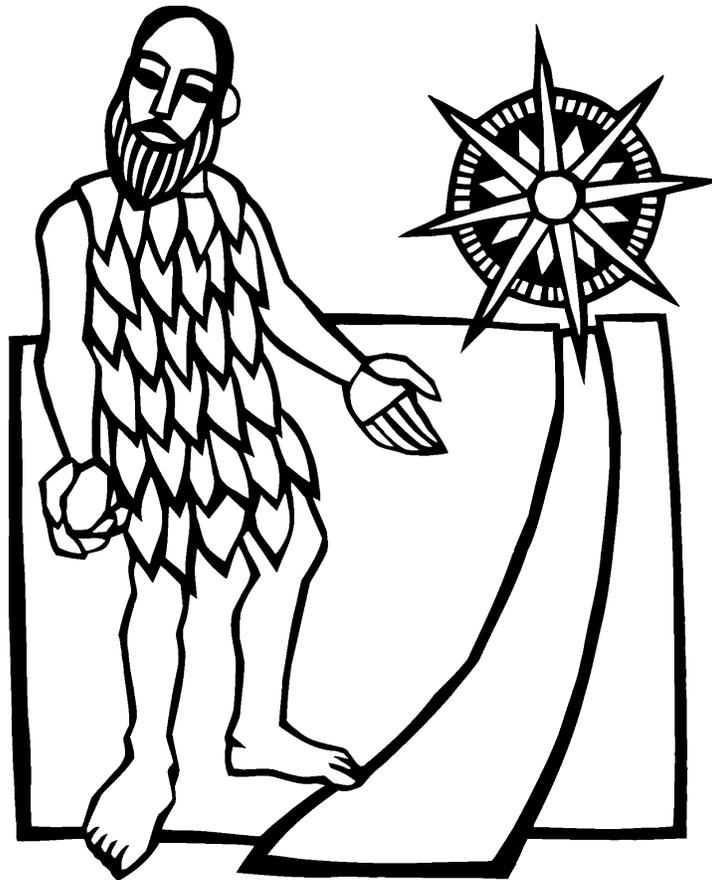


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022



ELW SETTING 4
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Welcome to
WORSHIP

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please come forward by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by way of the center aisle. The bread is received in your hand, and you may drink the wine from the cup or dip the bread into the wine. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All page and hymn numbers refer to the "red" ELW hymnal.

PRELUDE

"O Com, O Come Emmanuel "

by Burkhardt

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever.**
Amen.

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

P God of new beginnings,
C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.

P People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

ELW #257

Hymn is printed on page 13 of this booklet.

GREETING

P 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.**

ADVENT HYMN

Verse 3

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P At the very beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,
 C **Wake us up to your coming.**

A We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God's promises. O Emmanuel,
 C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated on our fear. O Emmanuel,
 C **Wake us up to your coming.**

A We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it. O Emmanuel,
 C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope.
 C **Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (repeat verse 3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

James 5:7-1

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mathew 11:2-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mathew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark the Glad Sound

ELW #239

Hymn is printed on page 14 of this booklet.

Please Stand

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

A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope. Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary) and **Kimberly Koblas** (daughter of Wendy & Jim). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss especially **Elizabeth Falto, Louise Menter, Chuck Heyward, Dorteia Lehtinen, Ethan Coolnan, Ruth Berman, Marian McBride, Shirley Crandall, Don Bally, Allison Wittich, Inge Ohnona, Jim Lehtinen, Joan Mahoney**, (friend of the Bilstads), **Anna Labellarte, Michael Ungari, Juli Pykelny, Bill Lynn, Lenita Spears** (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), **Debbie Sloan** (friend of Eileen Hoffman), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwartcz), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Carolyn Roth Fiuza** (daughter of Don Roth), **Dana Imlah** (daughter of Mary Lou Gilliam), **Nancy Flynn** (friend of Mary Detjen), **Darrell Mounts** (Son-in-law of Chuck Heyward), **Lucia Oelz** (friend of Chris Miller) and for **Stan Ernst** (brother of Chris Miller), who passed away this week. Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. And today we remember the family of **Stan Ernst** God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises.
God, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always
- C **and also with you.**

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

OFFERING is received.

SECOND OFFERING for world hunger.

OFFERTORY

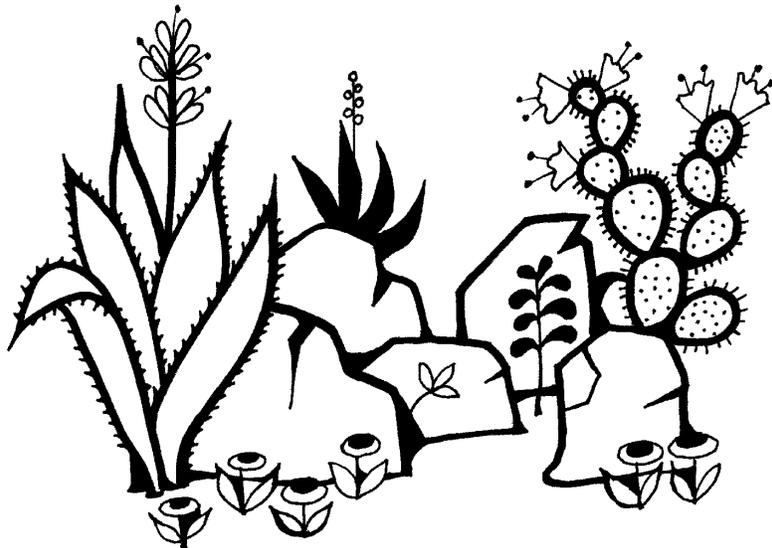
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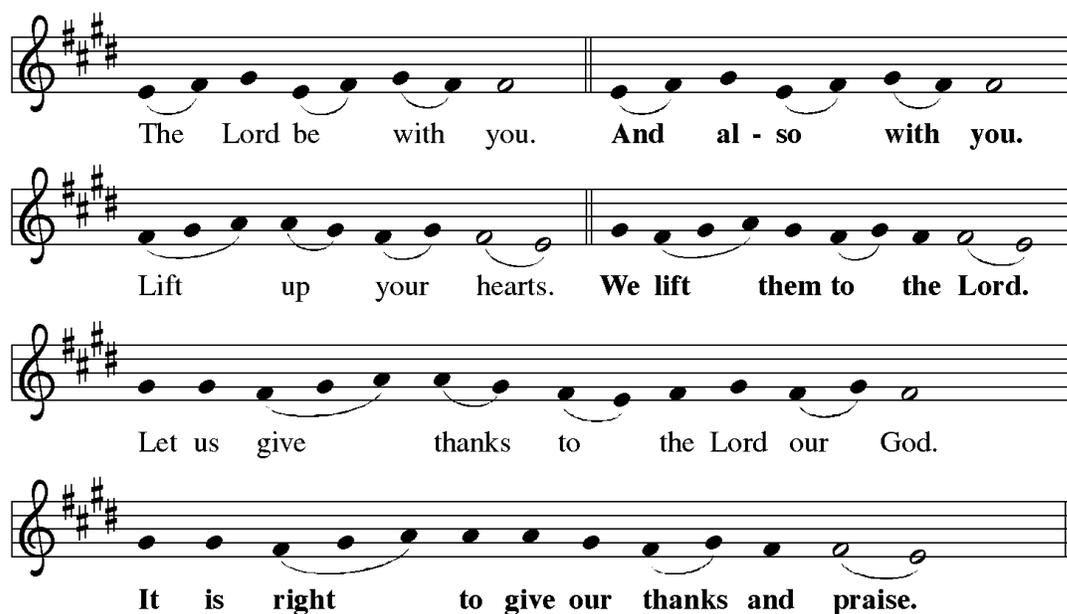
Please Stand as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
- C **Amen.**



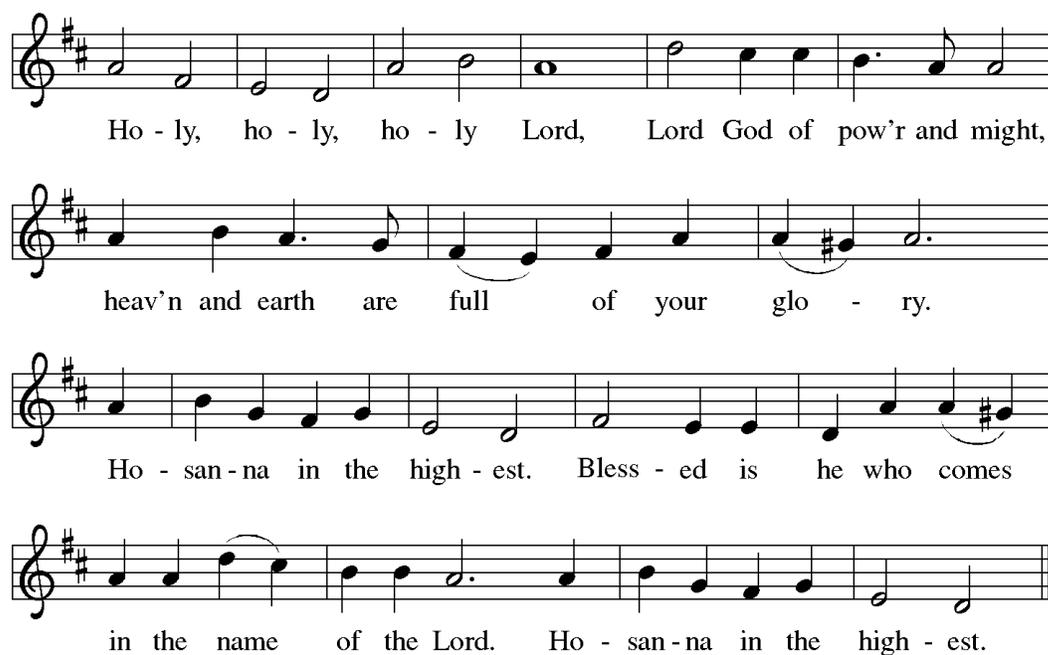
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness
and so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels
and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
 our Salvation and our Hope,
 we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
 When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
 you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
 At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
 and to heal all the suffering world.
 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
 we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.
 Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
 strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
 and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
 Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
 with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table
 of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.
 Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P The body of Christ, given for you,
 The blood of Christ, Shed for you.

C Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; strengthen you and keep you
 in his grace.
 C **Amen**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW #207

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW #267

Hymn is printed on page 15 of this booklet.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

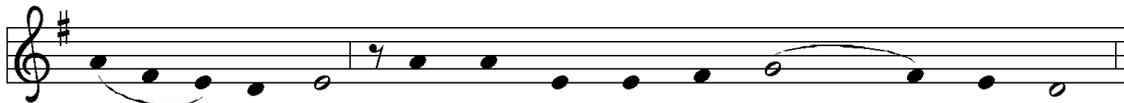
by Held



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Sanctuary flowers were donated by Corey Kalas in memory of Mel Kalas.

BRASS/BELLS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

12/11	Brass	10:45 AM	Sanctuary
12/18	Bells	10:45 AM	Bell Room

PRAYER GROUP—Thursdays, 9:30 AM

We meet in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing. Join us as you are able.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY— Meets 10:15-11:30 AM

The Thursday Bible Study has a long tradition at Holy Spirit. Besides delving into our study of the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues and their impact on our faith lives. Join us for some spirited conversation! We always close our time together in prayer.

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NEW VISION FOR CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR GIVING

At our last Church Council Meeting, Pastor Tim shared with the Council a new goal for us to reach, that we need to double our attendance for our Christmas Eve services this year, and we want everyone to help us achieve that goal. With the restrictions that COVID placed on the past years, this is now the time to reinvigorate our community celebration of Christmas, and we want to make it a Christmas to remember! We could have Hot Chocolate or Hot Cider and some sweets to welcome our guests, along with joyful music and the opportunity to take a picture with your family in front of our new Christmas Tree. Let's get excited about inviting the entire community to celebrate the joy of Christmas at our three Christmas Eve services at 3:30, 5:00, and 10:00. If you want to be part of planning all the fun, join us after worship this Sunday in the library as we brainstorm and plan for the best Christmas celebration ever!

NEW YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM

We are excited to announce that our services will now be live streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube channel. These videos will have improved sound and video quality thanks to some new equipment and streaming software.

Go to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspiri6256>) or scan the QR CODE and click the Subscribe button. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Jeanne Nelson if you have any questions.





PLANNING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

December 14 — **Mid-week Advent Worship** — Wednesday evening in the midst of the rush of preparing for Christmas, take time to also receive Christ during the Taize service at 7:00 PM. This half-hour contemplative service will bring peace and focus as we center on Christ, the light of the world, who comes to heal us, redeem us, and dwell with us.

TODAY— CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 11 at 10:30AM — Children’s Christmas Program and Sing Along.

December 24 — Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

3:30 PM — Service of Candles and Communion with special music.

5:00 PM — Family worship with Candles and Communion with the Christmas Orchestra, Youth and Cherub Choirs.

10:00 PM — Candlelight Communion Service with special music, plus Adult and Bell Choirs.

WE NEED YOU ON CHRISTMAS EVE

We look forward to a wonderful Christmas Eve, but we need some help at our worship services. We'll need Communion Assistants so that we can have two Communion stations for each of our 3 services. We also have the opportunity for four readers to participate at each service by delivering a short Bible passage. And then we need Greeters and Ushers and Acolytes. Some of these spots have been filled, but we'd like as many as possible to share in helping make this a Christmas to remember. Contact Nancy Fencl at nfencl@gmail.com or let the church office know how you're going to participate at the 3:30, 5:00 or 10:00 Christmas Eve Service.

The Christmas ORCHESTRA is BACK!!

After a three year break, the Holy Spirit Christmas Orchestra is back!



All Holy Spirit instrumentalists with at least 1 year of playing are invited to play on Christmas Eve at 4:45 before the 5 PM Christmas Eve service. We will rehearse twice, both Sundays, at 11:30 ish (there are programs and rehearsals before then)- Please make at least one of these times!

Dec 18 at 11:30.

Music will be available in the narthex- please practice before the rehearsal. Contact Nancy Fencl at njfloat@yahoo.com or text 847-507-0878

Gifts are due to the church TODAY Sunday, December 11th

ANGEL TREE

One of the most rewarding Christmas activities around Holy Spirit is the sharing of gifts with inner city children. Each year, we receive the names of children from Lutheran Day Nursery/After School Program for whom we purchase gifts at Christmas. Many times, these are the only gifts these children will receive. These children have come to be called our “angels”.



Sign up for a child/children at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0944ABAF22A7F49-angel1>

Or scan the QR code to link to our signup genius. If you are unable to do so, contact Kari Davenport and she will assign you a child.



Drop Off—gifts are due to the church by Sunday, December 11th. You can drop off during office hours or take advantage of the contactless drop off on Sunday, December 11th from 1:00-3:00pm. Pull up and we will be happy to

take the packages right out of your car! If these options do not work for you, please contact Kari to make other arrangements.

Appropriate items—We strive to provide each child with an age appropriate toy, an article of warm clothing (like a hat, mittens, sweater, etc.), and a new or gently used book. However, if there is ever a time to spoil a child, this is one of those times.

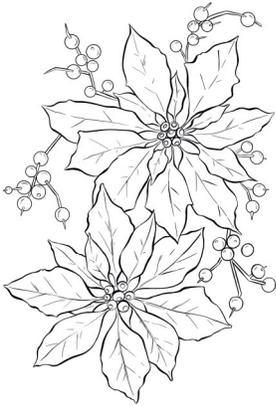
Label gifts with the child’s name when you return them so that they are delivered to the right child.

Gift Cards-Lutheran Day Nursery has 6 families that are in need this year. We are collecting \$25 Target Cards to help these families purchase food, clothing and toiletries. Please drop off gift cards to the office by Sunday, December 12th. Label the envelope “LDN Gift Cards.”

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Davenport, karikdavenport@yahoo.com or 773-844-7542.

Welcome!

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Poinsettias for Christmas

You are invited to place donations of poinsettias to the glory of God or in honor or memory of someone special to you this Christmas season. Cost is \$20.00 per plant. Checks may be made payable to *Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit*. Please complete the form below and return it along with your check to the church office by Dec. 12th.

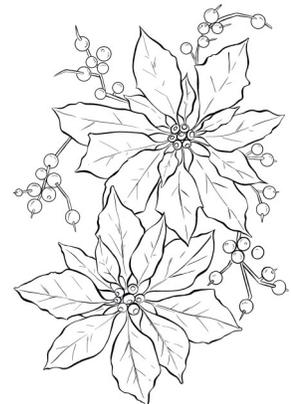
Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ @\$20 each

Phone _____

Given to the Glory of God and in memory\honor of:

Poinsettias may be picked up following the 10:00 PM service on Christmas Eve or any time during the following week.



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, Dec. 11	8:45 am 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Choir Practice Service of Holy Communion Children's Christmas Program & Sing Along.
Tuesday, Dec. 13	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	LYFE Confirmation
Wednesday, Dec. 14	7:00 p.m.	Mid-week Advent Service
Thursday, Dec. 15	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Prayer Group Bible Study
Sunday, Dec. 18	8:45 am 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Choir Practice Service of Holy Communion Bells Rehearsal

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