

**SILVERSTREET LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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CHRIST IS THE WORD. LIVE IT!

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

*The congregation of Silverstreet Lutheran Church welcomes you and invites you to worship with us. The liturgy and hymns are found in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), the green book in the pew racks. Additional hymns are sung from the blue book, With One Voice (WOV).*

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Prelude: "Where the Promise Shines," Raney  
Adult Choir and Young Women's Ensemble, Jon Henry Gibson and Helen Shealy-Handbells

Silent Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LBW #87

**\*Call to Worship:** (Isaiah 12)

Leader: Rejoice, for God is here!

**All: God is our strength and our light.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

**All: Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Leader: God of mercy,

**All: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

Leader: God of might,

**All: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

Leader: God in our midst,

**All: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen**

**\*Greeting and Kyrie**

LBW pg 57

**\*Prayer of the Day:** (in unison) 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 congregation may be seated)

THE LIGHTING OF THE JOY ADVENT CANDLE

**"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," vs 3**

LBW #34

Responsive Litany

Leader: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

**All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: In the darkness, we long to see the light.

**All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

**All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: In hardship, we long for an act of love.

**All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

**All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

The Candle Lighting-Leland and Patsy Epting

**"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," refrain**

LBW #34

**HEAR GOD'S WORD:**

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible pg 1466

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6

Pew Bible pg 1078

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

Third Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible pg 1830

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**\*The Verse:** “Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?”

LBW pg 62

**\*The Gospel is Announced:** Glory to you, O Lord”

\*Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

Pew Bible pg 1593

**\*Response to the Gospel:** “Praise to you, O Christ”

**Christmas Presence**  
**▲ Children and Youth Presentation**

Hosted by King David and Paul

**\*Hymn:** “Soon and Very Soon”

WOV #744

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

LBW pg 65

**\*Sharing of the Peace:** Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Offering

Offertory: “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” Karsen Wix

**\*Offertory:** “Create in me a clean heart...”

LBW pg 75

**\*Offering Prayer:**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Lord’s Prayer:** (sung by congregation)

\*Blessing: Leader: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever.

**All Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Joy to the World”

LBW #39

**\*Dismissal:** Leader: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude: “Silent Night,” Owen Bowers

Silence for Reflection

