

Drive-In Contemporary Worship

87.9FM

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Pastor Eric Hanson
The 3rd Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 13, 2020 - 9:45AM

Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Announcements

Advent Reflection read by The Lindholm family

We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

Advents Prayer read by The Lindholm family

Joy - Dear God, In the height of our Advent walk, grant us the courage to experience joy. Joy in the face of apathy, Joy in the face of sorrow, Joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.

Opening Song: "*Christ Be our Light*" ELW #715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. [Refrain]

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. [Refrain]

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. [Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]

Confession and Forgiveness

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember and pray,

O God, you search us and know us for we are your beloved children. As we await the coming of our Lord this Advent season we ask for your grace and mercy. When we long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling to change our own hearts we ask for forgiveness. When we do not make straight paths for justice or welcome the stranger we ask for forgiveness. When we reduce preparation for your coming to simple materialism or reckless expense we ask for forgiveness. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. May the Christ Child we wait for be present in all we think, do, and say. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Hallelujah! We praise the One who sets us free from sin and death.

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' " as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Outreach Sunday School by Michelle Matthees

Sermon by Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day *"Christ Be All Around Me"*

As I rise, strength of God. Go before, lift me up.
As I wake, eyes of God. Look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God. Satisfy and sustain.
As I hear, voice of God. Lead me on,
be my guide, Be my guide.

Above and below me, Before and behind me.
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me. [x2]

As I go, Hand of God, My defense, by my side,
And as I rest, breath of God, Fall upon,
bring me peace, Bring me peace.

Above and below me, Before and behind me.
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me. [x2]

Oh oh, oh oh, Christ be all around me.
Oh oh, oh oh, Christ be all around me.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed.
For every moment, Every moment. [x4]

Above and below me, Before and behind me.
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me. [x2]

Oh oh, oh oh, Christ be all around me.
Oh oh, oh oh, Christ be all around me.

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 & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

God of power and might, shine your radiance and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need. *A brief silence.* God of preachers and messengers, you have entrusted your church with the work of proclaiming good news. Strengthen the witness of bishops, pastors, deacons, church musicians, lay leaders, and all people who contribute their prayers and talents to public worship. Embed your word in their hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every living creature, you announce the year of your favor for all of creation. Extend your kindness and relief to endangered animals and plants. Strengthen the human beings who rely on the rhythms of nature to make their living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all peoples and nations, you plant us as your oaks of righteousness and ask us to care for one another. Be present with the leaders of every nation as they govern. Give them a spirit of righteousness, that your goodness and mercy is revealed through their actions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of exiles and wanderers, you repair what was once destroyed. We pray for people who have been displaced from their homes by fire, flood, earthquake, or storm. Support the work of Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all disaster relief organizations in their recovery efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bestow your spirit upon this congregation and empower us to comfort the people who turn to us in times of need. Make your church a place of refuge and healing, especially for; Dolly Mensink, Keith Brown, Dan Ramthun, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Brad Roschen, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Hunter Burow, Cassidy Post, Brent Hokanson & Karl Thomforde. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of sinners and saints, you offer joy even in the midst of our grief. We are grateful for the beloved, imperfect people whose lives testified to your radiant love. Anoint all who mourn with the oil of gladness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The Meal

We remember...

The 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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Sending Song: *"Go in Peace"*
sung by Larry Miller & Michelle Matthees
written by Debbi St. John

Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God.
Sow the seeds about the man of love.
Go into the world and tell them One by one.
Go tell them what Jesus has done

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Commission

God is with you. Be the hands and feet of the coming Christ.
Thanks be to God!

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