

Third Sunday of Advent



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Welcome to worship! So glad you are here!

To assist in your worship: * means stand as you are able, **bold** print means we respond, + means you may make the sign of the cross if you so desire.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME: ADVENT 3—JOY

God's people were exiled and had lost everything—except God's word. As long as they continued to speak and hear the word of God, that word would accomplish its purpose—the restoration of Israel one day.



GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We confess our sins before God and one another (*Pause for silence and reflection*). Healing God,

We come into this house broken and lost. We bring our worries and our fears. We bring the weight of having acted out in ways that hurt others, you, and ourselves. We wonder if there will ever be a time when light will find us. Forgive what we have done and heal us, for the sake of the one who gave everything for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God offers light and healing. God invites us into a new way of being. Despite our sin, God forgives. Receive and welcome God's forgiveness, for you are made clean and whole again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* #251

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to You

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: LOVE

Isaiah the prophet spoke truth to the nations.

He yearned for the Lord's good word to proclaim freedom for prisoners stuck in darkness.

(light candle 1) We still yearn, but yearning leads to hope. We light this candle as a sign that this hope never ends.

(light candle 2) **We light this candle, trusting God's peace will come.**

(light candle 3) The candle of love, points to God's infinite compassion—the promise of God-with – us, the one to fill our lives with the love of Jesus for the world.

ADVENT HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs.3)* #240

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, God of restoration and new life, **When Israel had lost everything, you reminded them they still had one thing: your word. Help us to speak and listen for your word so that it might accomplish its purpose. Amen.**

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-13 Pew Bible Old Testament pg. 760

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night our Lord Jesus was betrayed...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***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; 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.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* #265

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus is coming. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



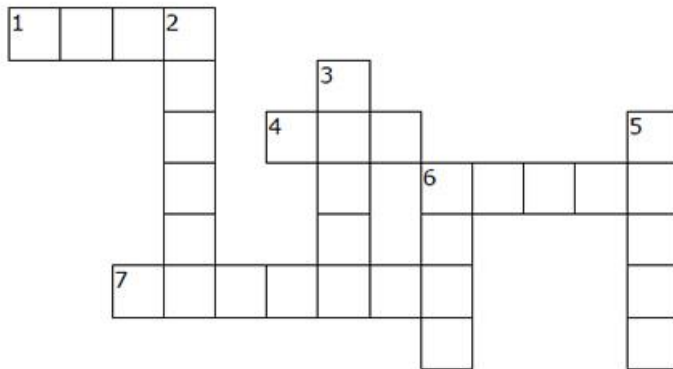
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LIFE	LIVING	NEVER	WATER	THIRST
WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK

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ACROSS

1. A present; something given without cost
4. The creator of heaven and earth; our Heavenly Father
6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H₂O
7. Continuing forever

DOWN

2. To feel the need for a drink
3. An adult female person
5. The act of taking liquid through the mouth
6. A deep hole or shaft dug or drilled to obtain water

WELL
GIFT

WOMAN
DRINK

WATER
GOD

THIRST
ETERNAL

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It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!

CHILDCARE

We hope everyone of all ages and abilities will be able to worship together. A special play area is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you need to take a "time out" please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the main entry. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the main entry. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Is Alive!

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

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