

Worship Leader Edition
Third Sunday of Advent
“Giver of Life”

December 11, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

NEW 8:20 Hymn requests from ELW

1-2 verses

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (Rob)

+OPENING HYMN

Requested Song

ELW # ***

+GREETING {*Front Center*} (Paul Klein)

L: 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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (Paul Klein)

L: 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.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (*Denesen Family*)

L: We wait for the coming of Christ, giving life in abundance

C: Come Giver of Life

CANDLE LIGHTING

The third candle is lit and this response is used:

L: The bread of life given for all people a sharing in the body of Christ

C: Come Giver of Life

L: The desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly; rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Christ, shine in our world today

SONG

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Choir (Verse 3):

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed

All sing (Refrain):

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

WORD

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (Becky Olson)

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say 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.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then 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; the 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. A 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. No 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. And 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

ELW pg. 142/Screen

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit}

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW # 257

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strengthened beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain

Verse 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

Verse 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

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {Front Center} (Paul Klein)

Screen

C: 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.

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION {Front Center} (Paul Klein)

Screen

After each petition:

L: God of love,

C: we wait in hope.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (Paul Klein)

C: 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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (Paul Klein)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (Paul Klein)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website **stlukesbloomington.org** and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

ANTHEM

“Magnificat from Holden Evening Prayer”

Marty Haugen

St. Luke’s Choir

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (Rob)

L: Be Givers of Life. Let the Life of Christ dwell in your hearts and may it overflow in abundance to others. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen

+SENDING HYMN

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn!”

ELW #242

Verse 1

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! The Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav’nly door
and lives now inside as forever.

Verse 2

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving-kindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

Verse 3

In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute bread forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

Verse 4

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev’ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (Paul Klein)

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today

Given by:

Judy Sandeen

in memory of her brother, Jon Groth