

December 15, 2024 Anno Domini
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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9:30 AM



A REAL

CHRISTMAS

A Real Christmas Results In Great Joy

Atonement Lutheran Church



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.***

Order of Service:	CW Pg. 38
Psalm of the day: Ps. #130	CW Pg. 114
Hymns:	#3, #19, #32, #45 v. 1-3

Serving Today

Music: HS / Dan Meister
Usher: Bruce Gerlach
Streaming: Dan Meister

Personal Preparation: *Before Worship* CW Pg 10

Pastor Greeting:

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Opening Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates* CWS # 3

Order of Worship: *Service of the Word* CW Pg 38

Confession of Sin CW Pg 38

Prayer and Praise CW Pg 39

Prayer of the Day CW Pg 39

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment; he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Psalm: # 130 CW Pg 114

Second Lesson:

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day:

Matthew 11:10

I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

(Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!...)

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The Gospel:

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” ¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.” ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

Sing: “Praise be to you, O Christ!”

Hymn of the Day: *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You.....* **CW # 19**

Sermon:

Luke 3:7-18

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Apostles Creed:

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Offering

Prayer of the Church:

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Hymn: *When Sinners See Their Lost Condition.....* **CW # 32**

Blessing:

Closing Hymn: *Oh Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly.....* **CW # 45 v. 1-3**

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Kindly include Atonement members in your prayers:



Please remember **Fay Jones** in your thoughts and prayers as she deals with back pain resulting from a spine compression fracture. Her condition is improving, and she is grateful for your prayers.

Please ask the Lord to comfort and speed the recovery of **Bob Pieper** from a recent fall (nothing broken).



Christmas Devotions To help us prepare to rightly celebrate Christmas, there are daily devotions available online and in print starting December 15. Subscribe and take some to share!

- WELS Women's Ministry: "Just as he said" - <https://wels.net/wm-advent.devotions>
- Martin Luther College Booklets: "Glory In His Grasp" - available now in the fellowship hall.
- Meditations: December Edition - available now in the fellowship hall.

Please stop by LWMS table in next weeks **to sign** the two **Christmas cards** for our **Befriend a Mission Worker**.



 **Looking Ahead**

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
December						
Advent 3	15	9:30 AM	Dan	HS/ Ellen	Bruce G.	
Advent 3 Evening	18	7:00 PM		HS/ Dan	Gil P.	
Advent 4	22	9:30 AM	Audrey	HS/ Carol	Dan M.	
Christmas Eve (Candlelight)	24	7:00 PM		Sam M.	Steve B.	
Christmas Day	25	10:00 AM	Mark	HS/ Ellen	Bob B.	Matt W.
Christmas 1	29	9:30 AM	Audrey	HS/ Dan	Bob P.	

December 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- 2 Elias Backes
- 7 Tiffany Buabeng
- 11 Jessica Trimmer
- 25 Emmaus Koelpin
- 29 Nathaniel Potter
- 31 Larry Galbreath

2024 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day and time during the week preceding the date indicated below.

- December 21 Piepers / Schweitzers
- January 4 Gerlachs
- January 18 S & L Backes/ N & K Potter
- February 1 G.Potters/Cammaratas