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WHAT DO YOU FEAR: Insisting on Hope This Advent

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Christie Semmler

BELLS

ADVENT INTRODUCTION VIDEO *“Good News is Louder”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

screen

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: *The Candle of Joy*

screen

ADVENT/CANDLELIGHTING SONG/VIDEO: *“Show Up”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

screen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

screen

HYMN OF PRAISE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

LBW 55

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

SONG

Away in a Manger

LBW #67 (vs. 1)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG

Away in a Manger

LBW #67 (vs. 2-3)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-39

SERMON

TIME OF REFLECTION *“Do Not Fear”* (video)

The Many

MEAL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

ELCA Good Gifts

COMMUNION PRAYER

screen

LORD'S PRAYER

screen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

LBW #34

“What Child Is This”

LBW #40

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

screen

SENDING

ADVENT BENEDICTION

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

LBW #39

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.

Do not be afraid—go forth and live with hope.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

*denotes a favorite hymn

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
Tue	Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
Wed	Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34
Thu	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29
Fri	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7
Sat	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36
Sun	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Sherry Grantham	Denice Johnson
Ushers	Jay & Heather Johnson	Jay & Heather Johnson
Reader	Vi Sundermeyer	Jay Johnson
Communion	Shane Synstegard & Maddy Yoder	Cindy Lecy & Brady Weckwerth

Prayer Concerns: The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, ELCA Good Gifts; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Levenson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Jason Kath (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), Dawn, David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Tina Ericson, Johanna, Ivy Brisk (Diana Schwenke's granddaughter), Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Addisen Freeman, Nicole Spangenberg, (Jim & Linda Kolar family,) Gina Lenander, Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson), Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister)

Opportunities This Week
