



Third Sunday of Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa
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December 12, 2021 9:15am in person / live stream / on the radio

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Brody, Krista, Arthur & Theo Hopp

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us gain of your saving grace. Amen.

L: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

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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

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Rejoice, the Lord is in your midst*

PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6 [read responsively]

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known
the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice, the Lord is near*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Alleluia"**

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GOSPEL: ADVENT WAITING: A focus on Mary's Song (the Magnificat)

WEEK 3: JOY (Luke 1:46-50)

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Joy to the World"**

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PRAYERS: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

baby Ruby Sue Albertsen

Bryon Kvale

Isaac Schneider

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Mark Sutton

Hazel Barloon

Carolyn Newcom

Missionary Karen Anderson

Donna Gilbertson

Ashley Rayhons

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Lois Holst

Tim Schmidt

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: *As Christ supports and strengthens us, so let us strengthen Christ's mission
through the Church as we give our offering*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Magnificat"

Linda Ferjak & Dave Melby

OFFERTORY: **"We Are An Offering"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: **"People Look East"**

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Today's 9:15 worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM.

Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Cynthia Ryder

Scripture Reader: Connie Johnson

Piano: Linda Ferjak

Song Leaders: Dave Melby, Kathy Jerome, Renae Hopp, Steve Olmstead

Audio/Video: Bruce Mielke/Dave Midtgaard

Altar Care: Sara Uetz

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund, Denny Jerome, Tina Berg

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Coffee Fellowship: HS & MS Youth Groups