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2 ADVENT - December 4, 2022

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Call to worship:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the World

A light no darkness can overcome

Stay with us all bright days and all dark nights

A new day is just beginning

Let your light scatter the darkness,

And shine within your people here.

Gathering Hymn: *Holden Page 3*

Confession and Forgiveness:

God for whom we wait,

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 for 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 again of your saving grace.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

We praise you O God, for this Circle of Light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent, we thank you for the courage to start again.

As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you welcome us.

Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Candle Lighting Song: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW #240 Verses 1&2.*

V1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

V2. Light two candles to watch for messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Holden Page 4-7*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12*

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

Response to Reading: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Doug Reble

Hymn of the Day: *ELW 249 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*

*1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!*

*2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.*

*3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.*

*4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.*

*5 All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.*

Annunciation and Magnificat: *Holden Page 8-9*

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

Litany and prayers: *Holden Page 10-11*

Lord's Prayer: *Holden Page 11*

Meal

Offertory Hymn: *ELW #583, Verses 1&2*

*Refrain: Take my life that I may be, consecrated Lord to thee; take my moments
and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Verse 1: Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of they love; take my
feet and let them be swift and beautiful for three. (Refrain)*

Verse 2: Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose. (Refrain)

Peace:

The Peace of Christ be with you all.....**And also with you.**

Thanksgiving: *Holden Page 4*

Eucharistic Prayer & Distribution:

Final Blessing: *Holden Page 12*

Sending Hymn: *ELW 266 All Earth is Hopeful*

*1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.*

*2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.*

*3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!*

*4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he his present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.*

Dismissal: Christ is the Light. Go in Peace, share the good news.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE OF BISHOP PRYCE: *"I am strongly recommending that all participants return to wearing a **well-fitting mask** during in-person worship as well as during all indoor social events."*

Please also respect people's **need for distance** in the pews!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: A limited supply of free booklets are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also access the devotions on the LAMP website www.lampministry.org.

CLWR GIFTS FROM THE HEART: Meaningful, tangible gifts for Christmas. Catalogues available on the table at the back or online at clwr.org/GFTH

THE GIVING TREE: Sunday December 11 Special Giving Tree envelopes are available today if you wish to prepare ahead. The giving categories for 2022 are: **CLWR for**

the Ukraine crisis and Faith's Food Pantry. All other offerings should be in your regular envelopes.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND BUDGET REQUESTS: It would be appreciated if 2022 reports from all groups and committees and budget requests for 2023 would be submitted to the Church Office by December 12th.

SEWING GROUP BLANKETS SALE December 4 and 11. All proceeds to CLWR.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11: Carolling at Tranquility Place from 3-4 pm. All singers welcome. Please see Ginny Byron.

NEED FOR GROCERY BAGS for our Food Pantry. Please drop off anytime.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Eberhard Poelzl

Grace Mueller

Art Oswald

Gladys Souliere

David Neumann

Stephen Kovacs

Marlene and Ruby

Jennifer Cherewka

Dave Souliere

Patty Davis

Joan and Jackie

Luke Splettstoesser

Miranda