



"Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock." – Isaiah 26:4

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. C. Klose & C. M. Taylor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE *(adapted from Luke 1:46-55)*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In Christ, there is life and light for all people.

My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me;

indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him.

He has scattered the proud.

He has brought down the powerful and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his children,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

*HYMN #113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before you to confess our lack of vision. We fail to see the ways that we are bound to you and to one another. We naïvely assume that freedom and power give us permission to do whatever we want, whenever we want, while remaining blind to the effects that our words and actions have on others. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to know what is good and true. Guide us in the way of faithfulness, that we may completely rely upon your grace, mercy, and love.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” (v.1)

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near.

Let every hill and valley, a level place appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in ancient story.

O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 5:7-10

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00] “Come to Us, O Promised One”

Lloyd Larson

Come to us, O Promised One. Fill our emptiness with love.

Whisper to our longing hearts Your words from up above.

Come as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Counselor. Bind each battered, broken heart.

Steady every stumbling step; heal each heart that’s torn apart.

Come as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Prince of Peace. Save us from endless strife.

Teach us how to walk in love, lead us to abundant life.

Come to us, O Mighty God. Come in love to save us all.

Wrap Your strength in tenderness; lift us up each time we fall.

Come as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Promised One. Come to us, O Counselor.

Come to us, O Prince of Peace. Come to us, O Mighty God.

God with us, Emmanuel.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Interdependence Day”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed*

What do we believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Concluding Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #102 “Savior of the Nations, Come” (v.4)*

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin’s Son, incarnate Word!

To the holy Trinity, praise we sing eternally.

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: [8:30] Dick Wilson [11:00] Lee & Rosalee Rockafellow

Welcome Table: Eric Lehmann

Greeter: Tom Tart

Liturgist: Smithwick

Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

Communion Servers: [8:30] Davis Milligan & Wayne Rowell

[11:00] Dave & Kitty Green, Mac & Debbie McCall

***As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone
before our worship service begins.***

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