

wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### BLESSING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENDING SONG: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW 244)

#### DISMISSAL

*All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POTLUCK & CAROLING:** Please join us after the service today for a potluck brunch at FLC followed by caroling at the City View Retirement Residence on Meadowlands Drive from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. We need YOUR voice and Christmas cheer!!!

**OTTAWA MISSION:** Until Dec 23, we are collecting items for men living at the Mission. A list of needed items is on the bulletin board and collection boxes are in the cloakroom. For information, ask Wendy Hall.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:** Cityview Community Association is looking for volunteers for help with an outdoor rink. Contact Barbra Fricker or Carol Essenburg.

**"LES MISERABLES":** The final segment of the film will be watched this Wednesday, December 19 at 7pm, at Julian of Norwich. We will discuss the theme of 'Sacrifice & Love' as it relates to our journey in Advent faith.

#### Upcoming Regular Meetings:

**LECTIONARY STUDY:** Monday, Dec 17, 2 pm. (Restarts on Jan 7.)

Lectio: Luke 1:46-55.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** Wednesday, December 19, 5 pm at FLC.  
(Restarts on January 9.)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Wednesday, January 9, 9 am at Chances'R'.

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:** December 23 at 10 am (Taize).

**Christmas Eve:** Monday, December 24 at 7 pm (Candles & Communion).

**Christmas Day:** Tuesday, December 25 at 10 am at Julian of Norwich.

**First Sunday of Christmas:** December 30 at 10 am.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting 4, p. 147



#### Assisting Today:

Lector: Brian Wirth

Assistant: Ron Shearer

Cantor: Krista Quenneville

Counters: Barbra Fricker &  
Pierre Quenneville

#### Next Sunday:

Lector: Melvin Schwalm

Assistant: Wayne Fortier

Cantor: Marie Fortier

Counters: Ian McGill & Julia  
Wirth

**Piano/Organ/Choir Director:** David Santry

**Church Secretary:** Debra Boyd-Chisholm

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## GATHERING AND WELCOME

### CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

### WREATH LIGHTING: *Light One Candle* (v 1-3, ELW p. 240)

### GREETING: (ELW p. 147)

### KYRIE: (ELW p. 147)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray. 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.

### OPENING HYMN: *Fling Wide the Door* (ELW 259)

### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20 A reading from Zephaniah.

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY: *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (ELW 242)

### SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7 A reading from Philippians.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 151)

### GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

<sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON (read along on [www.raspberryman.wordpress.com](http://www.raspberryman.wordpress.com))

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *All Earth is Hopeful* (ELW 266)

### NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

### PRAYERS OF PETITION: Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

### SHARING THE PEACE

### GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Create in Me...* (ELW 185)

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray. **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

### LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

### COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Lamb of God* (ELW p. 191)

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* (ELW 241)

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* (ELW 265)

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (ELW 247)



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **God for whom we**