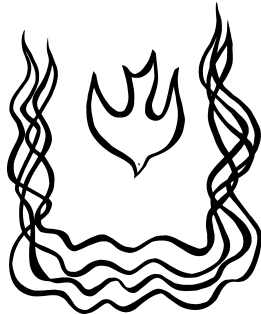


First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴**SING ALOUD**, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵The 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.
¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷The 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
¹⁸as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹I 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.
²⁰At 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.



Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

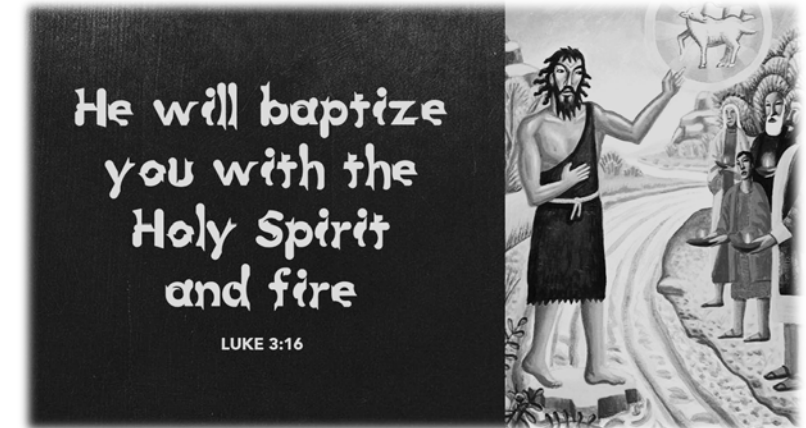
⁷**JOHN SAID** to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even 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."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers 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."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 12, 2021



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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ELW - *Setting 4*

10:30 AM December 12, 2021

GATHERING

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Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Song: "We Are Waiting for Jesus"

THE WORD

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SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "People, Look East" #248

Dismissal

Thank you to all those who assist with the technical: D.-Jay Krozser, Gord Morley, Katie Ottley, Bryan Tastad, Alexa Wallace, Karen Wallace and today Michael Diegel and, Greg Fowlie-Neufeld.

Thank you to our reader Chris Martin, musician Deborah Buck, acolyte Sarah Carlson, and ushers Dawn and Rose Ingram for assisting in worship today. Also thanks to the choir for leading the singing.

Last week's attendance: 33

* Communion is currently offered the first Sunday of the month *

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WELCOME TO AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Thank you for sharing in worship here today.

May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,
a source of strength and hope.

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL

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Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	12:00 pm	Confirmation "The Christmas Story"
Monday	2:00 pm	ELW Meeting
Tuesday	8:30 am	Furnace Cleaning
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever-In-Motion
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever-In-Motion
Thursday	6:00 pm	Pre-tape Christmas Eve Service
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	3:30 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Sunday	3:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service



PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS FOR TODAY IN THE PLATES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN-IN AT FRONT ENTRANCE FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP.

Offerings/Income for December to date: \$9,773

Included in the above figure: Christmas Hampers: \$935 (Goal of \$1200 has been met), Rent: \$1705

We Are Waiting For Jesus

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.
Sun of justice, shine upon us;
We are trusting in your promise.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus bring peace.
Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;
Stir our hearts, and gently guide us.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

The ELW will again be sending a **financial Christmas gift** to their adopted child, **Abdoul**. If you are interested in contributing to this gift, place your donation in the offering plate, marked accordingly or send an E-transfer to the church. All your donations are very much appreciated.

And in keeping with the spirit of the Advent season, the **ELW** has again set up the **Mitten Tree** in the narthex, to be decorated with mittens, toques, scarves, etc. Yarn has been placed under the tree for anyone wishing to knit/crochet articles to be donated to Haven Kids' House, Queen Elizabeth School, Interval House and the Salvation Army.

Rock of Ages LBC, 130 Kingsmere Place, is featuring a **Drive-Through Nativity** on Dec. 18th from 6:30 to 8pm. Spend 15 minutes driving past scenes of the nativity with actors and animals. Enter from Kingsmere Blvd and watch for attendants. This event is in cooperation with the Salvation Army and donations of warm clothing will be accepted.



In relation to **2021 charitable donations**, the final deposit of cash and cheque offerings contributed to Augustana will be December 30th at 2pm. We kindly ask that you provide any Year End contributions before 12pm on December 30th so as to be counted correctly for your 2021 tax receipt statements. E-Transfers will still be accepted on Dec. 31st.



Just a reminder that **Annual Reports for 2021** will be due soon. Committees and members providing reports should have them emailed to the church office by **January 20th**. Reports should be submitted by the committee head after all members have agreed to its content. Please observe the deadline so the annual report can be prepared, printed and available 2 weeks before the annual meeting in February/March.

GATHERING SONG: “*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*”
ELW #242

Awake! Awake and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav’nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
Music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of the anthems roll
to shatter all hate and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons are broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love, our endless story;
may God fill ev’ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

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Hymns for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 12, 2021

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*He Came Down*” ELW #253

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light;
He came down that we may have light;
He came down that we may have light;
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah forevermore.

SENDING SONG: “*People, Look East*” ELW #248

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today –
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow’r may flourish.
People, look east and sing today –
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today –
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev-ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today –
Love, the Lord, is on the way.