



A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

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We are glad that you are here and hope that you will be enriched by this time of worship. In this unprecedented time, we are exploring worship in new ways and ask for your input and patience. If you are new with us today – welcome!



## Welcome

### Gathering Song

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” (ELW 242)

**Candle-Lighting:** “Joyful Is the Dark” (ACS 1096) vs 1,2,3

### Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

### First Reading

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely 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. <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And 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. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout 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**

<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.

### Children’s Time

**Gospel Song** “Lord, Be Glorified” (ELW 744)

### Gospel Reading

**Luke 3:7-18**

<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 Nativity through the Eyes of Our Sunday School

**Song of the Day** “Prepare the Royal Highway” (ELW 264)

### Creed

### The Prayers

In our prayers today: Clarence M, Tom d, Cody M, Ramon J, Tonia & Jason, Susan K, Tim, Charlotte, Diana M, Pr. Richard R, Darren F, William, Daryl A, Eva H, Teyler D, Jerry B, Wally C, Thompson N, Ted & Bernice Y, Dayna S, Debbie & Elliot, Mike, Amanda-Jane, Sandi C-M and family and the Frohlich family.

**Song** “Deep Peace” (ACS 1018)

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering Prayer

### The Great Thanksgiving

*God be with you*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts*

**We lift them up to God**

*Let us give thanks to God*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

From mist and darkness, from restful waters, God you gather, us... through Jesus Christ, the babe for whom we once again await. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer** contemporary spoken

### Communion Songs

“Lamb of God” ELW Setting 8 p.191

Pastor: Rev. Trish Schmermund (she, her, hers)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Lindsey Jorgensen-Skakum (they, them, theirs) *on parental leave*

Musician: Isaac Adams (he, him, his)

Council President: Toby Schneider (he, him, his)

Ministers: Every Member

Video Editor/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

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

**Prayer after Communion**

**The Incarnation – FLIP Team**

**Community Life**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

"People, Look East" (ELW 248)

**Dismissal**

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A graphic with a dark blue background and a starburst. The text "PEACE TO ALL people" is written in red and yellow. Below the text is a simple drawing of a house with a star on top.

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