

Sunday, December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.



Welcome to Worship!

As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying!”
Will Simpson, Organ

J.S. Bach

BELL INTROIT

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tune: ELW 276 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Verse 3: Joy

**Candles glowing, promise showing joy that fills our very soul.
Grace abounding, hymns resounding, Christ restores and makes us whole.
Mercies gleaming, wonders beaming, justice streaming, Christ redeeming –
Christ restores and makes us whole! Christ restores and makes us whole!**

The third candle is lit as the hymn is sung.

We sing to you in joy, O God.

All around us is shouting, from the TV pundits to the family gatherings around the table. We want to turn it off and tune it out. Yet today we sing with joy. We sing because we know that love incarnate leads to life everlasting. We sing because nothing can steal our praise. We sing with a joy that comes in the morning, a joy to the world. We sing to you in joy, O God, for you give us joy today and always.

Amen.

HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have_ mer - cy. Christ, have_ mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have_ mer - cy. Lord, have_ mer - cy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth in Christ the Lord, our Savior.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. God of power and mercy,
**open our hearts and remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy,
that we may share his wisdom and become one with him, for he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

The Gospel story can be found in your Spark Bible on pg. 240

WORD

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

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.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
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
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
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.
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.

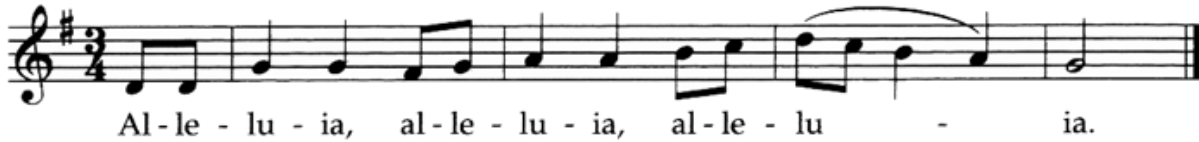
Word of God.

Word of Life

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing two times.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:7-18

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? 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. 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.”

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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.”

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

You may be seated.

Please stand as you are able

HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.

To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say. Lord, in your mercy;
Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
The Chancel Choir; Melanie Grad, Cello

Helmore/Kile/Forrest

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow's put to flight!

O come, O bright and morning star,
And bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
And turn our darkness into light.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation. Praise

God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation. Praise

God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Let

all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. Creator God,
you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Sanctus

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [in One]

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a tempo marking of 'Gently [in One]'. The first measure is a whole note chord consisting of four notes: Bb, D, F, and G. This is followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and_ might, _____ heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION and HEALING PRAYERS

Today we have two Healing Prayer Ministers to pray with you during Communion. They are ready to pray for healing and also offer thanksgiving for healing. You may also bring other concerns for prayer to them.

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



- 1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Generous God,
**we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation, for coming among us,
and for leading us into peace. Go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.**

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.



SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Prepare for Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Quia Respexit” from “Magnificat”
Grete Norquist, Soprano; Lesley Bain, Oboe;
Melanie Grad, Cello; Dr. Will Simpson, Organ

J.S. Bach

Latin text

*Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae,
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes.*

English translation

*For he has regarded the lowliness of his
maidservant; for behold, from henceforth all
generations will call me blessed.*



LITURGY and MUSIC:

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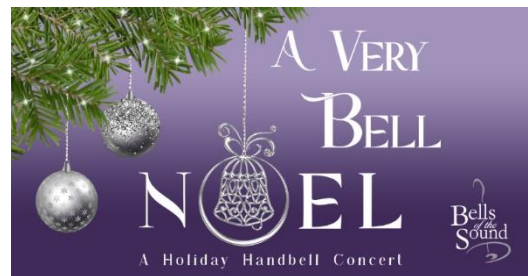
Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Presiding and Preaching*
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Michele Vossler, *Lector*
Dana Nasby, *Assisting Minister*
Cheryl Jurrus and Mikel Oswald, *Healing Ministers*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Samuel Gustafson, *Acolyte*
Stephanie Lester and Soren Lester, *Ushers*
Melinda and Zoe Elien, *Altar Guild*
Peter Cornwell, *Audio*
Johannes Grad, *Livestream video*
Darcy & Dan Johnson, *Greeters*
Terri Anderson, *Coffee host*

Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to serve as a greeter or coffee host!

Pick up our Christmas postcard and share with friends and neighbors!

Bells of the Sound Concert.
TODAY!! Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 4:00 pm
Free – come early for seating!



Worship Texts for December 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:39-45
Luke 1:46-55

Celebrate the Season with OWLS



Sing your favorite carols at the OWLS
(Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints) holiday luncheon on
Tuesday, December 17.

We will share a festive potluck (*baked ham provided*) before
Dr. Will Simpson leads us in song.

Gather at 11:45 a.m. on December 17. We eat at noon.
You don't have to be older or wiser to join this fun gathering.
For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry
Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or at sherry@salc.church



Christmas Eve at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

6:45 PM - Special music

7:00 PM - Worship

Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion

In person and livestream

O, Come, Let us Adore Him!



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Advent & Christmas Events from our partner churches:

December 18: Blue Christmas

7 PM Mt Si Lutheran Church

December 19: Longest Night/Blue Christmas

7 PM Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church

December 21: Christmas Concert

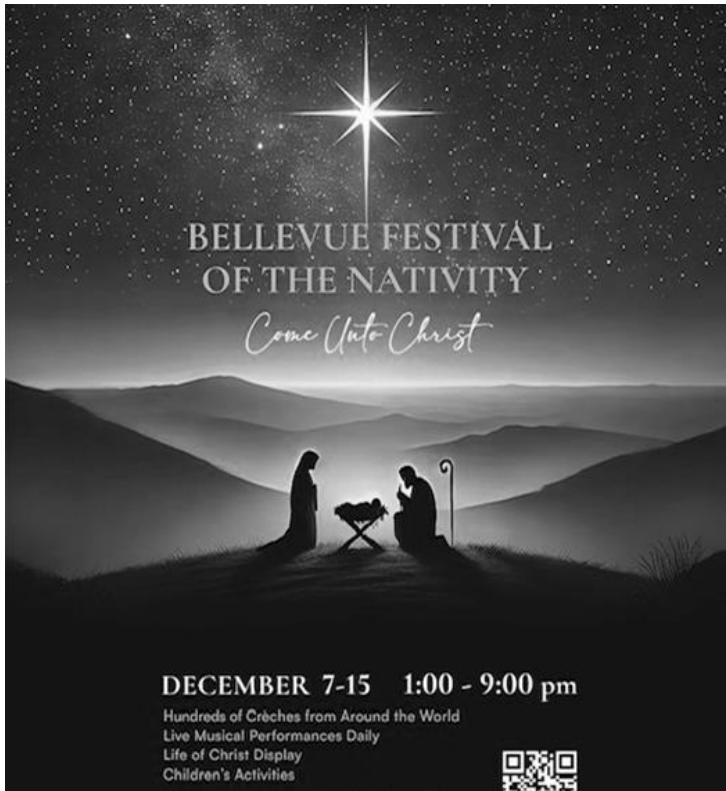
7 PM: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Issaquah

Hygge at Our Savior (Issaquah): From Advent through Epiphany, we invite you, your families, friends and neighbors, to experience Hygge at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah. Hygge is a Northern European concept which aims to uplift coziness, contentment, comfort and conviviality. Especially after the Bomb Cyclone which brought so much damage to our area in November, it is good to gather in community and to find joy in doing simple things. One opportunity for this will be our weekly knit-ins every Monday, 4-6PM in December and January. You are welcome, even if you don't knit. This is meant to be a time of rest and relaxation.

But if you do knit or crochet, the knit-ins provide opportunity to produce covers for the tall trees in the front of our property. One by one, we are aiming to transform half of the trees into signs of color, coziness and warmth by "Yarn Bombing" them. Yarn Bombing is a form of street art, that employs colorful displays of yarn and fibre art in public spaces. The other trees will be illuminated by strings of light. This project is a partnership between the church and Issaquah Arts. Please come by and bring your friends!

Youth Party!! Are you going? Let Doug know!!





Today's the last day to attend this event, put on by our LDS neighbors.

Pastor Lara thoroughly enjoyed it! Good for all ages!



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 15:

Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
10:00 AM Worship (in person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed)
11:15 AM Knit Wits
4:00 PM **Bells of the Sound Concert.**

Monday, December 16:

- 1:00 PM Staff meeting

Tuesday, December 17:

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men – Zoom
10:00 AM Bible Study w/Pr Lara
11:30 AM OWLS lunch
7:00 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, December 18:

Thursday, December 19:

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20:

Office is closed

- 6:00 PM Youth White Elephant Party
Sammamish Hills

Sunday, December 22:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
10:00 AM Worship (in person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed)

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