

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM - Holy Communion - ELW Setting 2

Prelude *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* . . . Swedish Folk Tune

Welcome and Worship Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

L: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for Reflection.

L: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

L: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

* Sharing of the Peace

* Lighting of the Third Advent Candle *“Emmanuel”*

* Gathering Song *“Kyrie”* **ELW # 151**

* Greeting (*Pastor*) ELW page 120

* Prayer of the Day (*Lay Worship Assistant*) TR

First Reading **Zephaniah 3:14-20** TR

Psalmody. **Isaiah 12:2-6** (*read responsively*) TR

Second Reading **Philippians 4:4-7** TR

* Gospel Acclamation (*sung*) *“Alleluia ...”* ELW p. 124

* Gospel **Luke 3:7-18** TR

Children’s Sermon

Sermon *“Good News! The Lord is Near. The Lord is Here!”*

* Hymn of the Day *“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”* **ELW # 247**

* Nicene Creed ELW page 126

Reception of New Members

* Prayers of Intercession - *each prayer bid ends with these words:*

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Offering

Choir Anthem *“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”* J.S. Bach

* Offertory Song *“What Feast of Love”* (*vs 1*) **ELW #487**

* Offering Prayer (*Lay Worship Assistant*)

The Holy Communion Liturgy

* The Great Thanksgiving (*Sung*) ELW page 129

* Preface for Advent (*Sung by Pastor*) ELW page 130

* *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”* (*Sung by All*) ELW page 130

* Eucharistic Prayer III (*Pastor*) ELW page 132

* The Lord’s Prayer ELW page 134

* *“Lamb of God”* (*sung*) ELW page 135

Invitation to Communion - *“God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.”*

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (*please follow ushers*)

Hymn during Distribution :*What Feast of Love”* (*vs 2-3*) **ELW #487**

Communion Blessing (*Pastor*)

Prayer after Communion (*Lay Worship Assistant*)

Mission Announcements

* Blessing (*Pastor*)

* Sending Song *“All Earth is Hopeful”* **ELW #266**

Dismissal P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *“Sing We Now of Christmas”* French Carol

The Asterisk () indicates to please stand if you are able; ELW is the red “Evangelical Lutheran Worship” in the pew rack.*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

If you would like more information about this community of faith, please speak to Pastor Deal.

Serving in our worship this morning:

Council Communion Assistants: Ken Anderson, Scott Gaun
 Acolyte & Youth Communion Assistant: Matthew Mueller
 Lay Worship Assistant Val McGinn
 Greeters Linda and Stan Czek
 Head Usher Cheryl Mesko
 Altar Guild . . . Cheryl Mesko, Nancy Moskella, Barb Naska
 Counters Ken Anderson, Scott Gaun
 Organist/ Choir Director Carolyn Williams
 Parish Secretary Ann Wong
 Custodian Dianna Streletz
 Attendance - Sunday, 12/9 Christian Ed: 26; Worship: 84.

CALENDAR

Care-A-Lot Preschool meets Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00 AM – noon.

TODAY, Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

9 :00 AM Christian Education
 10:30 AM Holy Communion/Blessing of Gifts

Wednesday, December 19 - 6:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 20 - Care-A-Lot Christmas Party

Saturday, December 22 at 9 AM - Volunteers needed to decorate Christmas trees and arrange Christmas flowers.

Sunday, December 23 - 10:30 AM Children’s Christmas Service led by our Sunday School children - “The Night the Animals Sang”

11:45 AM Lunch and Caroling to the Homebound

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - 7:30 PM Festive Candlelight Communion with special music

Sunday, December 30 - 10:30 AM Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Flowers

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to order Poinsettias to decorate our chancel for Christmas. Orders will be taken until December 16. You can place your check and completed order form in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or you can order by mail. Send your check and completed order form to: Victoria Phillipps, 100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville, PA 18077.



Make checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham and put “Poinsettias” in the memo line. Please make sure to include your phone number.

Flowers will be delivered on Friday, December 21 or Saturday, December 22. Any questions, please contact Victoria at 610-346-1996. *Please remember to pick up your plants after worship on Christmas Eve!*

Quantity	Plant Description	Price	Total \$\$	In Honor/In Memory of
	Red Poinsettia	\$7.00		
	White Poinsettia	\$7.00		
	Grand Total			

Name: _____

Phone # _____