

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 15, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM - Holy Communion - ELW Setting 2

Prelude and Welcome

Lighting the Third Candle on the Advent Wreath -

Blessing by Pastor, then Congregational Response:

C: Let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing!

* Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C: Amen.

L: Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C: we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation, Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

* Sharing of the Peace

* Gathering Song *"Hark, the Glad Sound"* **ELW #239**

* Apostolic Greeting (*Pastor*) ELW page 120

* "Kyrie" (*Lord, have mercy*) **ELW #151**

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

First Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10** TR

Psalms 146:5-10 (*read responsively*) TR

Second Reading **James 5:7-10** TR

* Gospel Acclamation (*spoken*) *"Alleluia ..."* . . . ELW page 124

* Gospel **Matthew 11:2-11** TR

Children's Sermon

Sermon - *"The Light is Coming - to bring Joy"*

* Hymn of the Day *"All Earth is Hopeful"* **ELW #266**

* Nicene Creed ELW page 126

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

P: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

Offering

Offertory Song *"He Came Down"* **ELW #253**

* Offering Prayer (*Lay Worship Assistant*)

The Holy Communion

* The Great Thanksgiving ELW page 129

* Preface for Advent ELW page 130

* *"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"* ELW page 130

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

* The Lord's Prayer ELW page 134

* *"Lamb of God"* ELW page 135

Invitation to Communion - *"Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love."*

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

(Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available, please ask.)

Hymn during Distribution . . . *"What Feast of Love"* . . . **ELW #487**

Communion Blessing after all have communed (*Pastor*)

Prayer after Communion (*Lay Worship Assistant*)

Mission Announcements

* Blessing (*Pastor*)

* Sending Song *"People Look East"* **ELW #248**

Dismissal P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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 . . . Scott Gaun, Mark Harwick
 Acolyte & Youth Communion Assistant: Addyson Mammana
 Greeter Frank Mammana
 Lay Worship Assistant Bea von Watzdorf
 Head Usher Ben Naska
 Altar Guild Mark Harwick, Nancy Moskella, Barb Naska
 Counters Scott Gaun, Mark Harwick
 Guest Musician Maggie Fischer
 Parish Secretary Ann Wong
 Custodian Dianna Streletz

Attendance: December 8 - Christian Ed: 23; Worship: 60.

CALENDAR

Care-A-Lot Preschool meets Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM-noon.

TODAY, Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Christian Education
 10:30 AM Holy Communion
 5:30 PM DRATT Youth Group meets here at Durham

Saturday, December 21 at 9 AM - meet to prepare candles, flowers, etc. for our Christmas services. Lots of volunteers are needed.

NEXT Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Christian Education
 10:30 AM Special Worship - "The Christmas Story"
 Presented in narration and song by our Sunday School kids and adult team

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Family Service (young children)
 7:30 PM Festival Candlelight Communion

Sunday, December 29 - 10:30 AM Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Flowers It is time to order Poinsettias to decorate our chancel for Christmas. Orders will be taken until December 15. 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. Please make sure to include your phone number. Flowers will be delivered on Friday, December 20 or Saturday, December 21. Any questions, please contact Victoria.



NAME			Phone Number	
# of Plants	Plant Description	Price	\$ Total	In Honor/In Memory of
	Red Poinsettia	\$7.00		
	White Poinsettia	\$7.00		
	Grand Total			

