

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.

We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising.

The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon.

We come to this day with souls set on praying.

The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.

We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God's will.

In our praising, praying, listening, and responding,

we come to worship God.

Lighting the Advent Wreath by the Lloyd & Diane Tiede Family

Let us pray: **Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Responsive Hymn | *Peace, Peace, Peace* v.1 Insert

Confession & Forgiveness

Refining God, **it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people. We trust the promises of politicians, but have trouble believing the ones you have made. We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us. We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light. Forgive us, Faithful One. May the Light of Christ show us your way; may the Love of Christ overflow from our lives to others; may the Life of Christ be our model as we seek to be your people.**

*Gathering Hymn | *Prepare the Royal Highway* v.1-2 [ELW #264](#)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Gathering Hymn | *Prepare the Royal Highway* v.3-4 [ELW #264](#)

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day: Dear God, **as we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to make peace. Peace in our hearts,**

peace in our homes, peace in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading | Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm | Luke 1:68-79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, **that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might

serve him without fear,

in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

*Gospel Acclamation p. 124

Glory to you, O Lord (when gospel is announced)

Praise to you, O Christ (at the conclusion of the gospel)

*Gospel Reading | Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Hymn of the Day | *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* [ELW #249](#)

*Prayers of Intercession | *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* [ELW #247](#)
(Following each petition we will sing one verse)

*Peace (...and also with you)

Offering | *Of the Father's Love Begotten* [ELW #295](#)

*Offertory | *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* v. 5

[ELW #246](#)

*Offering Prayer

*The 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.**

*Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer p. 134

Communion Distribution | *Lamb of God* p. 135
Away in a Manger [ELW #278](#)

*Communion Blessing & Prayer after Communion

*Final Blessing

*Sending Hymn | *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* [ELW #256](#)

*Dismissal | Go in peace to love. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

The bulletin is sponsored by Jason and Jodi Weller.

Baptized into the Kingdom of God this morning is Breckyn Ann Schley, daughter of Chad and Kit Schley. Breckyn was born October 11th in Shakopee. Her sponsors are Kate and Jordan Lasota and Allie Schley. Welcome to our family of faith, Breckyn.

Assisting in Worship

Organist | Robyn Menk

Ushers | Bob & Jane Sapp Reader | Bob Heilman

Acolyte | Dante Juberian & Gavin Roemhildt



Coffee Hour is hosted today by Chad & Tammy Anderson

All are welcome for a time of fellowship, treats, and good conversation.

This Week | December 9th - December 16th

Today Sunday	9am Worship 10am Sunday school, Coffee Hour 6pm SPY Team/Youth Group
Monday	Office Closed
Wednesday	9am ELCW Mtg 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Council Mtg
Next Sunday	9am Worship 10am Sunday school, Coffee Hour 6pm SPY Team/Youth Group