

# Our Savior's & Spring Valley

Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship

December 12, 2021 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

## Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle.

**Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gift of peace as we await your coming. Amen.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness... ..pg. 56

Hymn "O Little town of Bethlehem" ... ..LBW 41

Apostolic Greeting .. .. pg. 57

Kyrie ... .. pg. 57

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" . ... .. pg. 60

Prayer of the Day:

**Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" . ... .. LBW 50

First Reading ... .. Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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; he 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 his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading ... .. Philippians 4:4-7

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Gospel ... .. Luke 3:7-18

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon ... .. Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn "The First Noel" . ... .. LBW 56

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ... ..pg 75

Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father, **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction ... .. pg. 74

Hymn "Joy to the World" . ... .. LBW 39

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Acolyte: ..... Volunteer  
Live-Stream ..... Maxx & Godwin  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

### Looking Ahead

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Reader: ..... ?  
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**Readings for 12/19**  
Micah 5:2-4, Psalm 80:1-7,  
Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

**Christmas Program Rehearsal**  
**December 15 @ 4PM-ish**

Please send your 1st-6th grade Sunday School students to the church after school to practice for their program! Practice will go until 5:30.

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