



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

3rd Sunday of Advent

Service of the Word

December 11, 2022

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*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

GATHERING

*Blue #776 GATHERING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" page 6

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* OPENING LITANY (*Please respond with **bold text***)

L: God calls us in righteousness, **ALL: To be a light to the nations,**

L: To open the eyes of the blind, **ALL: And set the prisoner free.**¹

ADVENT WREATH READING/LIGHTING

READER: With Isaiah we anticipate God's doing a new thing in Jesus Christ, to proclaim healing and liberation to all who suffer.

ALL: (light blue candle 1) We light this first candle as a beacon of hope for those who wait.

READER: (*light blue candle 2*) We light this second candle as the fire of courage that we might bear witness to your justice.

ALL: (light pink candle 3) We light this third candle as a light to the nations, a promise of redemption for the whole human family.¹

*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. God of grace and mercy, **With the prophet Isaiah, we long for your justice to be done. As we wait for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.**¹

GROWING

God's servant is given with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations. A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 42 beginning at verse 1.

^{42:1} Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 12th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

¹⁵ Jesus knew all about the Pharisees' plans (to kill him). So he left that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were sick. ¹⁶ But he warned them not to tell other people about him. ¹⁷ This was to make what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah come true. It says,

¹⁸ "Here is my servant. I have chosen him. He is the one I love. I am very pleased with him. I will put my Spirit on him. He will announce to the nations that everything will be made right.

¹⁹ He will not argue or cry out. No one will hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰ He will not break a bent twig. He will not put out a dimly burning flame.

He will make right win over wrong. ²¹ The nations will put their hope in him." (Isaiah 42:1-4)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

Blue #763 HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" page 7

GIVING

LITANY OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Our faith is in the creator of heaven and earth; **I believe in God, the Father almighty**
God so loved the created, that he sent his only Son; **I believe in Jesus Christ, who was**
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Jesus came to this world to teach us to love God and one another, and how to live well with and love our neighbors. He came with a mission from our creator; **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

But death and sin had no hold on him, and so he went on to proclaim this good news; **He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again.**

And then it was time for the believers to continue Jesus' work from the Father, **so He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

But as promised, God sent an Advocate, a helper for the universal Christian Church. **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**

*Or, He descended to the dead.

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* OFFERING PRAYER Gracious God, **you have created all there is, and given us life and all we need to sustain it. With thankful hearts we offer now our gifts for the care of all that you have made. Amen.**¹

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: We call on our God **All: O come, o come Immanuel.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, **+** through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

* Green #423 SENDING HYMN "*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*" p. 8

* CLOSING LITANY

Our Advent waiting continues, O God, **For your servant, your chosen one,**
In whom your soul delights, **On whom who have poured your spirit.**

We cry out for justice, **And he will bring it forth.**

He will come in gentleness, **Yet he will never be crushed**

He will establish your justice, **And teach all the world your holy ways.**

So we wait in hope, O God, **For your servant, your chosen one.**

In whom your soul delights, **And on whom who have poured your spirit.**¹

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship
MONDAY	7pm	- AA Meeting
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
	6pm`	- Finance
WEDNESDAY	12pm	- Women/Men's Christmas Potluck/program
	3:20pm	- 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class (last one for 2022)
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
	Noon-done	- Potato Peeling/prepping for Lefse
SATURDAY:	9am-Noon	- Lefse Making
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	9:30am	- Women's Lefse/Bake Sale
	10:00am	- Christmas Program and worship
	11:00am	- Women's Lefse/Bake Sale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK is Wed. Dec. 14th at Noon...men are invited too. Short program to be held after the meal.

POTATO PEELING/PREP Friday, 12/16 Noon-Done

LEFSE MAKING Saturday, 12/17 9am-Noon

WOMEN'S LEFSE/BAKE/CRAFT SALE happening Sunday, 12/18

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Sunday, 12/18 at 10am

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP 4pm on Sat., 12/24

CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SING-A-LONG WORSHIP 10am on Sun., 12/25

INTENT AND VOLUNTEER FORMS DUE BY Dec. 18th.

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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

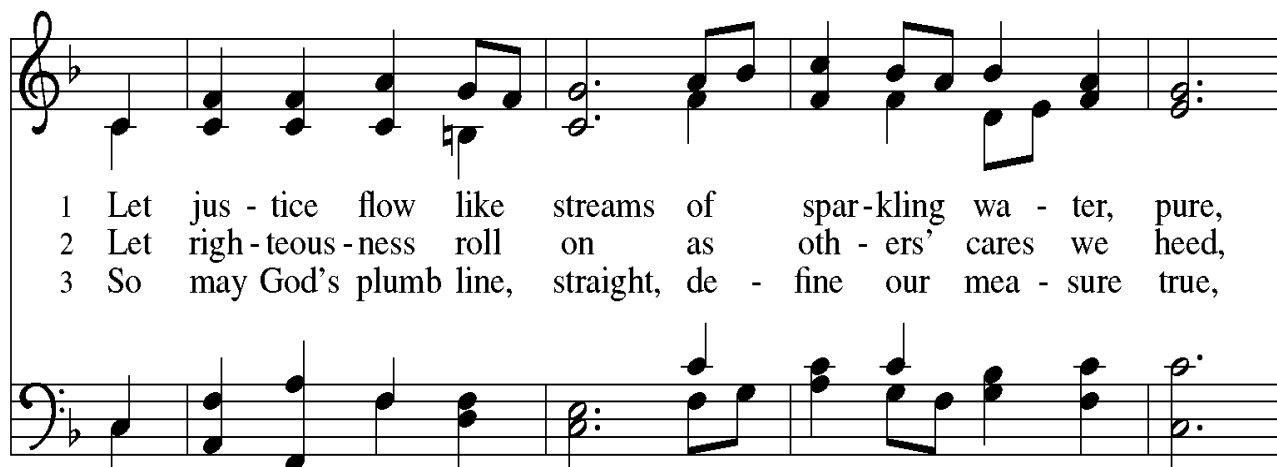
thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

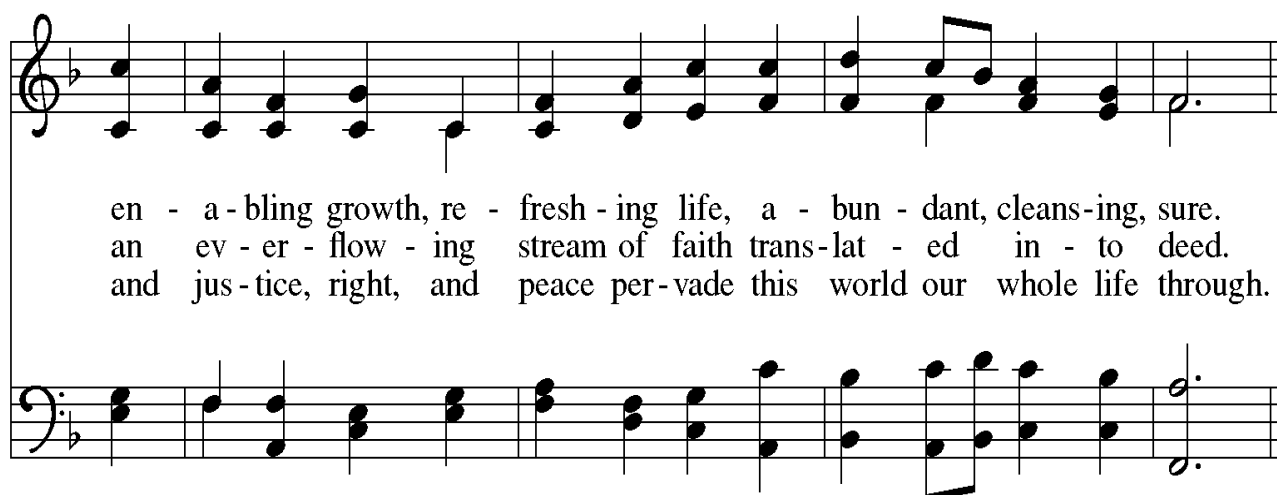
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 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



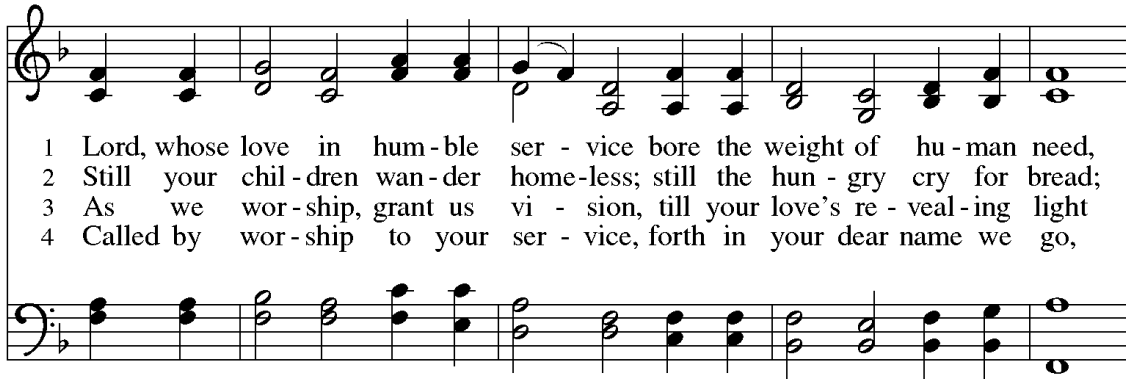
en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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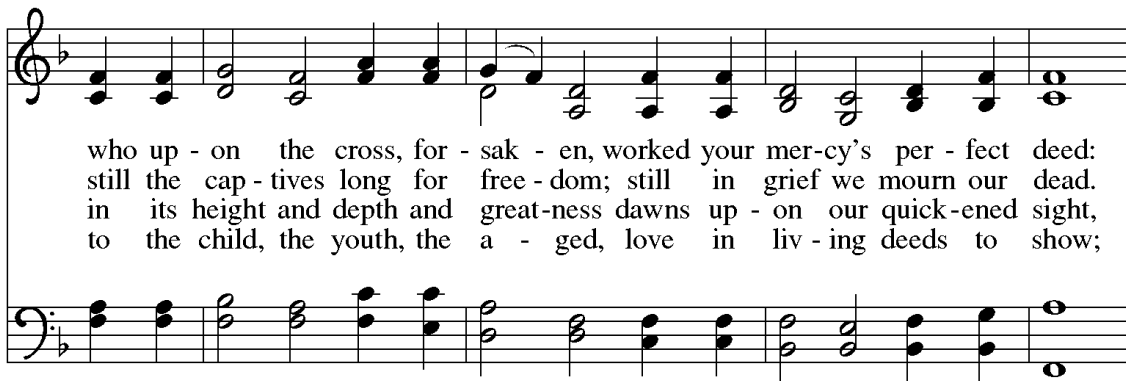
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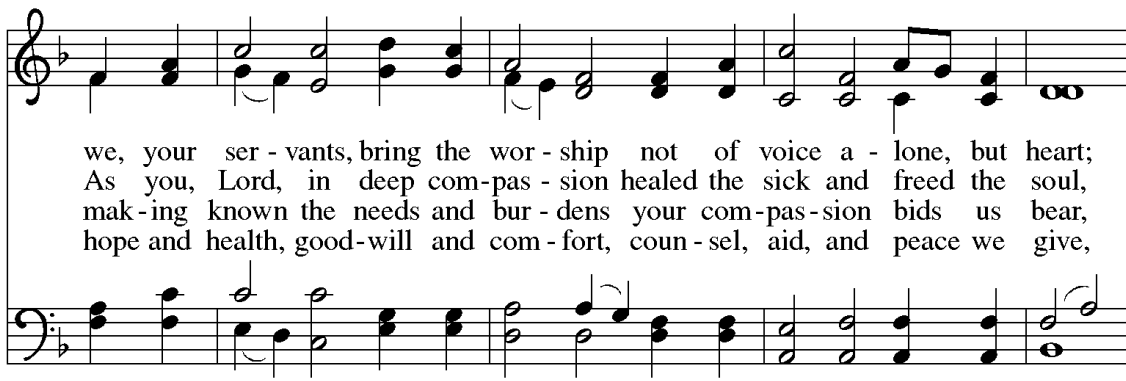
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



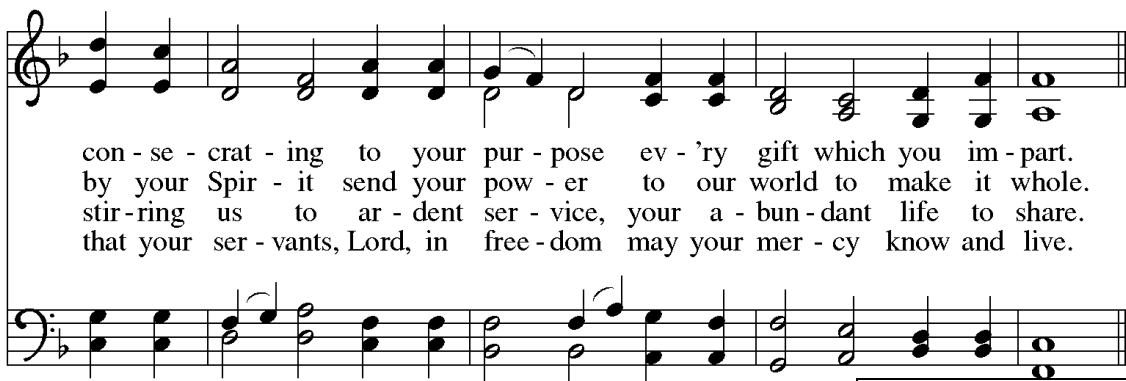
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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