

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹THE WILDERNESS AND THE DRY LAND SHALL BE GLAD,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH TOOK PLACE IN THIS WAY. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they

lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as
his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had
borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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COMMUNION HYMN 2: *This is Christ's Body* (967 ACS)

This is Christ's body,
broken and blest.
Feed us with mercy and love.
We are Christ's body,
broken and blest.
Heal us and make us one.

(repeat 2 to 4 times)

Our Parish Calendar

Monday	2:00 pm	ELWomen
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book & Breakfast Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	7:30 pm	Blue Christmas (Zion)
Saturday	11:00 am	Krenn Family Gathering
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022, 10:30 AM



AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together
(A congregation of the ELCIC,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)

Worship at 10:30 am

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxlZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA>



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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ELW - *Setting 5, Holy Communion*

10:30 AM December 11, 2022

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (*From Generation to Generation*)

Gathering Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway" #246

Greeting, p. 156

Kyrie, p. 156

Prayer of the Day (*From Generation to Generation*)

Children's Message

We Light the 3rd Candle of Advent (*From Generation to Generation*)

Katherine Soule-Blaser, Ezekiel & Ilaria Blaser with Larry Trenouth

Candle Lighting Hymn: "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" #247, vs. 1

THE WORD

Choir Anthem: "Like Rivers in the Desert"

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*, p. 160

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Meditation: *Bishop Sid Haugen*

Hymn of the Day: "Lost in the Night" #243

Apostles' Creed, p. 105

Installation of Interim Pastor Kirk Tastad

Sharing of the Peace, p. 161

Prayers of the People: "God of Love . . . **hear our prayer**"

Musical Offering: "Still, Still, Still" *Augustana Handbell Choir*

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving, p. 161

Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 162

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer, p. 163 (*to be sung*)

O Lamb of God, p. 164

Communion:

Hymns during Communion: "In the Singing" #466

"This is Christ's Body" #967 (ACS)

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242

Post Communion Prayer, p. 164

SENDING

Blessing (*From Generation to Generation*)

Sending Hymn: "People, Look East" #248

Dismissal

WELCOME TO AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Thank you for sharing in worship here today.

May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,

a source of strength and hope.

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL & PERSONNEL

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PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Offerings & Income for December to date: \$5,324

CLWR \$250, Rent \$1855.

December expenses to date: \$2,760

Thank you to our lector Larry Trenouth, musician Deborah Buck, ushers Edith and Lorne Carlson, communion assistant Linda Stauffer, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to our voice and handbell choirs for the musical selections, and special thanks to Bishop Sid Haugen for installing Pastor Kirk!

Last Sunday's attendance: 61



All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.

Grape-apple juice and red wine are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us go to God in prayer:

God of mercy,

**a million times a day we have the opportunity to be gracious,
to assume the best in others,
to give the benefit of the doubt.**

**A million times a day we could choose the better way,
but so often we don't.**

Fear and greed kick in.

Assumptions and insecurities take the wheel.

Comparison and critique lead the charge.

Forgive us for forgetting that we are descendants of Joseph.

**Forgive us for forgetting that grace and mercy
are in our blood.**

Forgive us for forgetting that all belong to you.

**Give us the courage to love even bigger than before,
and the wisdom to choose a better way.**

Amen.

God continues to be a God of second chances . . . and love.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR KIRK TASTAD

Congregational response:

"We will, and we ask God to help us."

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

With this bread and cup . . .

We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. . . .

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

BLESSING

As you leave this place . . .

love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.

All: May it be so. Amen