

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
ELW – *Setting 9, Holy Communion*  
10:30 AM Dec. 17, 2023

## GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: “*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*”

#901 ACS

GREETING, p. 193

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

**All:** And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Leader:* God of the light and darkness,

**All:** We prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son,  
confessing our sins,  
confessing our attraction to the things that distract us  
from living in the way of Christ:

Forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, and keep us faithful  
as we wait for your promised coming. Amen.

*Leader:* God sent Jesus, the light of all life, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all. Know that your sins are forgiven in the holy name of + Christ whom we celebrate now.

**All:** Amen

(The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel)

KYRIE, p. 193

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Mik B., Betty W., Wayne C., Gabrielle L., Ruari T.)

*Reader:* Today we light the candle of joy, celebrating the good news of a baby to be born in Bethlehem. (candle is lit)

**All:** Welcome, joy of Christ.

Even in times of grief and sorrow,  
you never forsake us or leave us alone.

Fill our hearts with joy today.

(illustratedministry.com)

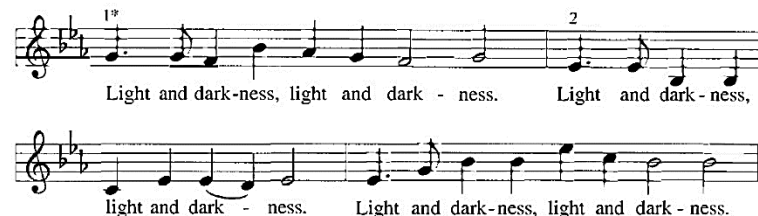
HYMN: “*Light and Darkness*”

(#24 Holden)

“Light and darkness, light and darkness.” (x 3)

## Light and Darkness

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\* May be sung in canon.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (illustratedministry.com)

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Alleluia*”, p.198

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Light Dawns on a Weary World*” #726 ELW

APOSTLES’ CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “*Merciful God – receive our prayer*”

CHOIR ANTHEM: “*O Emmanuel*” (Cherie J. on violin)

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 199

*Leader:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All:** And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*Wake, Awake!*” (Deb B. & Bryan T. on Clarinet)

(offering will be collected during the song)

OFFERING HYMN: “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (#257 ELW v.5-6)

(Baskets with slips of paper for the Food Bin will be passed around during this time.)

OFFERING PRAYER (illustratedministry.com)

## THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 199 & (illustratedministry.com)

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 200

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (illustratedministry.com)

*Leader:* In the night . . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LORD’S PRAYER, p. 201

INVITATION TO COMOMUNION

LAMB OF GOD, p. 201

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

“*He Came Down*”

#253 ELW

“*All Earth Is Hopeful*”

#266 ELW

“*Blessed Is the One*”

#929 ACS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

BLESSING (illustratedministry.com)

SENDING HYMN: “*Drawn to the Light*”

#593 ELW

DISMISSAL:

**All:** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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## 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 juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Last Sunday’s in-person attendance: 61

Offering & Income to date for Dec.: \$9,943

Expenses to date for Dec.: \$8,358



We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to  
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(full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

The **Memorial Service for Jim Komar** is 10:30 am on Sat, Dec. 30, at Grosvenor Park United Church, corner of 14th and Cumberland.

**First Reading – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

<sup>1</sup>**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME,**  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

**Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>**REJOICE ALWAYS,** <sup>17</sup>**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,** <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.  
<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28**

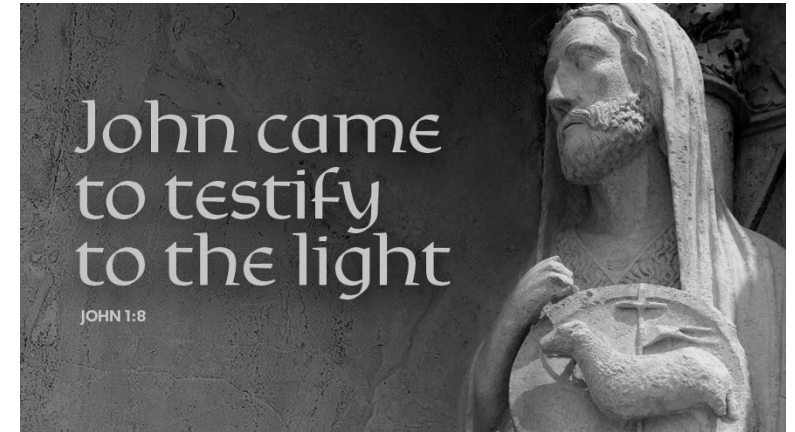
<sup>6</sup>**THERE WAS A MAN SENT FROM GOD, WHOSE NAME WAS JOHN.** <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.  
<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "as the prophet Isaiah said. <sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**Our Parish Calendar**

Sunday	12:30 pm	Music Recital
Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Pre-tape Advent 4 Service (?)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship (online only)
Sunday	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service #1 (in-person & livestream, no communion)
Sunday	8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service #2 (in-person only, communion)
Monday	10:30 am	Christmas Day Service (no livestream)

*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.*

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 17, 10:30 AM**



John came  
to testify  
to the light

JOHN 1:8

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**Worship at 10:30 am**

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