

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14th, 2025

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open,

to you all desires known.

We come to you,

confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy,

and remember us in your love.

Show us your ways;

teach us your paths;

and lead us in justice and truth,

for the sake of your goodness

in Jesus Christ our Savior,

Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Lighting Advent Wreath

L: As we continue our Advent journey, a journey that takes us to the birth of Jesus, we light this third candle. As the days grow dimmer this light is a sign of hope. May your light guide us through our loneliness and isolation so that finally we can dance with joy like a flickering candle and celebrate the gift of your presence with us. Amen

Opening Hymn ~ Worship # 240 ~ Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Verse 1, 2, 3)

1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

Lighting Of The Joy Candle

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalmody: Luke 1:46b-55

- ^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
⁵⁰ **You have mercy on those who fear you,**
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
⁵² **casting down the mighty from their thrones**
and lifting up the lowly.
⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,**
to remember the promise of mercy,
⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading – James 5:7-10

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – *Alleluia*. I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. *Alleluia*.
(Matt. 11:10)

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON

Hymn of the Day ~ ACS #901 ~ Now The Heavens Start to Whisper

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 190

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW pg. 190

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 191

Communion (All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as they feel comfortable. Wine and grape juice (middle of tray) and bread or gluten free options are available. If you are unable to stand, please indicate if you wish to participate from your pew.)

Communion Hymn ~ *Holy Communion* by The Work of the People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ ELW #715 ~ Christ Be Our Light

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Communion Prep	Louise Ewen

OSLC Calendar of Events:

Worship Services

December 14, 2025, 12:30 PM – Third Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion Worship service with Rev. Wendy McRae

December 21, 2025, 12:30 PM – Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2025, 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candle light service with bluegrass band

December 28, 2025 – Online service only

Youth Group: Sundays, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29 at 2640 Goheen Street, use back basement entrance.

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10AM- Noon, use back basement entrance

December 14-15, 2025: Visit with Bishop Kathy

Dec. 20, 2025- 7 PM: Blue Christmas Service at Grace Anglican Church

Dec. 21, 2025- 1:30 PM: Decorate Christmas hamper boxes- all volunteers welcome to assist with all Christmas hamper activities. join us after the service around 1:30 to gift wrap boxes for the Christmas hampers. We will have goodies, tea, coffee and hot chocolate and Christmas music

Dec. 22, 2025- 10 AM: Organize Christmas hampers- all volunteers welcome to assist with all Christmas hamper activities.

Dec. 23, 2025- 10 AM- Noon – Christmas hampers picked up

Greeters- Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Starting in January we are looking for volunteers to arrive before the service to greet visitors.

Monday December 15, 2025 - 3 PM-5 PM (Zoom): Advent Bible Study: Season of Spiritual Renewal Bible Study with Bishop Clara Plamondon. This is the final in a four week study. Details are included below.

Bishop Clara Plamondon is leading an Advent Bible Study - Season of Spiritual Renewal – where you will explore the Advent lectionary readings for year A and learn basic bible Exegesis (tools to learn how to interpret scripture).

To register, please email as noted on the poster.

Advent 2025

Season of Spiritual Renewal Bible Study

LED BY BISHOP CLARA PLAMONDON

Explore Advent Lectionary Readings for Year A

Learn basic Bible Exegesis (tools to learn how to interpret scripture)

Excellent for Sermon Preparation and for personal growth

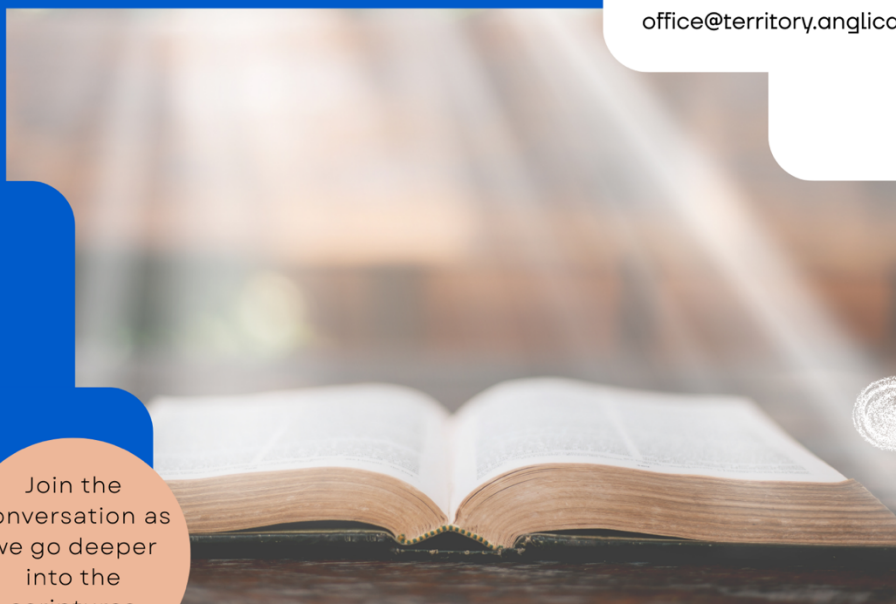
TERRITORY
OF THE PEOPLE

WHEN:
MONDAYS 3-5PM
NOVEMBER 24
DECEMBER
1, 8, 15
VIA ZOOM

TO REGISTER:
EMAIL THE
TERRITORY
OFFICE BY
NOVEMBER 17,
2025

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Join the
conversation as
we go deeper
into the
scriptures



REQUIRE FURTHER DETAILS?

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Office Hours: 9:30 - 4:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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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
shouting.
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
shall be opened;
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.

¹⁰ And 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 11:2-11

C: Glory To You, O Lord

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a

prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one
about whom it is written,
‘See, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way
before you.’

¹¹ “Truly I tell you, among
those born of women no one
has arisen greater than John
the Baptist, yet the least in the
kingdom of heaven is greater
than he.”

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ