

**December 13, 2020**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.

**All In story and song, in silence  
we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever.**

L Here, during this holy season,  
we dream of those promises made so long ago.

**All Of the One who repairs all our mistakes,  
of the One who reshapes our brokenness.**

♪ *Organ plays as liturgy continues: Creator of the Stars of Night #245*

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: CANDLE OF JOY

L I dream of laughter that is contagious.

**All I dream of every little thing that brings joy;  
and I know it comes from God.**

L Today we light the candle of joy as a reminder  
that God's dream for this world involves a joy  
that overflows and is contagious.

*Lighting of Candles*

L May this fire burn bright, and as it does may we sing,

**All and dance, and laugh and hold onto the people we love.**

L May we sow joy in a hurting world. Amen.

♪ *Music Ends*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L Holy God, help us to dream your dream of joy anew.  
Open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit -

**All upon us, within us, among us.**

L For our apathy in the presence of oppression -

**All forgive us.**

L If we have contributed to the broken-heartedness of anyone –

**All forgive us.**

L For our participation in systems that enslave –

**All forgive us.**

L When we are deaf to your good news,

**All have mercy and open our ears.**

L When our mouths remain too tightly closed –

**All loosen our lips with songs of praise.**

L God forgives you. May God's guiding arms surround you.

May you know comfort. May you know joy.

#### RESPONSIVE PSALM: 126

L When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

**All Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

L Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

**All The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed**

L Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

**All Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

L Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

**All will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.**

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 1:46-55

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup>You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,

<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW #240

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.*

4 *Light four candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.  
Let the lights be shining!*

ADVENT CREED:

**We believe in God the Father,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
The one who is full of patience,  
who is not afraid of silence,  
who does not need to fill each moment  
with activity and noise.  
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,  
and who does not jostle for attention.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
Savior of creation,  
who slipped into Bethlehem one night,  
mostly unnoticed,  
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,  
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,  
who waited for the right time  
to become the suffering servant,  
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,  
whose silence overpowered their words,  
who died, then rose again  
on a quiet Sunday morning.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens, empowers,  
renews, and refreshes,  
sometimes arriving with obvious power,  
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.**

**We believe in one God  
who patiently waits for us.  
and who longs for us to do the same.  
Amen**

PRAYERS — SHARING OF PEACE — OFFERING OF GIFTS

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL      Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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***PARTICIPANTS***

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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## **CALENDAR**

Wed/Dec 16	6:30	Confirmation Online
Wed/Dec 16	7:30	Church Council via Zoom
Sun/Dec 20	9:00	Advent 4: <i>Those Who Dream...are not alone</i> (LOVE)

## **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

*Silent Night, Holy Night* – Christmas Eve worship will be pre-recorded and available at 3 PM on Christmas Eve. At 4:30 - join us in the parking lot for a reading of the Christmas Story, a live nativity, Holy Communion and the singing of Silent Night. Bring a candle to raise or even a flashlight as we social distance in our vehicles. Don't forget a lighter.

## **MORE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPTIONS . . .**

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP BY **ST. PAUL AREA SYNOD & ST. PAUL REFORMATION**

Available early on Christmas Morning, Fri. Dec. 25. View the service on Synod's Website: **spas-elca.org** or Facebook Page: **saintpaulareasynod**

CONCORDIA COLLEGE-MOORHEAD – **SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - WORSHIP RECORDING**

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