

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14th, 2025
Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA
Pastor Tim Ehling 320-226-7074

Order of Worship

Welcome and Greeting: We worship as we live, in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* #30 Green (tune #315)

Opening Liturgy: (based on Psalm 33: 1-5)

L: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

C: it is good for the just to praise the Lord.

L: Praise the Lord with the harp;

C: make music to the Lord on the ten-stringed lyre.

L: Sing to the Lord a new song;

C: play skillfully, and shout for joy.

L: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

C: the Lord is faithful in all things.

L: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

C: the earth is full of the Lord's unfailing love.

Advent Candle Lighting--Joy

L: As we light the candle of joy....

Look to God for true joy. Christmas is about God's gifts of hope and love that nurtures joy in our lives. Think about how God gives you joy this Christmas. Think about how you can take the joy God has given you and share it with others. Share God's joy among you family. Share God's joy in the community you live in. Share God's joy with people around the world.

C: We will. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray... **Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that we may be transformed by grace and 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.**

Song *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"* #25 Green

Readings

First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146 p. 287 in the green hymnal

Second Lesson James 5:7-10

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

Song *"Hark the Glad Sound"* #35 Green

Sharing the Peace

L: The joy of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a word of joy with those around you.

Offering Invitation

Offering Response *(sing)*:

*"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin, where
meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in."*

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, All: **O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

#551 Green

Sending

L: Go in peace and joy.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

We welcome all visitors today, please sign our guest book and come back!

WELCA Diaper Drive: let's make sure all the little bottoms are swaddled! ☺

Place donated diapers under the tree during Advent.

Readers needed for worship services throughout the year. Contact Hila to get signed up!

Today: Cookie Packing today; Christmas Caroling – leaving church at approx. 1:30.

Dec 16 - OL Church Council 6:30 pm

Dec 17 - 6-7:30 Sunday School & Confirmation Level 1 only

Dec 18 - Newsletter deadline

Dec 21 - Worship 11:15, Coffee fellowship to follow

Dec 21 - Blue Christmas Service 4:00 pm at Oak Lake followed by soup and sandwiches.

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:30 @ Oak Lake