

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude
Welcome

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Invocation

In the name of the ☩ triune God in whose presence we wait,
the Holy Parent, fulfilling the promise,
the Holy Child, waiting to be born,
the Holy Spirit, illumining the way.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #239

Advent Candle Lighting

The prophet's words are fulfilled in Jesus: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear good news. The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We rejoice, for Christ's light shines in every shadow.

In this busy season, amid long days and full hearts, joy surprises us. It is found not in what we buy or do, but in who God is: faithful, merciful, and near.

The joy of the Lord is our strength, and Christ's coming fills us with gladness.

(The third candle is lit)

We light this candle as a sign of joy, that even in waiting we are not alone, for God is with us.

Come, Lord Jesus, our joy and our Redeemer. Amen.

Blessing Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 3"

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Reading

James 5:7-10

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Where Hope Began

Choir

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 11.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

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Response to Gospel

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pr Wade Crevier

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song.*

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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Baptism

see attached

Baptism Song

"Borning Cry"

#732

Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thanks you for your financial support of our ministry.

Presentation of Gifts

Come Now, O Prince of Peace vs. 1, 2

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Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Offering Prayer

Nourishing God,

you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,

that we may rejoice and be for the world

signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . .and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Promise

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

Communion *All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.*

Communion Hymns

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

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"As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"

#261

"Here Is Bread"

#483

Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing

...keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

. . .in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"People, Look East"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Terry & Loretta Williams — Ushers/Greeters

Hattie Erickson and Henry Morelock — Acolytes

Ginny Erickson — Reader

Steve Mentele — Choir Director

Robin Hoefer — Pianist

Wade Crevier — Pastor

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242



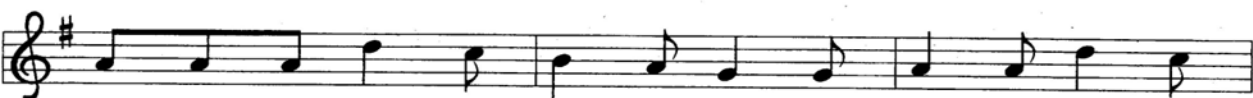
1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



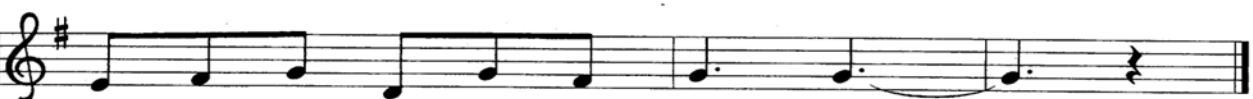
soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and night: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law;
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.

Refrain

- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent, as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 19: O Branch of Jesse (4)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 22: O King of nations (7)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (8)

Christ, Be Our Light

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



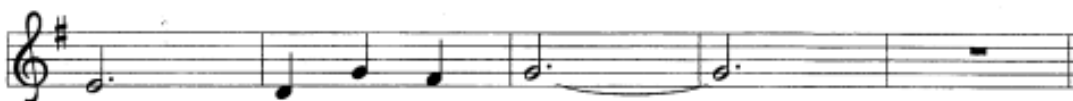
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Baptism

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Ann Rose Hildebrandt for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ann baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

Parental Responsibilities

As you bring Ann to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Ann grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Sponsor Responsibilities

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ann in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

Congregational Responsibilities

People of God, do you promise to support Ann and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Congregation please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Congregation may be seated

Baptism

Ann Rose Hildebrandt, I baptize you in the name
of the Father,
and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Ann with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Ann Rose Hildebrandt, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Amy: Ann, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Borning Cry

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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

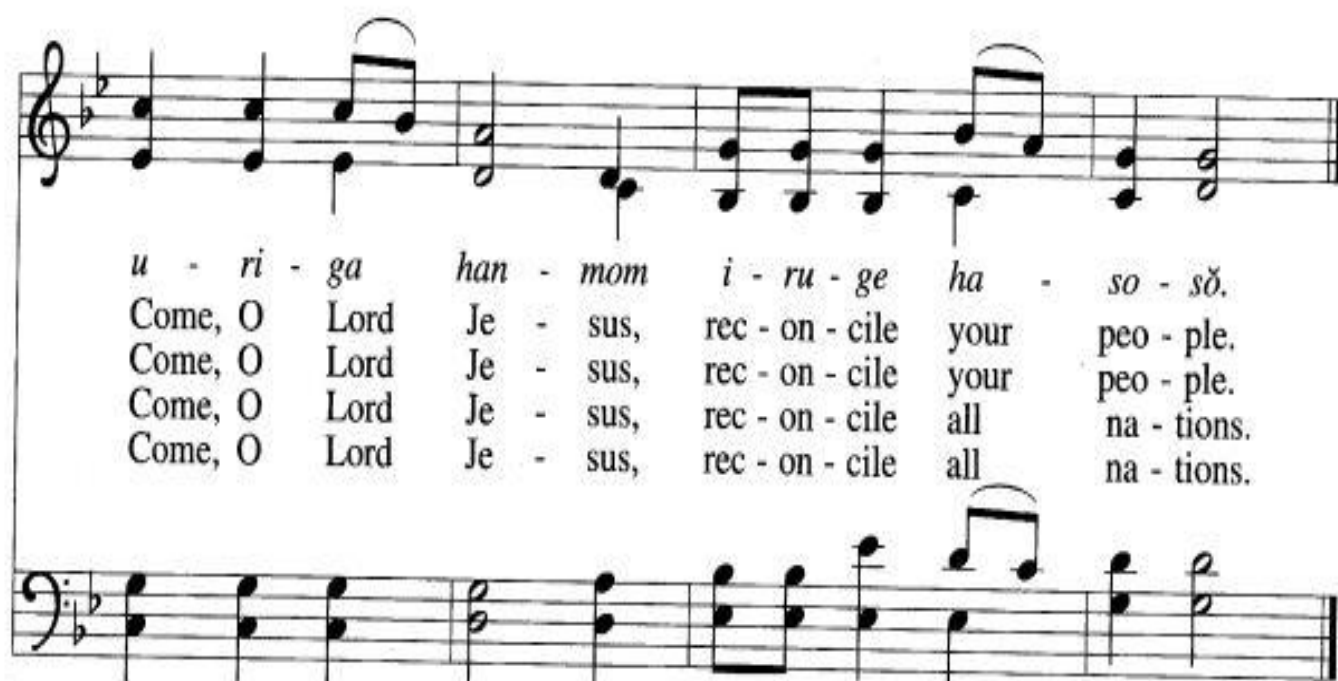
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Ososŏ, ososŏ



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

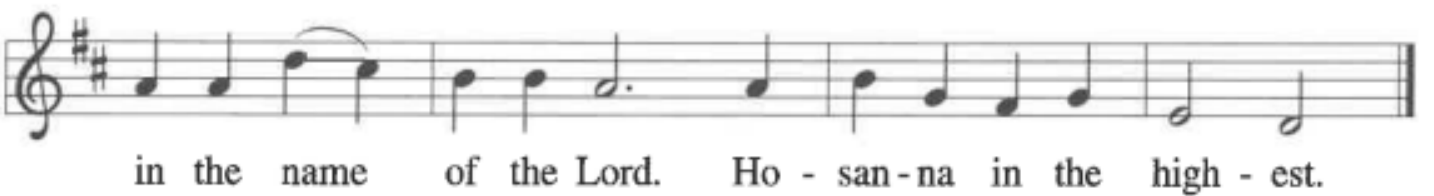
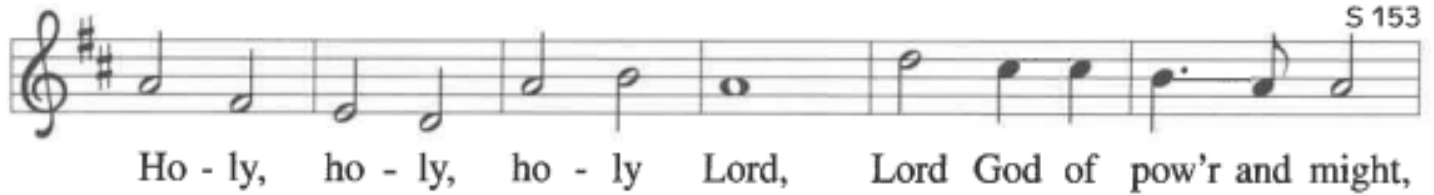
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He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

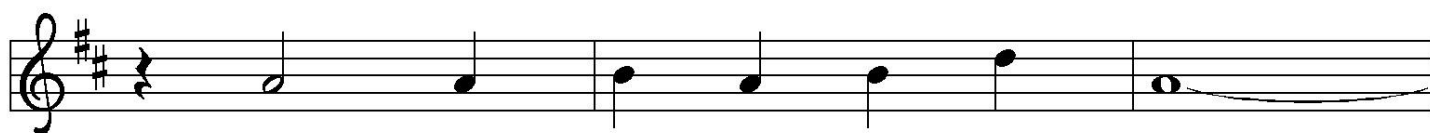
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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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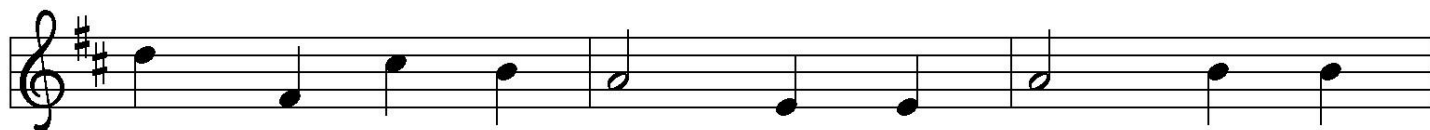
As the Dark Awaits the Dawn



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
 2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
 3 As the moon re - flects the sun
 4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
 be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
 un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
 en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
 see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
 heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
 stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
 wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
 peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
 blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
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1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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Announcements for December 14, 2025

Welcome! We are happy you are here today!

- **Families:** It is our hope that you will find a comfortable way to worship at JP. There are activity bags in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. There is also a large pew area, "Prayground", on the righthand side of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit, that is available for families to use.
- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Visitors:** Sign the **Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill), Dean Erickson (Brett's dad), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's Sister), Barb Grenawalt, David Hagemann, Lois Keller, Leandra Miller (Ginny's friend), Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane), Emma Schutt (Rose's niece), Don Seeger, Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy, Susan (Svenson) Witte. **Please contact the office with any changes in requests.**

Special Organ Flowers are given by Mike & Chris Pfeiger and Ken & Amy Hildebrandt in honor of Annie's baptism.

We rejoice today in the baptism of Ann Rose Hildebrandt, daughter of Jennifer and Michael Hildebrandt. We welcome you into God's family!

Thank you for all of the contributions to last week's brunch! Amy & Brandi

Food Donations were delivered to the Clinton Community Outreach Pantry and then distributed yesterday. Last week about 50 items were delivered to **Skaalen Nursing Home!** **Thank you!**

Donations of hats and mittens may be placed on the tree outside the offices. New and CLEAN, like-new used items may be donated. Last year donations went to the Clinton Elementary School.

"FALALALALA - Join us for Christmas Caroling to some of our JP friends! Wednesday, December 17 (6:30PM/following the neighborhood dinner) and Sunday, December 21 (11AM/following worship). For the sake of planning and coordinating - if you will join us, please let Ginny know.

The December Neighborhood Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 17 - 5:30-6:30PM. Set aside the to-dos and lists for an hour, **COME RELAX AND ENJOY.** The menu will feature soups, salads, and breads and there will be cookies for decorating. If you're interested in helping host, please see the signup sheet in the connecting room. Hope you can join us!

Giving Envelopes are in the connecting room hallway. If you give electronically, you do not need an envelope. Please let Julia Pearson know if you need envelopes.

Parsonage Update: Council discussed and decided that a Planning Team, made up of members of Jefferson Prairie, would be most appropriate for mapping out the future of the parsonage. Are you interested in gathering ideas and information? Do you have suggestions? Contact Terry Pearson to sign-up for the Parsonage Planning.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

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NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 14	CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY with picture
	8:15 am Choir
	9:30 am Worship with Baptism
	Youth-Program Rehearsal
	Fellowship
Tuesday, December 16	9:00 am Quilting
	6:00 pm Council
Wednesday, December 17	5:30 pm NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER
	6:45 pm Caroling in Clinton (outside)
Friday, December 19	3:00 pm Bell Choir
Sunday, December 21	8:15 am Choir
	9:30 am Worship with Children's Program
	Fellowship
	Caroling in Beloit/Clinton(?) (inside)