

Prelude “Coventry Carol” by Greensleeves John Olson
..and Austin Willhite

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!” LBW #37

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ..“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ... WOV #649

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading I Thessalonians 5:16-24

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Laura Stowman

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “Witnessing” Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW #26

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “Away in a Manger” John Olsen and Austin Willhite

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Vom Himmel Hoch

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LBW #25

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

What Does This Mean?

1. What is the witness of John the Baptist?
2. How would you describe the light?
3. Who is someone you can invite to hear about the light this Christmas?



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