

Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation



Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING TWO

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p. 77

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P *Most Merciful God,*

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN *"The King Shall Come"* LBW #33

GREETING LBW p. 78

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.

KYRIE LBW p. 78

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Glory To God"* LBW p. 79

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C 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 LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

⁴**And you will say in that day:**

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;**

let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LBW# 34
(1st, 2nd & 3rd Verses Only)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia” LBW p. 83 (*Sung*)

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

P *The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: “Faith, Then Works”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn*”

WOV# 633

APOSTLES’ CREED LBW p. 85

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P*Lord in your mercy,*

C **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER LBW p. 91

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *"We Are An Offering"*

C **We Lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 87

P *Let us pray. Merciful Father,*

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

P *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C *(Sung)* **Three Fold Amen**

SENDING HYMN *"He Came Down"* Bulletin pg. 9

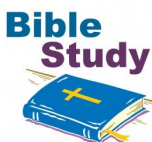
DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C **Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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Bible Study
Tuesday Dec 14
2:00 at East Nidaros



MEMBERS

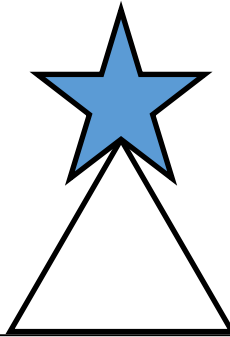
Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
 Chantel Brende - Tom Jacobson
 Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
 Ryan Voeltz - Rhoda Wold - Ella Riswold
 Charlotte Johnson - Dorothy Sittig
 Vance Davis

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Family of Verla Borgen
 Darrel McMahon—Brother of Ann Romsdahl
 John Jorgenson—Friend of the Community
 Fred Tidemann—Brother of Melva Hilmoe
 Javin Ihnen—Son of Justin and Jessica Ihnen
 Eugene Haux—Father of Shane Haux
 Jessica Shaw—Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe
 Brenda Bertrand—Mother of Julius Allgier
 Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
 Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom
 Shari Brende—Sister-in-Law to Lynda Johnson
 Sandy Gregg—Sister-In-Law of Gary Gregg

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>
<p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Sherry Hanson 610-7968 Tom & Joanna Baatz 212-5420 Dale & Judy Thompson 428-5476</p>	<p><u>East Nidaros</u></p> <p>David & Connie Karl 608-386-8139 Adam & Tracy Petersen 254-6603 Tom & Becky Siemonsma 359-2151</p>
<p><u>Baltic</u></p> <p>Dec 19 No Fellowship Dec 26 No Fellowship</p>	



EAST ANGEL TREE

Church on the Street
Welcome Home Baskets

DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Baltic Food Bank
East: Ronald McDonald House

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Baltic: Baltic Air Conditioning Fund
East Nidaros: Royal Family Kids



Sunday School Christmas Programs



Sunday December 19th

Baltics program will be held at the school gym at 9:00

East Nidaros will be at the East Nidaros Church at 10:30

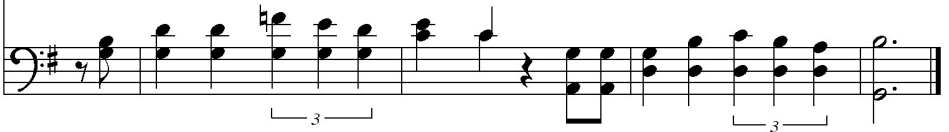
He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

5:30 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT EAST NIDAROS

8:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT BALTIC



Thrivent & East Nidaros Action Project 2021 Angel Tree to benefit Church on the Street Our angel tree this year will benefit families that have become housed. Church on the Street is asking for “Welcome to Your Home Baskets”. Basket ideas are, a mop bucket filled with cleaning supplies, a soup pot filled with kitchen gadgets or reusable shopping bags filled with non-perishable food. Basically, anything that you use in your own home. Go ahead have fun and be creative or just purchase items and we will make up a bag. Cash donations are always welcome, and we will do the shopping! Your check can be made to East Nidaros Angel Tree Project. Feel free to bring your items anytime between now and December 19, 2021. As always, thank you for your support!!



In the event church or church activities need to be cancelled due to weather, this is how we will communicate the information:



- * **Our Website:** www.balticandeastnidaros.org
Click on News and Announcements
- * **Facebook**
- * **KELO**— Website
(www.keloland.com/weather/closelines)
- * **KSFY**—TV & Website
(www.ksfy.com/weather/closings)



*Plan to stay for lunch following the
 East Nidaros Christmas Program
 December 19, 2021
 We will be providing chili, bbq's, hot dogs,
 chips, dessert, beverage and coffee.*

Christmas Wordsearch

M	E	H	E	L	H	T	E	B	U	G	H	D	S
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Angel
 Baby
 Bethlehem
 Cattle
 Donkey
 Jesus
 Joseph

Manger
 Mary
 Nativity
 Presents
 Shepherd
 Stable
 Star

Sunday, December 12th

Baltic	9:00 am Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @EastNidrosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of December 12th

Sun Dec 12	Check'n on the 2nd WELCA meeting following Worship
Tue Dec 14	2:00 Bible Study @ East
Wed Dec 15	6:30-7:30 Confirmation @ Baltic
Sun Dec 19	Sunday School Christmas Programs

Sunday, December 19th

Baltic	9:00 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @EastNidrosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of December 19th

Sun Dec 19	Sunday School Christmas Programs
Tue Dec 21	2:30 PQ Worship @ DNRC Newsletter Deadline
Wed Dec 22	No Confirmation
Fri Dec 24	5:30 East Nidaros Christmas Eve Worship 8:00 Baltic Christmas Eve Worship
Sat Dec 25	Christmas Day

East Nidaros: If you would like to have giving envelopes for 2022, please let Alvina know. If you already have giving envelope please continue using what you have on hand.

