

## **WELCOME**

We welcome you to our worship today.

### ***Hymnbooks:***

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

**(ELW)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

**(CP)** Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

### ***Communion: All are welcome.***

Our current practice is to distribute communion in a continuous fashion. We encourage you to take the time you need when receiving both the bread and the wine. For those who desire a time of kneeling, after receiving the bread and wine, you are invited to kneel at the rail (cushions have been provided), or return to your seats and use the kneeling rails in the pews.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

***No Scents Makes Good Sense.*** Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

***We welcome all children*** to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

### **GATHERING**

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

Prelude

Acknowledgement of Territory

Welcome / Children's Message

Call to Worship

*Who will set us free?*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Silence*

Gathering Song – # **102 CP**

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.**

## Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### WORD

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

## First Reading – Malachi 3: 1 – 4

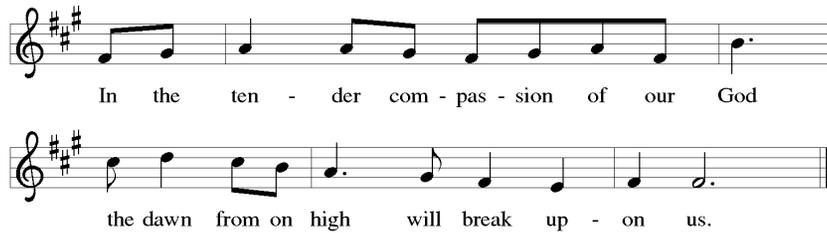
A reading from Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Luke 1: 68 – 79



Luke 1:78  
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**68**Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them  
free.  
**69**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David. **R**  
**70**Through your holy prophets, you promised of  
old to save us | from our enemies,  
**71**from the hands of | all who hate us,  
**72**to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.  
**73**This was the oath you swore to our | father  
Abraham:  
**74**to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
free to worship you | without fear,

**75**holy and righteous before you, all the days | of  
our life. **R**

**76**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of |  
the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare  
the way,

**77**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation  
by the forgiveness | of their sins.

**78**In the tender compassion | of our God  
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

**79**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in  
the shad- | ow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the | way of  
peace. **R**

Gospel Acclamation



**Prepare the way | of the Lord.\***  
**All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God**

Gospel Reading – *Luke 3: 1 – 6*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Or*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Or*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – # 100 CP

Prayers of Intercession

We pray to you, O God.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God,  
who comes to wake us from sleep,  
who leads us into the light of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing  
our sin against God and neighbour.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God of all time,

**we confess that we have not prepared  
for your merciful reign among us. We  
ignore our neighbours in need and fail  
in the labour of justice and peace. In  
your mercy forgive us. Grant us  
wisdom to welcome your light and to  
seek the things that will endure until  
Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

In (+) Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all  
things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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

Offering / Choir Anthem

- All Earth is Hopeful

Offering Hymn – # 257 vs. 3 & 4 ELW

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

**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.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

... peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

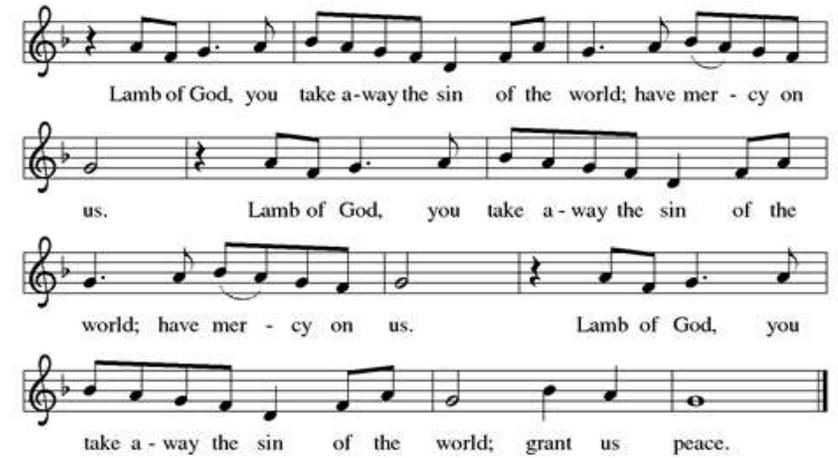
## Invitation to Communion

God fills the hungry with good things.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

# 261 ELW, # 255 ELW, # 593 ELW

### God Beyond All Names

John L Bell



God be - yond all names, ne - ver ful - ly known,  
Mys - ter - y of mys - ter - ies,  
call - ing us your own.

## Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## Blessing

**Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessings of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit go with you this day. Go in peace.**

## Benediction

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

Sending Song - # **439 ELW**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Announcements and Information

**December Altar Guild:** Kathryn Smith, Janet Weigel & Christine Morrison

**Greeters:** Bruce and Jean Howard

**We pray for: Anglican Church of Canada** – General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson, and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada.  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** – Director Trina Gallop, and staff of Communications and Stewardship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Director Kyle Giesbrecht, and staff of Finance and Administration.

**The flowers** in the Chancel area are given by Peg Lawson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of son Bill Dubs.

**Pastor Jeff will be on short term disability** for the months of November and December 2018. During this time Pastor Jeff will be unavailable so please contact Jennifer in the church office or Brian Janzen at 519-824-5469 with all pastoral emergencies, and they will forward your concern to the on call pastor.

**Thank you Rev. Joan Lee** for leading us in worship today while Pastor Jeff is away.

**Chalmers Community Services Christmas Gift Bag Campaign** needs your support please. Last year we supplied 56 bags to the less fortunate in our community. With your help we can match or surpass that number! Cloth bags and shopping lists are available in the narthex. Today is the last day to bring bags to the church.

**Saturday Night Supper January 5<sup>th</sup>** – We will be serving meatballs and mashed potatoes with cookies / squares and clementine's. Food and workers are requested to arrive at the Royal City Life Center at 5:15 p.m. If you are staying to help please have close-toed shoes, wear long hair back or u. Please see Robin Smart, [robin.smart@rogers.com](mailto:robin.smart@rogers.com) or Val Webb, [rvwebb@rogers.com](mailto:rvwebb@rogers.com).

Thank you for supporting the **Silvercreek Community Market** with non-perishable items. We especially need:  
Peanut butter, Jasmine rice, Dry red lentils, Pasta sauces, Canned fruits, Pasta, Cereal, Canned vegetables, Legumes such as chick peas and various types of beans (without meat).

# Advent Lessons & Carols



7:00 pm – Sunday, December 9, 2018

All are welcome, so please invite your family, friends  
and neighbours.



## Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm – German Candlelight Service\*\*

7:00 pm – Family Carol & Candlelight Service

9:30 pm – Candlelight Service\*\*

**\*\*Services with Holy Communion**