

# Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 9:30 am** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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## Prelude

## Welcome / Announcements / Sharing of Peace

### Opening Hymn

*He Came Down*

ELW #253

## Apostolic Greeting

## Call to Worship

P: We come from a world of darkness

**C: Into Christ's world of light.**

P: We come from a world of weariness

**C: Into God's strength and hope.**

P: We come from a slumbering world.

**C: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.**

## Prayer of the Day (All)

**Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Children Light the Advent Wreath

**The Shepherd's Candle**

### Hymn

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

ELW #240 (Vss. 1 - 3)

**First Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7**

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

*All Earth is Hopeful*

ELW #266 (Vs. 3)

**Holy Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

*(Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.)*

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers 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.” <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John 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. <sup>17</sup> His 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.”

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*(Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.)*

**Sunday School Christmas Program**

See Insert

**Offering**

*(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



**Offertory Music**

*Jingle Bells & Kumbaya*

God Squad

**Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*Joy to the World*

ELW #267

**Sending**

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

