

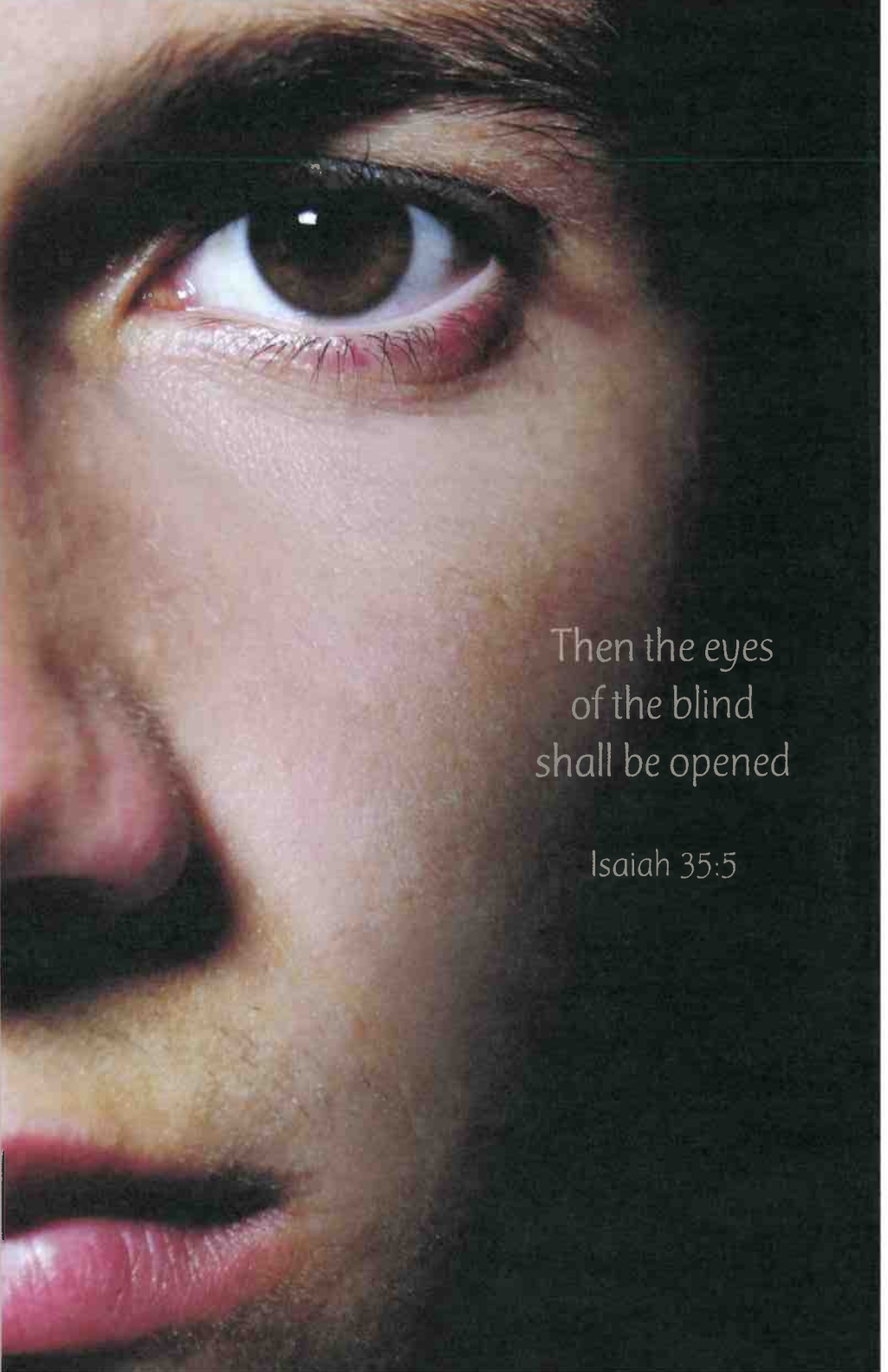
Third Sunday in Advent—Lesson & Carols

December 11, 2022 - 9:00 am

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Our Mission: Share Christ † Serve Others



Then the eyes
of the blind
shall be opened

Isaiah 35:5

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WELCOME — We would like to extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — Anyone who would like more information about Pacific Hills may speak to an usher, visit with a greeter in the welcome area or call the church office. You may also read about our ministries by going to our church's website. While there you can also read our weekly newsletter, "The Pacific Hills Messenger". To subscribe to our newsletter, send your e-mail to: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to please complete a Worship Card located in the hymnal rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing in on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Our Service of Lessons & Carols

About the Cover: Isaiah presents a beautiful picture of the day when the Lord will make this world right. It is a sight to behold! In His ministry, Jesus literally opened blind eyes to see. At the same time, He was also opening the eyes of His Word. Even though today we see dimly, a day is coming when we shall see face to face (1Corinthians 13:12).

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Advent Litany

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

C Amen

P Out of Zion the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Our God shall come; He does not keep his silence.

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths Straight.

P Shower, O Heavens from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

P He that testifies to these things says, "I am coming soon"

C Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

P The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

P All those who await his appearance pray:

C Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

P The whole creation pleads:

C Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Opening Hymn LSB 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

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The First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

God comforts his people and calls them to prepare for redemption.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

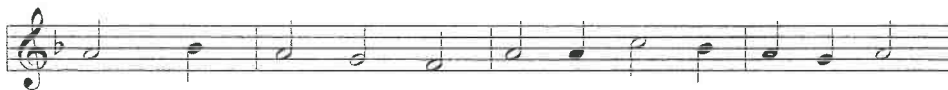
LSB 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



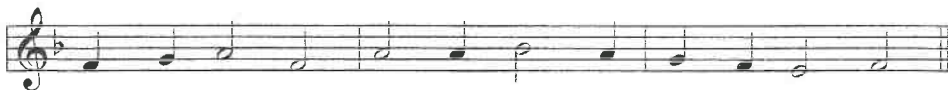
saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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God will raise up a righteous branch.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LSB 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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The Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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The Sixth Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in Bethlehem.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us

by Don Besig

Sung by Choir
Dan Irvin (Flute)

The birth of Jesus foretold.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tile Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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The Eighth Lesson

John the Baptist proclaims the Advent of the Messiah.

In the Bleak Midwinter
 by Myanna Harvey

Samuel Pierce-Ruhland
 & InYoung Park (Cello)

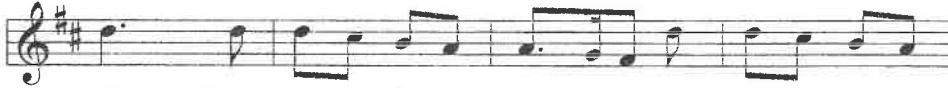
Homily

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Philippians 4:4-7

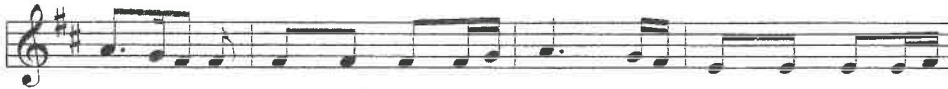
LSB 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Prayers

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and the homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and the dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy**

Offertory

What Child Is This

by Linda R. Lamb

Played by Bell Choir

Collect For Advent

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; no grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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

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 \dagger give you peace.

C Amen

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-lect Thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain Call us to re-joice in Thee.
 Joy-ful, we Thy heav'n in-her-it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Silent Prayer/Greeting

Postlude

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 18, 2022 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalms 89:19-29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Hymns

LSB 356

LSB 361

LSB 354

LSB 809

LSB 338

Sermon

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Luke 1:26-38

This Week at Pacific Hills

Sunday
December 11

8:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Advent Lessons & Carols Worship
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday
December 13

5:30 pm Al-Anon District Meeting (Acker Hall)
7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)
7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting (Rm 209)

Wednesday
December 14

9:30 am Eucharist (Zoom)
12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
2:00 pm Advent Worship Service
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service

Thursday
December 15

6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Rm 114b)

Sunday
December 18

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
12:00 pm Lunch & Caroling
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Dr. Bob Vandervort and the Bible study group are studying 1st Samuel via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Please e-mail Bob at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

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Our Record of Response: **Sunday, December 4**

Attendance: 100 Giving: \$5,512.00 Year to Date Giving*: \$404,236.00

* YTD Giving includes envelope offerings, e-offerings & capital fund contributions

Presiding/Assisting This Day

Preaching & Presiding..... Rev. Bryan Drebes
Organist Zach Hastings
Artist..... Michelle Steen
Acolyte 9:00 am Lydia Troutman
Head Usher 9:00 am Kevin Wilshusen
Head Elder..... 9:00 am Jim Mueller
Al Erickson, Assist

Readers

Lesson 1..... Ann Privitera
Lesson 2..... Anastasia Petersen
Lesson 3..... Rebecca Privitera
Lesson 4..... Brenda Whealy
Lesson 5..... Sharon Vacanti
Lesson 6..... Kay Storck
Lesson 7..... Carla Heathershaw-Risko
Lesson 8..... Lara Bergdolt

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Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by George & Lisa McCoy.

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