

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Third Sunday of Advent
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WREATH LIGHTING SONG *The First Noel* Vs. 1 ELW #300

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Lambrechts Family

WREATH LIGHTING SONG *The First Noel* Vs. 2 ELW #300

INVOCATION & CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand*)

GREETING

SONG OF PRAISE *Jesus, What a Beautiful Name*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

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PART 3

SONG OF THE DAY *Joy the World*

OFFERING

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. We encourage you to give in person, online, or through the mail.



OFFERING SONG *Christmas Offering*

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Let us pray together: God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER (ELW, pg. 112)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & DISTRIBUTION *(please sit)*

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table.

COMMUNION SONG *Agnus Dei*

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Kids—Refrain; Congregation—Verses

SENDING WORDS & POSTLUDE

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