

**Third Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020
Jesus' Birth Announced**

**Worship on Zoom
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**Or watch on the YouTube Channel
All Saints Lutheran Church, Albuquerque**



Annunciation, by He Qi

The Zoom link for worship each week is: <https://zoom.us/j/680469401>
You can also call in to Zoom at 1-669-900-9128 and the meeting ID number is 680 469 401.

The service will be recorded and you can watch it any time on YouTube – go to <https://YouTube.com> and look for the “All Saints Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM” channel for our recordings. Past recordings are also located there.

To prepare, you can set up a worship space with a candle and a bowl of water for remembrance of baptism. If you join the worship service by Zoom and choose to participate in Holy Communion, have a small bit of bread and wine or juice ready as well. Recorded services do not include Holy Communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Reader One: Because of war, ... we light a candle of peace

Reader Two: Because hatred is still so strong ...

Reader One: Because our hearts long for peace – in our world, in our communities, in our homes,
in our hearts . . .

**All: Today we stop everything and light these candles: one for hope, one for love, one for joy,
and one for peace...**

Reader Two: May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything
that is preventing God's light from being born among us.

Readers One and Two: May the light from these candles say to all that God's peace is coming
on earth as it already is in heaven.

All: Friends, be not afraid – even now, even now – God's peace is at hand!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ~ ELW 257, vss 7,8

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray,

Father God, There is no miracle as grand as birth. As we prepare for the coming of your son, Jesus, create in us new life. Transform us so that we may reflect the light of your son, and become beacons of goodness, kindness, compassion, generosity, honesty, patience, and peace, for the sake of the one whose name brings deliverance and life to all the world, Jesus Christ, infant king. **Amen.**

Opening Song *Joy, sung by Grace Notes*

Narrative Reading: Luke 1:26-45

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Erin Power, Assistant to the Bishop, Rocky Mountain Synod

Song of the Day ELW-251, *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

Prayers

Each prayer ends with the words, “God of mercy,”
and the response is “**Hear our prayer**”

We pray for: Tom Arguello, **Jean** Bernabo, **Karen** Birner, **Lillian** Edwards, **Sharon** Ellis, **Olga** Fassler, **Jerry** Ferdig, **Lorrie** Hautz, **Frank and Bev** Horn, **Gloria** Hrivnak, **Jon** Jastram, **Fern** Knudsen, **Bob** Klenner, **Dawn** Mace, **Al** Miller, **Pat** Mohr-Kelly, **Chuck** Montaña, **Frank** Morath, **Ed** Strebe, and **Dave** Thompson

Offering

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ~ Lloyd Larson

All Saints continues to count on your gifts and offerings to continue our work. Our ministries of worship, faith formation, community outreach, and pastoral care continue, and we are grateful to all who give as you are able in this challenging time.

Holy Communion – spoken

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 God thanks and praise



Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Receiving Communion

As the pastor says, “The body of Christ, given for you,” take the bread, or if others are with you, you may serve one another the bread. When the pastor says, “The blood of Christ, shed for you,” take or share the wine or juice.

Blessing after Communion

Closing Music

Divinum Mysterium ~ Craig Phillips

Dismissal

Go in the peace and joy of Christ
Thanks be to God