

**Old Testament**     *1 Samuel 2:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. <sup>2</sup>“There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are weighed.

**Epistle**     *Romans 12:11–18*

<sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 1:39–45*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

*Blessed is the one who  
is not offended by Me*



**About the Cover:** Many who saw Jesus stumbled over His humble appearance and lowly birth. But for those who heard the Word and saw with the eyes of faith, there was—and is—only blessing. So when John sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah, Jesus sent them back with their eyes and ears filled, having witnessed His healing and preaching. In the culmination of Jesus’ ministry to sinners, He took up the greatest stumbling block of all in His cross. And yet, by God’s grace and mercy, therein, we see only blessing through the forgiveness of our sins.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 12, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 367 vs. 1-3, 357 vs. 1, 4, 6, 805, 333 vs. 1 & 4  
Sermon: "Waiting Upon the Lord with Rejoicing"  
Luke 1:41

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/1 (Wed.): 36	Offering: \$465.00
Attendance 12/5 (Sun): 67	Comm.: 49
Budget Needs: \$3,541	Offering: \$2,867.04
S.S. - 13	Scrip Profit 12/5: \$58.75
Staff - 3	B.C. - 6

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (12/12) 6:00 p.m. - Farm & Home 4H  
MON (12/13) January Newsletter Items Due  
TUES (12/14) 9:30 a.m. - Circuit Pastor's Conference, Hilbert  
WED (12/15) 3:30 p.m. - Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship  
*Adopt-a-Family Deadline*  
SUN (12/19) 8:00 a.m. - S.S./No B.C.  
9:00 a.m. - Children's Christmas Service

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Dave & Diane Buboltz as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Dave & Diane Buboltz in honor of their anniversary.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Rick & Terri Riemer in honor of their anniversary.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY** - The "ornaments" are on the tree in the narthex. Items are noted on the ornaments. Please attach the ornament to the gift. Gifts need to be wrapped when you bring them in. Deadline is Wednesday December 15.

**USHERS & GREETERS** are being sought for 2022. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for both.

**2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** may be picked up from the table in the coat room. Please do not start using them until January 1, 2022.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** - *Child of Promise* - are available from Lutheran Hour Ministries. A few hard copies (regular & large print) are available on the table in the narthex.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the card room.

**2022 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP** - If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**REMINDER:** Annual Report items are due January 1, 2022. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

