



Midweek Advent 3

December 15, 2021
7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

Theme Verse

- P** Our theme verse for today is, “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds” (Psalm 9:1).

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

Invocation & Call to Worship

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Wait upon the Lord.
C Be strong and courageous.
P Wait upon the Lord. That’s what Zechariah did. Then he gave thanks, saying—
C Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.
P For He has visited and redeemed His people.
C To guide our feet into the way of peace.
P Wait upon the Lord.
C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

Confession & Absolution

- P** God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
C We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with You. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from Your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- P** Believe and receive the good news! God sent His Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show His infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of ✠ Christ who came and indeed, will come again.
- C** Amen.
P Wait upon the Lord.
C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Zechariah the priest; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:2–4

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:17–19

Gospel Acclamation

P Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.
Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:67–79

Mini Message

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Offering & Rite of Friendship

Choir Anthem

Prayer of the Church

- P** Heavenly Father, we wait for You,
C **More than watchmen wait for the morning—**
P More than watchmen wait for the morning.
C **Lead us in Your truth and teach us,**
P For You are the God of our salvation.
C **For You we wait all the day long.**
P O God, inspire us to wait for You faithfully,
C **Serve You joyfully,**
P And give to others generously.
C **Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick,**
P Courage for the fainthearted,
C **Hope for the discouraged,**
P And great clarity for all in the valley of decision.
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** May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous -
C **As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2021 Concordia Publishing House. By Reed Lessing. © 2021 Creative Communications for the Parish, a division of Bayard, Inc., 1564 Fencorp Dr., Fenton, MO 63026. 800-325-9414. www.creativecommunications.com. All rights reserved.