

Dodge Center  
United Methodist Church  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024  
8:15 AM  
**\*Stand as you are able**



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession, Assurance and Pardon #890

**\*Centering Hymn UMH #218 (vs. 1-3) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**\*Call To Worship Isaiah 12:2-6**

L: Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

**P: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

L: And you will say on that day:

Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**P: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Children's Time**

**Children are dismissed for Sunday School**

Hymn of the Day UMH #246 (all vs.) "Joy to the World"

**New Testament Lesson - Philippians 4:4-7**

**Apostles' Creed-UMH #882**

**Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

Respond with: L: Lord, in your mercy, **P: receive our prayer.**

**\*Doxology UMH #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

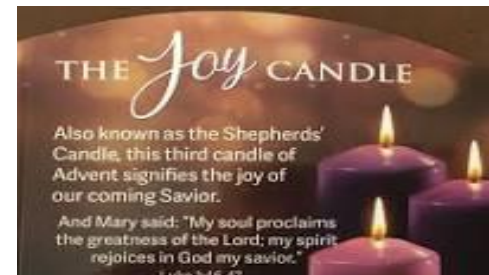
**Gospel Lesson - Luke 3:7-18**

**Sermon "The Exhortations of John the Baptist" Pastor Chad Christensen**

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #57 (vs. 1,3,5) "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



## Welcome to Worship!

Visitors, please sign our guest book before leaving.

### Upcoming Events:

*Today we have Christmas snacks to share during coffee fellowship after worship. Stick around and enjoy some coffee, treats and conversation.*

**Confirmation class** will meet this week on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 pm, and then pause until Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Looking ahead:

- **Our next Community Meal** will be this Wednesday, December 18. The menu will be chicken pot pie over biscuits, fruit cup and cookies. Below is the link to sign up to donate food or help that evening. Donations will go to the Dodge County Sheriff's Emergency Fund.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-53424600-umcfree#/>

**Coffee Fellowship** There is a sign-up sheet in the back on the small bulletin board to bring treats and serve for coffee fellowship on Sundays. Coffee will be made each Sunday and juice is provided.

**Greeters** are needed each Sunday. Please let Janet know if you can greet or use the sign-up sheet in the back.

### Thank you to our volunteers today December 15

Reader: Kathy Bartz

Counters: Kim Marquardt and Lisa O'Neil

### Volunteers next week, December 22nd

Reader: Lisa O'Neil

Counters: Lisa O'Neil and Doris Weber

Pastor- Rev. Chad Christensen     Organist- Brian Rohrs

Secretary- Janet Bugarin     Sound- Colin Lepp

Total donations needed each week- \$1,637.00.

Last Weeks' offering amount: \$1,199.00

The offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for placing your offering there.



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