

Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
Serving today December 14, 2025

Presiding Minister: *Rev. Bart Coleman*
Assisting Minister: Mike Bernatz
Reader: Mike Bernatz
Organist: *Sheila Brown*
Altar Preparations: Susan Kramer
Usher: *Jerry Marr*

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath accompanied by the poem "Inspiration" by
Rev. Howard Thurman
HYMN ELW# 257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel
-Verses 1-4 December 14 -Advent 3

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching and song*

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm Luke 1:46-55 The Magnificat
James 5:7-10
Gospel Acclamation ELW #673 *God Whose Almighty*
Word Verses 1-2
Matthew 11:2-11
Gospel Response ELW#673 *God Whose Almighty*
Word verses 3-4
Sermon
HYMN
Nicene Creed
Prayers
Sharing the Peace

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MEAL-*God Feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

Offering and setting the Table
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving ELW page 152
Holy, Holy Holy ELW page 153
Thanksgiving at the Table
Lord's Prayer
O Lamb of God ELW page 154
Communion
Song after Communion ELW#204 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Sending *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Announcements
Blessing
HYMN

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Inspiration by Howard Thurman

INSPIRATION

*Open unto me, light for my darkness. Open unto
me, courage for my fear. Open unto me, hope for
my despair. Open unto me, peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow. Open unto me,
strength for my weakness. Open unto me, wisdom
for my confession. Open unto me, forgiveness for
my sins. Open unto me, love for my hates. Open
unto me, thy Self for my self. Lord, Lord, open unto
me! Amen. — Howard Thurman*