

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2008**

**GATHERING WITH JOY**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to worship: Isaiah 40:3-5**

**Choral introit "Prepare the Way" Berthier**

**\*Opening hymn #327:1,2,5**

**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**  
*(Ushers available for seating)*

**\*God's greeting and greeting each other**

**\*Hymn #328:1,2,6,7**

**"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"**  
*(all – verses 1,2,7; men – verse 6)*

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**Lighting of the Advent candle**

**Scripture reading: Philippians 2:5-7**

**Anthem**

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Martin**

**Reading**

**Leader:** God works through Mary, a mere girl, who was highly favored by God; God works through Zechariah, a mute priest;

**People:** **And God works through us, his people.**

**Pastoral Blessing**

*(Children Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may be escorted to Children in Worship)*

**Morning prayer**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture:** Luke 1:67-79 (page 935)

**Message:** Zechariah's Prayer of the Spirit

**RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

**\*Hymn of response #337:1,3,4**

**"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

**Our gifts to the Lord:** Ministries of Brookside and Debt Reduction

**Offertory**

**\*God's blessing**

**\*Closing song #345:1**

**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

**Postlude**

\* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Organist: Sue Schepel

Pianists: Bev Becksvoort, Lee Heyer

Ministry of Music: Senior Choir

Readers: Gord Buys, Nate Buys

Flute: Laura Marsman, Ellen Frazee, Judy Zwart

Clarinet: Jake Roorda, Lee Heyer

Bass clarinet: Ken Huisman

Violin: Marie TenElshof, Stephanie Postma

Viola: Rebecca VandenBerge