

### **Advent 3, December 15**

Introduction – Wendy Johnson

**Scripture:** *Isaiah 12:2-6 read by John Neville*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### ***Light of the Advent Candles by Tahlmans***

This is the third Sunday of Advent. Today we are midway through our time of preparing for the coming of Christ. Today we light the candles of Hope, and Peace. And we light the candle of Joy.

*(Light three candles)\**

We celebrate that the “Joy of the Lord is our strength.” We give thanks for the power of joy to transform the world. “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.”

*Let us pray:*

God of unending joy, fill our hearts with the celebration of your coming that caused the angels to overflow with song. Fill us with type of awe and worship that caused the shepherds to want to rush and see what you have accomplished. Fill us with your presence so that we may abide in your love. In the name of Christ Jesus, the Messiah we pray. Amen.

**Music:** *“Give Thanks” sung by Nancy Pitzen*

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\* Pink or rose candle represents **joy or rejoicing and reveals a shift in the season of Advent away from repentance** and toward celebration. The third Advent candle color on the wreath is pink. It is named the shepherd candle or candle of joy.