

Third Sunday in Advent

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Welcome to Worship

If you are visiting with us today thanks for coming.
We're glad you're here.

Please fill out an attendance card.

Prayer Requests can be noted on the back of the card.

A word to our visitors and guests about Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

Those who have not spoken with the Pastor may still come forward to the communion table and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest as a sign to receive this blessing. (Matt. 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34.)

If you are unable to walk up for communion
please notify an elder or usher and it will be brought to you.

*The center section of each tray is filled with white grape juice
for those who cannot have wine. Gluten free wafers are also available.*



OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

357, v 6-7

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Pastor: Show us your unfailing love, O Lord,

People: And grant us your salvation.

Pastor: I will listen to what God the Lord will say;

People: he promises peace to his people, his saints, but let them not return to folly.

Pastor: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

People: that his glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor: The Lord will indeed give what is good,

People: an our land will yield its harvest.

Pastor: Righteousness goes before him

People: and prepares the way for his steps.

GLORIA PATRI/KYRIE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT, Zephaniah 3:14–20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE, Philippians 4:4–7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 7:18–28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to:

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding # 345, v 1-5

SERMON

OFFERTORY Create in Me

OFFERING



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Visitors and those that are not members of this congregation,
please review the statement on Communion at the beginning of this bulletin.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosana in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness # 849, v 1-3
Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing # 737, v 1,3,6,7

NUNC DIMITTIS

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thank unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thank to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

803, v 1-3

Lord's Prayer

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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by: Kevin and Deb Lutz,
Celebrating their 35th anniversary

This Week at Faith

Christmas by Candlelight, today, 3 pm

Cookie Sale, today

Pickleball - Sunday, today, 6:30 pm

Confirmation - Tuesday, 5:45 pm

Bible Study - Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Advent Service - Wednesday 7 pm

See the Newsletter for more upcoming events.

Bobby Sorensen says: "many thanks for cards and Merry Christmas.

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