

NUNC DIMITTIS  
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT  
BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION  
CLOSING HYMN: LSB 518 - "By All Your Saints in Warfare", vs. 1, 18, 24, & 3

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**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER (CAP)**

**A Daily Devotion and Prayer guide for individuals and families**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT: DECEMBER 9-15**

(See Daily Prayer in LSB pg. 295-298 or Treasury of Daily Prayer)

**INVOCATION- In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**INTROIT** – (Bulletin insert)

**10 COMMANDMENTS** (LSB 264)

**APOSTLES' CREED** (LSB 264)

**DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS** (pg. 299-304 in LSB):

**Sunday:** Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24

**Monday:** Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21 (2 John 1-13 & 3 John 1-15)

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 29:1-14; Jude 1-25

**Thursday:** Isaiah 29:15-30:14; Rev. 1:1-20

**Friday:** Isaiah 30:15-26; Rev. 2:1-29

**Saturday:** Isaiah 30:27-31:9; Rev. 3:1-22

**DAILY MEDITATIONS** (Portals of Prayer, LHM, Higher Things)

**COLLECT** (Bulletin insert)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE CARE AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER** (See prayers in bulletin & LSB pg. 294, 305-318)

**LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER** (LSB pg. 327)

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (LSB 344)

**NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

***The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice***

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15-17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "the dead are raised up" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DIVINE SERVICE 4/H.C.  
DECEMBER 8/9, 2018  
5:30PM & 8:00AM /10:45AM

*Prayers for worship are found inside the front cover of the hymnal. Please place this insert in your hymnal to help guide you through the liturgy. Today's order of service begins on page 203 in Lutheran Service Book (LSB).*

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME BY PASTOR**

**OPENING HYMN: LSB 346 - "When all the World Was Cursed"**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**LSB 203**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**LSB 204**

**INTROIT: PSALM 81:8, 10-11, 13; ANTIPHON: LUKE 3:4b**

**A** The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

**A** Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

**C** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

**A** But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

**C** Oh, that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**A** The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

**KYRIE (SUNG)**

**LSB 204**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (OMITTED DURING ADVENT)**

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: MALACHI 3:1-7b**

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL: ZECHARIAH 9:9: PSALM 118:26**

**C** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 1:2-11**

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE: LUKE 3:4b**

**A** Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE (SUNG)**

**LSB 205**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**NICENE CREED**

**LSB 206**

**CHILDREN’S LESSON (SUNDAY ONLY)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 344 - “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

**SERMON: “JOHN THE BAPTIST OR EBENEZER SCROOGE?”, LUKE 3:1-14**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LSB 207**

**A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**OFFERING**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 208**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN: LSB 350 - “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”**

**HYMN: LSB 352 - “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”**