

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER (CAP)

A Daily Devotion and Prayer guide for individuals and families

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: DECEMBER 16-22

(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 32:1-20; Rev. 4:1-11

Monday: Isaiah 33:1-24; Rev. 5:1-14

Tuesday: Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10 (Micah 1:1-7:20); Rev. 6:1-17

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:1-17; Rev. 7:1-17

Thursday: Isaiah 40:18-41:10; Rev. 8:1-13

Friday: Isaiah 42:1-25; Rev. 9:1-12

Saturday: Isaiah 43:1-24; Rev. 9:13-10:11

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: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" (LSB 345)

NEXT WEEK: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48-49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to "shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD." He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father's will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39-45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DIVINE SERVICE 4/H.C.

DECEMBER 15/16, 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

BAPTISM HYMN: LSB 594 - "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It", 5:30 pm

OPENING HYMN: LSB 349 - "Hark the Glad Sound", 8 am & 10:45 am

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 204

INTROIT: PSALM 146:5-8; ANTIPHON: PHIL. 4:4

L Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

who executes justice for | the oppressed,*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

G **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.**

L Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

KYRIE (SUNG)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (OMITTED DURING ADVENT)

LSB 204

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: ZECHARIAH 9:9; PSALM 118:26

L 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 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE: MATTHEW 11:10b

A Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (SUNG)

LSB 205

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 7:18-28

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are

you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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LSB 206

CHILDREN'S LESSON (SUNDAY ONLY)

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 345 - "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

SERMON: "JOYOUS ADVENT REASSURANCE", LUKE 7:18-28

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 637 - "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Comfort, Comfort", 10:45 am

HYMN: LSB 636 - "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 211

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 212

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

LSB 212

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 809 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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