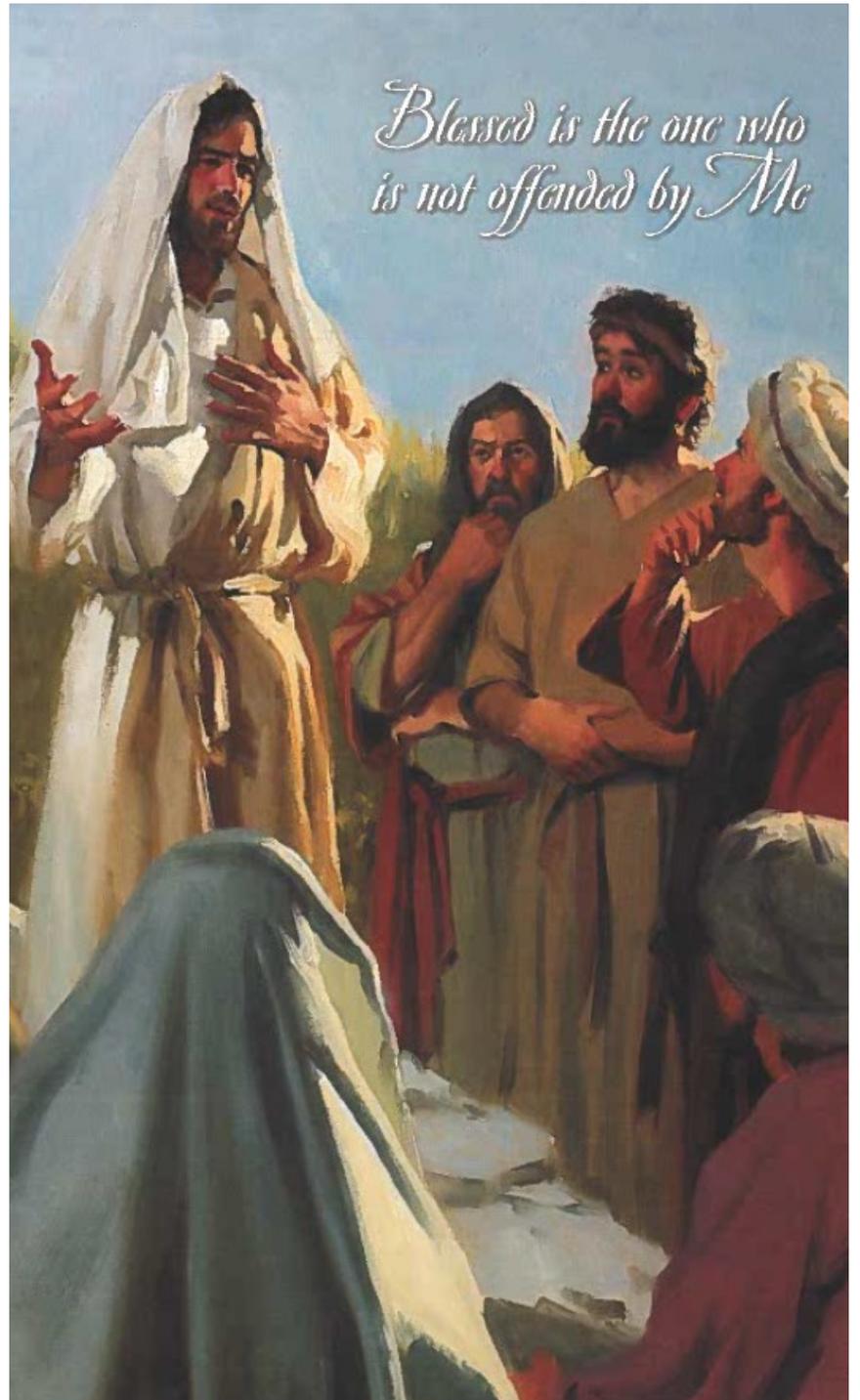


*Blessed is the one who
is not offended by Me*



Third Sunday In Advent

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December 12, 2021 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy. Please take time to sign the worship attendance cards and they will be collected during the children's message.

In Our Prayers: Jason Hoke, Nathan & Mary Whitehead, Jim Keithahn

Coping With Cancer: Wanda Douglas, Jennifer Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crisinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Perry Caven, Harv Baird, Michele Thiesse, Marty Bremer

Care List: Miss Murphy, Tammy Kuehl, Tim Brammeier, Barb Mustard, Taylor Antony, Crue Crosby, Carol Janssen, Roberta Garbers, Robert Ziemer, Marilyn Pierson, Lorraine Gagnon, Dennis Cook, Kurt Jans, La-Verna Diekmann, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Marcella Brolsma, Kay Groth, Garland Hendricksen, Dan Janssen, Sandi Claussen, Darvin Mischke, and those we name in our hearts.

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Marvin Garbers, Andy Nolte, Gordy Preuss, Renee Amborn, Mary Swanson, Kari Brolsma, Mitchell Wallerstedt, Gabriella Anderson, Braelynn Sparks, Skyler Kennedy, Myrna Peters, Charlie Reigel, Sierra Williamson, Kyle Steffen, Arron Hecker

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Vern & Mary Swanson

Offering Envelopes: If you would like to have an offering envelope for 2022 please stop by the church office.

It was decided by the Board of Stewardship to change the design of the offering envelopes which will help on the cost and the disposing of unused envelopes. The new boxes have no numbers or dates on them; therefore can be used any year. In order for your donation to get posted to your offering record please **make sure you put your name on the envelope** . One box per family please. Thank you.

Thank you: The youth and parents thank who supported the youth by attending their pancake breakfast last Sunday.

Bible Classes will be held during the Sunday school hour. Adult Bible class meets downstairs and SALT meets in the fire-side room.

Bible Stories 101 lesson for the week: The story of Mary & Joseph and The Miracles of Christmas: Luke 2



Take My Moments and My Days

Monday, December 13: 10:00 a.m. Temp Ridge Service

Wednesday, December 15: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation, 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Program, 6:45 p.m. Supper, Choir

Thursday, December 16: Circuit Pastors' Meeting—Here at St. John's

Sunday, December 19: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

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Divine Setting One

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle—Joy

P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

C We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

C Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and Life.

P Until that day, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(The first, second, and third Advent candles are lit. The third candle may be colored pink—a color frequently specified for this day of rejoicing.)

Hymn of Invocation "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803 vs 1-3

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit *Psalms 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

P Rejoice in the Lord always;

C **again I will say, Rejoice.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

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

C **who keeps faith forever;**

P who executes justice for the oppressed,

C **who gives food to the hungry.**

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

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

ALL: 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.

P Rejoice in the Lord always;

C **again I will say, Rejoice.**

Kyrie *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Poinsettias: Help decorate our church with poinsettias for Christmas Eve. We are taking orders now and a sign up sheet is in the front entry. Cost is \$20.00. If you are giving them in memory of a loved one please let us know so that it gets included in the Christmas bulletins.

Sunday School Christmas Program—Wednesday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. A soup and sandwich supper fundraiser will be served following this program.

Soup and Sandwich Supper: The youth invite you to this fund raiser supper on Wednesday the 15th after the Christmas program.

Choir will practice on Wednesday after the soup and sandwich supper.

Volunteers to help with Christmas Eve service are needed: Any youth or adults that are willing to be a part of our Christmas Eve Nativity at the 5:00 service please contact us at the church office. Several volunteers are needed !

Sr. High Youth FFF is scheduled for Wednesday, December 22 @ 6:00 p.m. here at the church. For a fun event we are going to decorate Christmas cookies! Please make plans to attend.

Envelope Fund Raiser: The Sr. High Youth are busy with raising money for the National Youth Gathering that is held in July. Please consider taking one of the envelopes to help fund this trip. You can leave a donation in the envelope and drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your support.

Giving Tree: The MCW Elementary is in need of waterproof mittens and gloves and dark sweat pants sizes 4T to 10. Items can be left at the church through the month of December.

Mission Central: We will be taking bus trip to Mission Central on December 28. Bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. and plan to return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the front entry. Seats are limited to 54 people.

en and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Sit

Hymn of the Day "When All the World Was Cursed" LSB 346 vs 1-4

Sermon Message "Not According To My Plan"

Offering

Offertory Hymn "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" LSB 345 vs 1-5

Prayer of the Church

Stand

Lord's Prayer

Benediction LSB 166

P 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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" LSB 367 vs 1-5

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P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

Sit

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.

Psalm Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 2

P LORD, you were favorable to your land;

C you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P You forgave the iniquity of your people;

C you covered all their sin.

P You withdrew all your wrath;

C **you turned from your hot anger.**

P Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

C **and put away your indignation toward us!**

P Will you be angry with us forever?

C **Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

P Will you not revive us again,

C **that your people may rejoice in you?**

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C **and grant us your salvation.**

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C **for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C **that glory may dwell in our land.**

P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

C **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

C **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

C **and our land will yield its increase.**

P Righteousness will go before him

C **and make his footsteps a way.**

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.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Luke 7:18–28

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

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

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.**

The Second Article *Redemption*

ALL: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heav-