

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Gaudete

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Opening Hymn *“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”*

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ INTROIT +

Psalm 85: 1-2, 6, 8

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

Cong.: again I will say, Rejoice.

Pastor: Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

Cong.: The Lord is at hand.

Pastor: LORD, you were favorable to your land;

Cong.: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of your people;

Cong.: you covered all their sin.

Pastor: Will you not revive us again,

Cong.: that your people may rejoice in you?

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

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

+ KYRIE +

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: Amen.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE +

“Gloria in Excelsis”

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Cong.: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40: 1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*" ⁴ *Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.* ⁵ *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*" ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "*What shall I cry?*" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. The Greatness of God ⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "*Behold your God!*" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia

+ HOLY GOSPEL +

Matthew 11: 2-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”*

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SERMON

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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 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

CREATE IN ME

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (spoken)

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**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**

COLLECT

P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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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.

CLOSING HYMN

“ Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise ”

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Rev. Patrick Poock

Organist: Bill Vlasak

THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Sunday, December 12

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Divine Service

Coffee Fellowship after Divine Service

12:00 Youth Catechism

Monday, December 13

2:00 pm Movie Matinee

6:30 pm GriefShare

Tuesday, December 14

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 15

3:30 pm Bible Study

5:00 pm Advent Service

6:15 pm Light Advent Meal

7:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 16

6:00 pm Bell Practice

Saturday, December 18

11:00 am Choir Practice

LOOKING AHEAD

December 19 - New Member Confirmation

February 21 - March 2, 2022 - Holy Land Tour

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vicki Costello 14th

Justin Benson 15th

Matthias Rabe 15th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roger & Chris Melchior 14th (47 years)

For information regarding church events,
please read the monthly newsletter in the
baskets at each door or the weekly message
which is e-mailed every week.