

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.

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “*Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?*” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “*Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.*” ⁷As they went away, 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.* 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

Happy Birthday

Kris Porth 11th
Vicki Costello 14th
Audrey Krieg 14th
Justin Benson 15th

Happy Anniversary

Roger & Chris Melchior 14th (48 years)
Jim & Jerry Jones 17th (39 years)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, December 11

9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am One Divine Service
Annual Voters Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 14

5:00 pm Advent Service
6:15 pm Light Meal

Thursday, December 15

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Friday, December 16

7:00 pm Lighthouse Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, December 18: New Members Recognized

Saturday, December 24: 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of our Lord/Christmas Day Once Divine Service @ 10:30 am