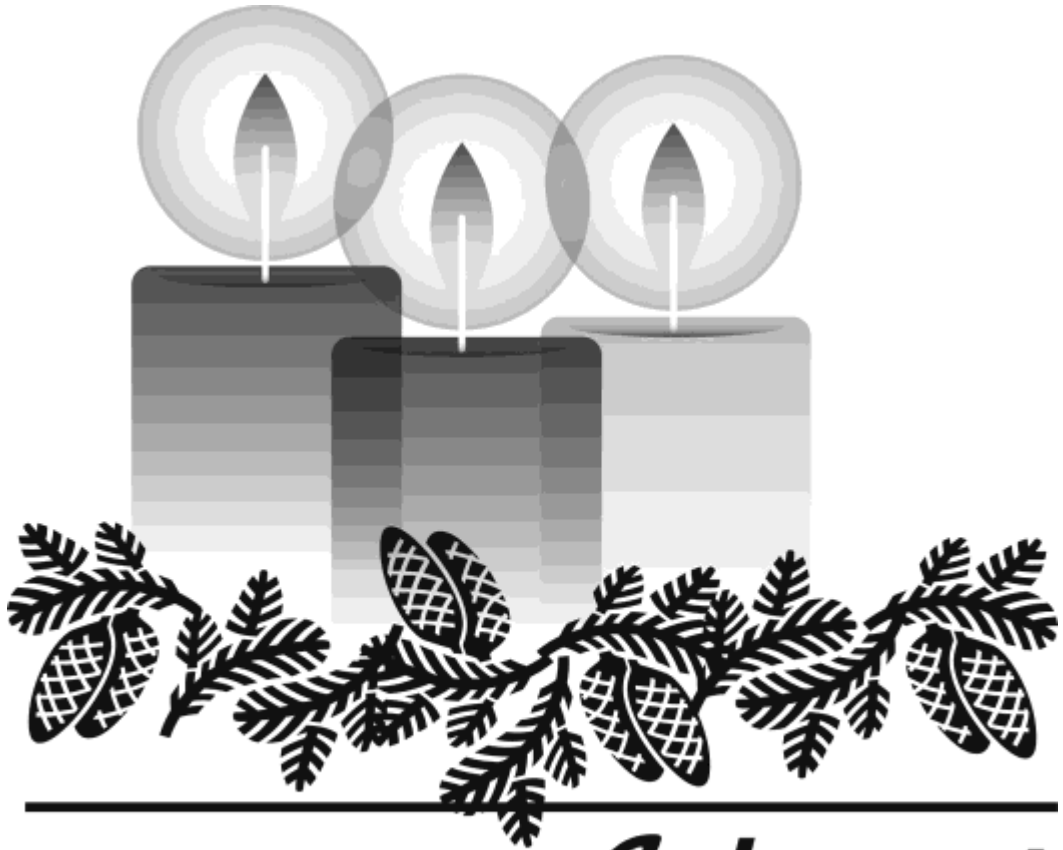


Thursday, December 12, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm  
Sunday, December 15, 2024 ~ 8:00 am



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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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## WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS

With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us!

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Visitors and members, please complete the information cards found in the pew pocket and place them in an offering plate near the entrance to the sanctuary after worship. Thank you.

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### **(8:00 AM) Preservice Handbell Anthem**

**Hymn      Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**LSB 341**

*(Stand)*

### **Invocation**

*(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.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless**

**mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

### † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

**Introit**

*Psalm 146:5–8, Philippians 4:4*

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

**G Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

**G who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.**

**P** 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.**

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

## Kyrie

DS3, LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## 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)*

## Psalm

*Psalm 85*

**P** LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**C** **You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.**

**P** You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**C** **Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

**P** Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**C** **Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

**P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

**C** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
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,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**C** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**C** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**P** Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps away.

**(8:00 AM) Anthem "O Jesus, Bless Us"**

*O Jesus, bless us with your coming Descend to live within our soul*

*Your precious care and full compassion For humankind to make us whole.*

*O priceless gift, Our Father's off'ring: True God, true man, and Prince of Peace.*

*O holy jewel, beauty gleaming, Bright rainbow beams, our hearts to please.*

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*O Jesus, life and hope and savor of souls distressed o'er sins disgrace,*

*Make bright the hearts that long for mercy, Contentment for a restless race!*

*O priceless gift, Our Father's off'ring: True God, true man, and Prince of Peace.*

*O holy jewel, beauty gleaming, Bright rainbow beams, our hearts to please.*

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**Old Testament Reading**

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

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

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

The 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.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
"Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.  
The 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.  
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.  
Behold, 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.  
At 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.**

## **Epistle Reading**

*Philippians 4:4–7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And 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

*DS3, LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:18–35*

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

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

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling 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?" And 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?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And 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. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

When 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? What 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. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

I 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." (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

"To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

"'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

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

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

*(Sit)*

**Hymn            Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

**LSB 352**

**Sermon**

*(Stand)*

**Apostles' Creed**

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

*(Following each petition, congregation responds "hear our prayer")*

### **Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord**

*(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory Hymn)*

#### **Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, our dwelling place and our peace, You have compassion on our weakness. Put far from us all worry and fearfulness that, having confessed our sins and commending ourselves to Your gracious mercy, we may, when night shall come, commit ourselves, our work, and all we love into Your keeping, receiving from You the gift of quiet sleep; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**G** **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.**

### **(Thursday) Luther's Evening Prayer**

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **(Sunday) Luther's Morning Prayer**

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **Benedicamus**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

- 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.**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

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**Choirs** (8:00 AM) Adult Choir & Handbell Choir

**Lay Readers:** (8:00 AM) Carla Herried

**Elders:** (8:00 AM) Jim Burow

**Ushers:** (8:00 AM) Team 1 – Saeger Team

**Acolyte:** (8:00 AM) Owen Radcliffe