



# Third Sunday *of* Advent

**Gaudete!**

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## Welcome!

We WELCOME you to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We believe that by the Grace of God, through Faith, we have been saved. *“Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”* Rom 10:17 We are happy to have you join us in hearing His message.

Guests are encouraged to sign the guest book (near the church entrance).

Please speak with one of the elders or ushers if you should have any questions.

## Communion Practice

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and wine we also truly receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God’s Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices “close communion.” All who are presently confirmed members in a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other guests are warmly invited to visit with us about how we may commune together in the future.

Adult information classes, which serve as preparation for Holy Communion, are offered upon request, and can be arranged to accommodate your schedule.

For further study, please see Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-29.





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Divine Service, Setting Three

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Announcements and Prayer

Prelude      *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*      Choir

## Confession and Absolution

*Please stand.*

Opening Hymn    LSB 348      The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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

**C** Amen.

**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.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4–5*



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

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone. \*  
The Lord | is at hand.

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

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

**Will you not revive | us again, \*  
that your people may re- | jice in you?**

**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.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone. \*  
The Lord | is at hand.

## Kyrie



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 with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Isaiah 45:8a*

**“Shower, O heavens, from above,  
and let the clouds rain down righteousness;**

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 4:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2-10*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



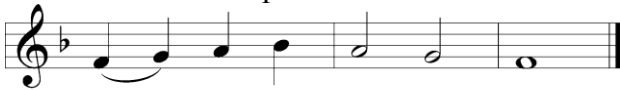
☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the 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. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As 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? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles’ Creed

☐ 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.

*Please be seated.*

Office Hymn      LSB 345      Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Sermon      *Pastor Golden*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand.*

### Offertory

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

*Please stand.*

## Prayer of the Church

*following each petition:*

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

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, consisting of three staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, slow-moving line. The lyrics are: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

*Please be seated.*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn      LSB 352      Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

*Please stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

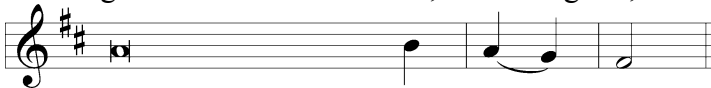
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

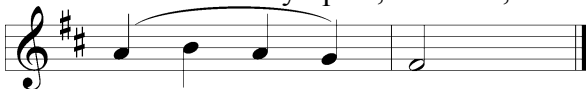
**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



© A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing LSB 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring**

**Postlude**

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**Altar Guild:** Laura Greathouse, Charlene Welker; **Organist:** Paula Engelhardt

## Happening this week.....

TODAY	9:00a.m.	Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Divine Service
	After service	Christmas Dinner & Sunday School Program
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Advent Matins Service
	10:00 am.	Mid-week Bible study
	5:00 p.m.	Advent Dinner
	5:45 p.m.	Handbell rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Advent service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study/ Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Divine Service
	After service	Choir rehearsal