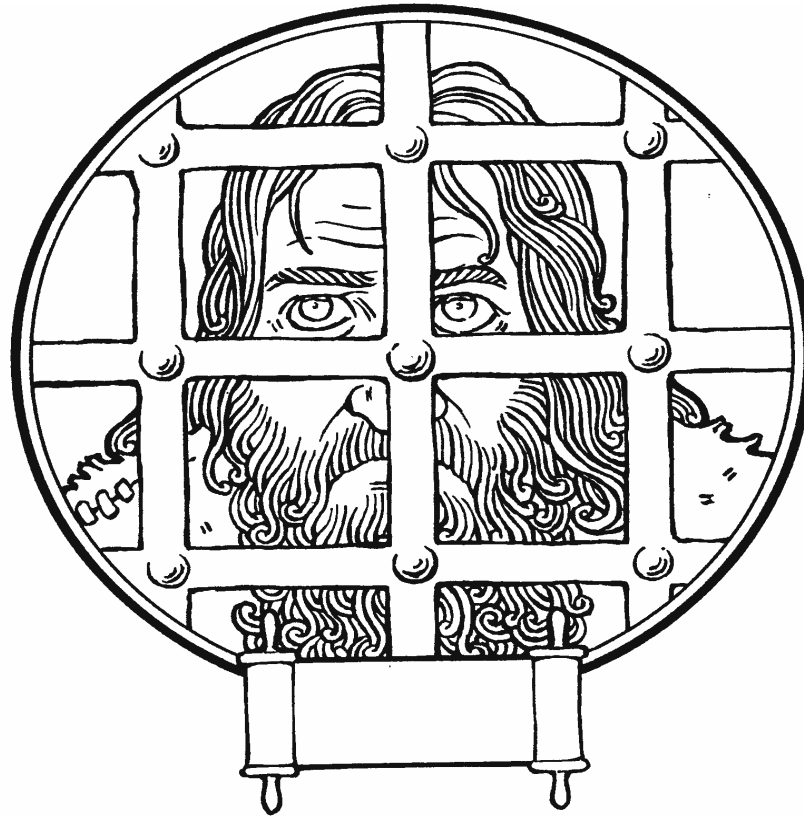


# Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete

## "The Sunday of John's Question"

### "The Lord Has Come"



"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them."

Matthew 11:4-5

### Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

**The Lord's Supper is offered** every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. **Members of sister congregations** of the

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask **visitors who are not members of the LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

### **Those Serving Us**

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Daniel Frank, Barbara Klinge

Violinist: Clara Klinge

Kantors: Bambi Heckerman (8:00a.m.) Julie Moreno (10:45a.m.)

### **The Word In Music**

Prelude: “The Messiah Medley” – arr. Anne Britt

Offering: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” arr. Phillip Magness

Distribution: “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice” – arr. Elizabeth Grimpo (8:00am);

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” – LSB 334

Postlude: “Hark the Glad Sound” arr. Mark Bender

Kantor’s Notes: Today’s gradual is drawn from the choral section of “O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion” from Georg Friedric Handel’s *Messiah*. Born in 1685, Handel was a contemporary of J.S. Bach and grew up in Germany before settling in England in 1712. The oratorio *Messiah* (composed in 1741) tells of the life of Christ in three parts, beginning with the prophesies and angelic announcement of His birth, continuing with His passion, and ending with His glorification. One of the most famous pieces in western choral music, Handel’s oratorio continues to proclaim Christ to many hearers around the world. Today’s prelude is an arrangement of portions of the Messiah, as is the postlude in this afternoon’s Advent Lessons and Carols Service.

**Hymn of the Season:** “Prepare the Royal Highway” (LSB 343)

([www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns](http://www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns))

## Divine Service Setting 3

### Prelude:

### 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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*Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

*LSB 184*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

**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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

- 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.**

## Absolution

- 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.**

## 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**

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** 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**

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

<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.

<sup>9</sup>Get you 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!”

<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual “O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”

*G.F. Handel (Isaiah 40:9; 60:1b)*

*O thou that tellest good tiding to Zion, Arise, shine, for thy light is come, Arise, arise, Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord The glory of the Lord is risen, Is risen Upon thee, Is risen, Is risen upon thee. The glory, The glory, The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

## 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.

*Stand*

## Verse

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

**A** Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;\* incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2–11*

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

**C** Glory 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.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly, 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.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

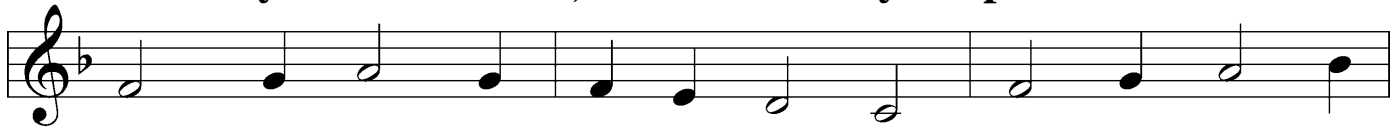


**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

# Hymn of the Day 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



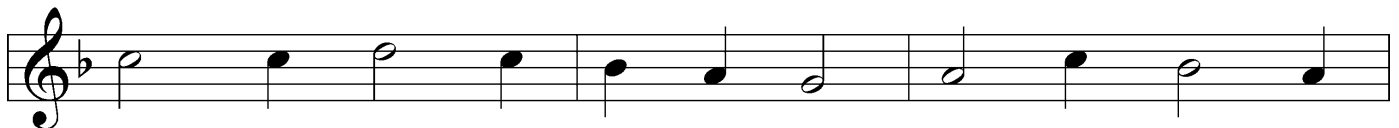
1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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**Sermon**

**"Speak Tenderly to Jerusalem"**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

*We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

## **Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

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

## **Proper Preface**

## **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

LSB 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

# Distribution

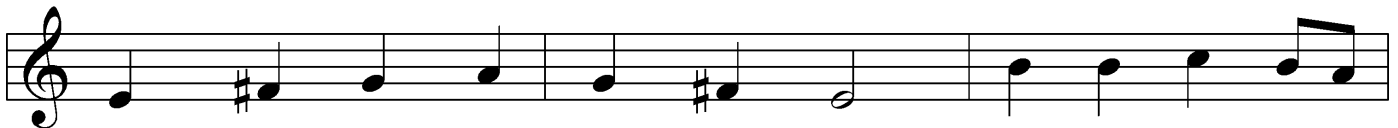
## Distribution Hymn 1: 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,

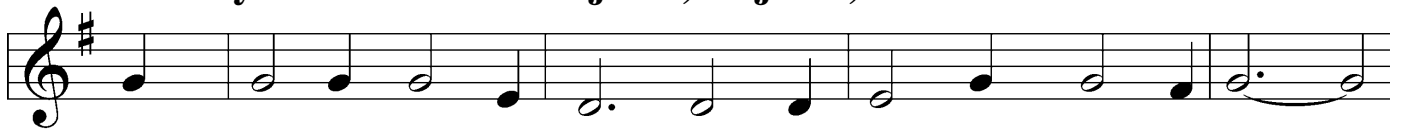


Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!

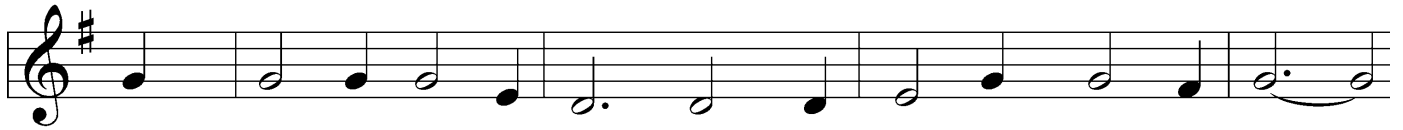


Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

## Distribution Hymn 2: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.

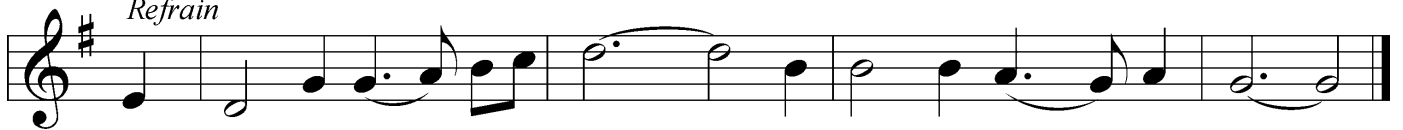


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

### Distribution Hymn 3: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

## Distribution Hymn 4: 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
 Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.



## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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** Amen.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**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.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Hymn to Depart 349 Hark the Glad Sound



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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### Postlude:

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### Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
	4:00 p.m.	Advent Lessons and Carols with Chili Supper
Wednesday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Congregational Caroling Event
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

## The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: *Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Miles Maurice (grandson of Joel & Paulette Maurice), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony and Shirley Gust), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Arla Mae Ebers (mother of Julie Moreno), Bill Kruse and family (at the death of his brother) Allen and Marcia Timm, and all our shut ins.*

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

## News and Notes

**Advent Lessons and Carols this** afternoon join us at 4 p.m. for a special Advent Lessons and Carols service followed by a congregational chili supper!

**You're Invited!** The Christmas Trees Scavenger Hunt will be held today at the Burris residence. All proceeds will go to Midlands Animal Shelter. Talk to Julia or Dale for more information.

**Christmas Caroling** – Our last Christ Academy of the year is on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will devote that time to a congregational Christmas Caroling event to see our shut-ins and others. No Advent service that night. Come one come all!

**New Nursery/Toddler Class** – Special thanks to **Taylor Tague** for volunteering to lead our Nursery/Toddler class during Sunday School. If interested, please join them today!

**Sing-Along** Join Dr. Christensen and friends for the Christmas Sing-Along on Thursday December 17, at 3:00p.m. We'll meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of FoxRun Assisted Living (3121 Macineery Dr.) for lots of fun and treats!

**Recipe!** Did you bring the pumpkin dessert to the Thanksgiving potluck? It had a nut crust and whipped cream topping in a glass pan. If you did, Lois Hanusa (712-325-4378) really wants the recipe!

December service schedule:

**Service of Advent Lessons and Carols** today, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

**Service of Light, Christmas Eve**, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Divine Worship Service, Christmas morning** December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**Divine Worship Service December 29<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am and 10:45; Sunday

School/Adult Bible Class 9:30am

**Divine Worship Service New Year's Eve**, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

## Catechism

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*The First Petition:* Hallowed by Thy name.

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

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