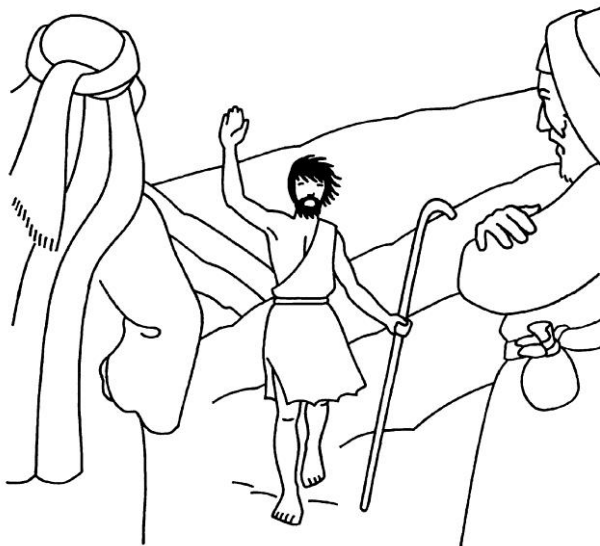


Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service



*Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there
has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist.*

Matthew 11:11

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** Please turn off cellphones**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Divine Service – Setting Two

December 11, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

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

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Opening Hymn

LSB 348 sts. 1-5

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Stand

+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167

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 self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)

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.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes. *LSB 293*

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Almighty God in His *LSB 167*
mercy has given His Son
to die for you and for His sake forgives you
all your sins. As a called and ordained
servant of Christ, and by His authority, I
therefore 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 + *LSB 168*

Psalm 146

P Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

C I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

P Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

C When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

P Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

C He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them - he remains faithful forever.

P He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

C The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,

P the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

C The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

P The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations..

P C 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 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Kyrie

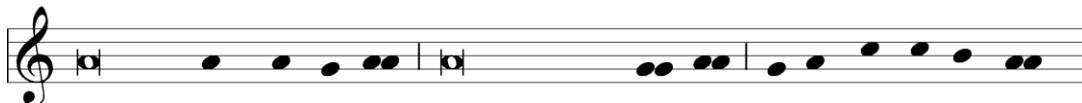
LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



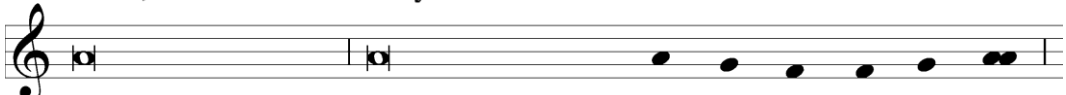
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



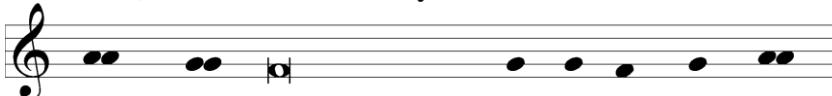
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

(During Advent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted)

THE THIRD CANDLE: THE SHEPHERDS' CANDLE (Behold) [pink]

P As we light the shepherds' candle on our Advent wreath, we recall the shepherds outside Bethlehem who were told by the angel:

“Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” about the news of Jesus’ birth and came to worship Him. Remembering their joy and witness, we pray.

☐ Merciful Father, as shepherds of old, may we behold once again the good news that the Savior has come. Then send us abroad to share the news with others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 172*

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And also with you.

☐ Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we long for You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious presence;

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

35 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. 3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4 say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.

9 No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, 10 and those the Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Zech 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

A C Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Second Reading

James 5:7-11

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 511 sts. 1-4

“Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
des - ert For the one who brings God near.
chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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Stand

Alleluia

LSB 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.'.

2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

4 Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

7 As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you.”
 11 Truly I tell you, among those born of
 women there has not risen anyone greater
 than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in
 the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

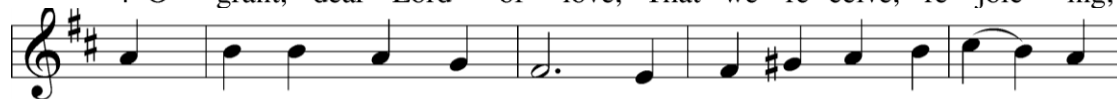
Hymn of the Day

LSB 346 sts. 1-4

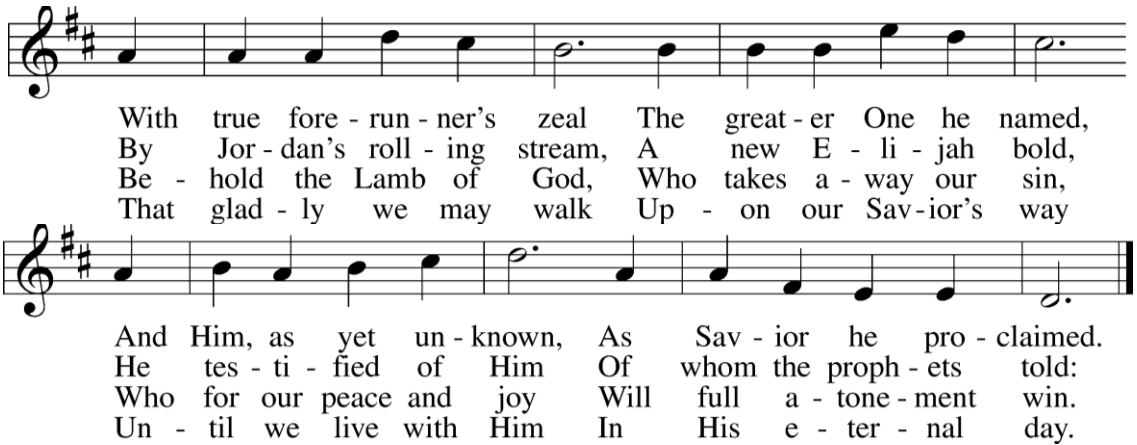
“When All the World Was Cursed”



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses’ con-dem-na - tion,
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world’s trans-gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il’s dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way

And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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Sermon

“The Greatest of All” Pastor Tom Rhodes

Stand

Apostle's Creed

LSB 175

**☐ ☑ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

P Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon all of us and upon all people as they have need.

Brief silence

P For joy in the Lord, that we may be sustained by the word of the herald Saint John pointing us to Jesus in the time of waiting for Christ's will and purpose to unfold in these latter days and for hope that endures the changes and chances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hearts that trust in the Lord at all times; for courage to confront our doubts and fears with the Word of the Lord; and for strength to fulfill our vocations of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our bold confession of Christ in a world unfriendly to the Gospel, for compassion and kindness in words and works that we may not distract from the Gospel or become impediments to its proclamation, and for those on mission fields far and near, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the world and those entrusted with positions of leadership in government, for the service men and women who defend us against the enemies of our nation, and for those who enact and enforce the laws which protect us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the agencies of the church through which we care for the poor and hungry, the widow and orphan, the aged and infirm, those suffering mental illness, and the sick and those suffering afflictions of mind and body, especially those on our prayer list and cards, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the dying, that they may receive care; for the grieving, that they may be comforted; for those who care for the dying and those who mourn, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For thankful hearts, that we may remember those who persevered in faith and now rest in Christ from their labors; for humility, that we learn from them and so be faithful in our day; and for the Lord to hasten the day when Christ shall come again, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O blessed Lord, we are not worthy of Your grace and favor, and yet You continue to lavish upon us the riches of Your mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to supply all that we need for this body and this life, until that day when Christ comes again to bring us into Your eternal presence to praise Your goodness forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit.

(This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176*



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 349 sts. 1-4

“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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