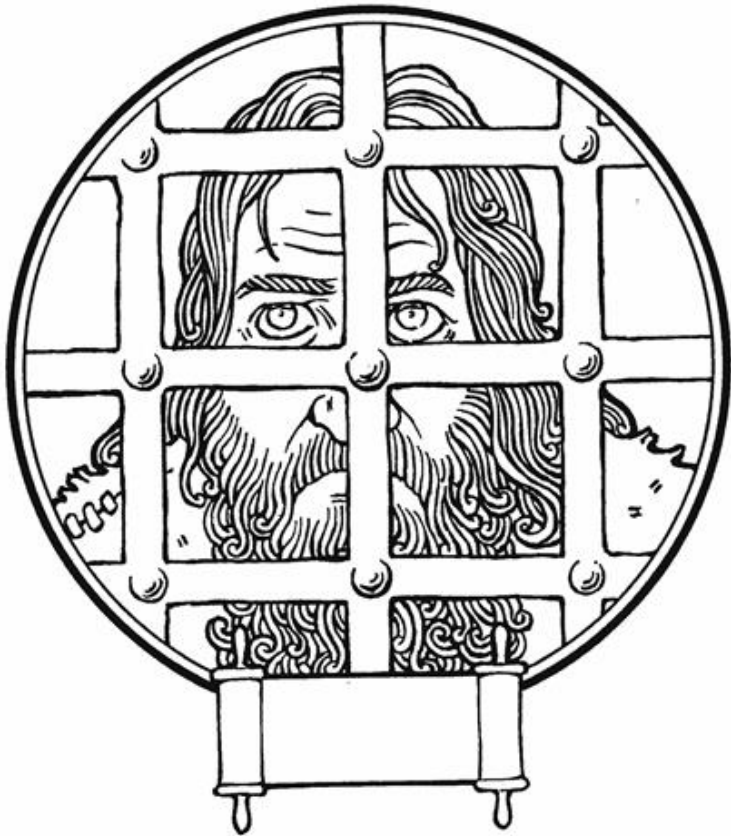


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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Third Sunday in Advent

Gaudete

December 11, 2016

Divine Service III

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew.
Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pastor Roemke

Elder: Brent Jiter

Ushers: Tyler Nehls & Mike Snodgrass

Greeters: Sandra Babel & Gail Kulbacki

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Doris Colombe

Cake: Today's cake is in honor of Andy Ewert, who is graduating from Carthage.

Stand

Invocation

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

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Phil. 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- | joice 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-I

LSB 943

Sung three times.



Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e-le - i - son.


Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak 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.

³A voice cries:

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

⁴Every 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.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

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

⁶A 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.

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 80:1–2



You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.*

Stir up your might and come to | save us!

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*

you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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A Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–10

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²When 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. ⁶ And 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? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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Sermon

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Sit

Offering

A Voice Cries Out

MLC Choir

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Andy Warren, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, Richard Cleereman, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Vescova, Carol Hernandez, Jason Stephans, Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Betty Nemeth (Mary Jo Jiter's sister), Gloria Pipkorn (recovering from a fall), Lorraine Swift (starting chemo), Roger Jeschke (recovering from surgery), and Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016+

- ✘ **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER MIDWEEK SERVICES** continue this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We will have a potluck meal before the service starting at 5:30. Each week has a different theme. This week's theme is Asian. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway.

- ✘ **VOTERS' MEETING:** Our annual voters' meeting to approve next year's budget will be held today immediately following the service. Please attend if you can.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY:** If you volunteered to purchase a gift for a needy family, please return the wrapped gift to church no later than Thursday, December 15th.
- ✘ **MEETINGS:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet at 6:00 pm this Thursday, December 15th. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same evening at 7:15 pm.
- ✘ **CONFESSIONS STUDY** will resume this Saturday, December 17th. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **AMAZON SMILE:** If you are planning to do any Christmas shopping on Amazon this year, be sure to sign up for Amazon Smile and a percentage of all your purchases will go to Messiah. Complete instructions can be found at the bottom of our email newsletters. Please see Lesa if you need help getting started or have questions about Amazon Smile.
- ✘ **LWML** is collecting both adult and children's pain meds for the Attic Ministries Workshop. A basket for collection is provided in the narthex. (Bottles may not be opened.)

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 12/4-12/10:	\$3,336
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-248
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+13,443

ATTENDANCE 12/4: 144

Communed: 125

BIRTHDAYS

12/14 John Hernandez
 12/17 Kelvin Nelson
 Tamara Weathersby

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/11 Bill Kroll
 12/14 Liam Pelas
 12/15 Pastor Grenyo
 12/16 Andrew Gerlach
 12/17 Bev Murakami
 Matthew Grenyo