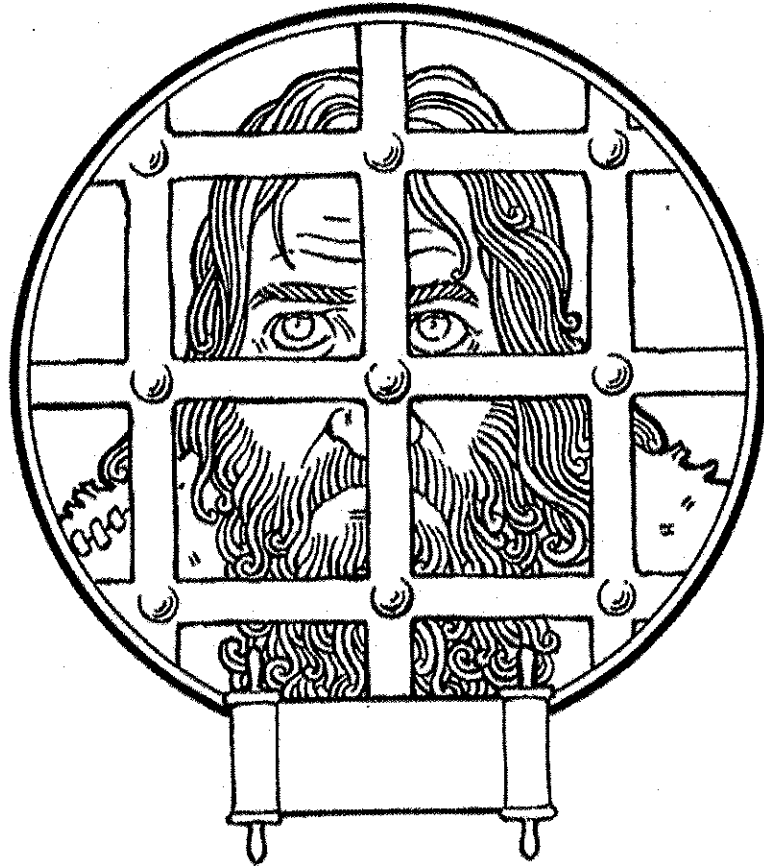


Third Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting 3

December 13th
8:00am and 10:30am



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2020 Theme: All In – Being Present in an Age of Distraction

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: “*Prepare the way of the Lord . . .*” (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for “*all flesh is grass*” (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, “*Are you the one who is to come . . . ?*” (Matt. 11:2). Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The “*stewards of the mysteries of God*” (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mourning + Family of Elizabeth Scott + Family of Mary Black
Expectant Mother + Alicia Krueger + Dawn Gaunt
Health Issues + Kay Krueger + Gary Ockinga + Jeanne Buck + Marvin Hesterman + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons
Military + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

Birthdays 12/13 Sharae Henderson, Mike Johnson 12/14 Carolyn McClure 12/16 Brooklyn Boutin, Susan Fullerton 12/17 Mary Wolzen 12/19 Roger Buck
Baptisms 12/13 June Rose 12/14 Kay Krueger 12/15 Elijah Russell 12/17 Adalynn Swier 12/18 Grace Gnagy

**Readings for Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-19,
Philippians 4:4-7, John 1:19-28**

What to listen for during the service?

Listen in the service today for things that point you to Christ and tell you about Christ. What do you hear and what gifts has Christ given to you in the service?

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

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.

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 (Ps. 80:1,3,14,17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b, 30:30,29)



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

**C: Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*
The Lord | is at hand.
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.**

GLORIA PATRI

**C: 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.**

KYRIE

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

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.

(Please 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Ps. 50:2-3a, 5)

**C: 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

L: Stir | up your might*

and come to | save us. .

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-10

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

C: Glory 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. ⁶And 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This 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.**

NICENE CREED

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.

(Please sit)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!”

- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!

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SERMON

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

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY

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.**

(Please sit as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion)

8:00 a.m. Rite of First Communion: Merrick X. Russell
(Insert)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven 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

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

(Please sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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- 1 The night will soon be ending;
The dawn cannot be far.
Let songs of praise ascending
Now greet the Morning Star!
All you whom darkness frightens
With guilt or grief or pain,
God's radiant Star now brightens
And bids you sing again.
- 2 The One whom angels tended
Comes near, a child, to serve;
Thus God, the judge offended,
Bears all our sins deserve.
The guilty need not cower,
For God has reconciled
Through His redemptive power
All those who trust this child.
- 3 The earth in sure rotation
Will soon bring morning bright,
So run where God's salvation
Glow in a stable's light.
As old as sin's perversion
Is mercy's vast design:
God brings a new creation—
This child its seal and sign.
- 4 Yet nights will bring their sadness
And rob our hearts of peace,
And sin in all its madness
Around us may increase.
But now one Star is beaming
Whose rays have pierced the night:
God comes for our redeeming
From sin's oppressive might.
- 5 God dwells with us in darkness
And makes the night as day;
Yet we resist the brightness
And turn from God away.
But grace does not forsake us,
However far we run.
God claims us still as children
Through Mary's infant Son.

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After all have communed

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart in ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

**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

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

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,
who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the
flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us
pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to
forsake Your Children but always to rule our hearts and minds
by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to
serve You; 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 AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

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.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

- 1 When all the world was cursed
By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal
The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
- 2 Before he yet was born,
He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord
Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream,
A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

In order to assist with social distancing an usher will dismiss by rows. Please take your bulletin with you or throw it away (no return bulletins).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00a.m. Worship Service and 10:30a.m. Worship
9:30a.m. No Bible Study at this time

Tuesday Morning Prayer Service and Bible Study cancelled.

All members are invited to join the circuit pastors for worship on Thursday Dec. 17th @ 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School Lessons for Students

We encourage parents and their children (students) to continue with Sunday School lesson learning. Packets of lessons will be sent home. You can access a family discussion with a video presentation in Peace's Facebook Group. Questions contact the Church Office at 402-462-9023.

Unable To Attend Church our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 8 am on our website, or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. They are also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 am on Sundays.

Christmas Eve Sign-up We will be offering three services on Christmas Eve - 6 p.m. (live stream) Filled, Open - 8 pm and 10 pm. PLEASE NOTE, all services will be the same service with Communion and Christmas Carols.

(Due to the coronavirus we are not having a children's program this year.) Because there are restrictions on how many we can seat in the church, we are asking members to sign up for the church service they will be attending. (Also remember that there is a Christmas Day Divine Service at 9 am. also on live stream.)

If you have not received this email with the links please call the church office by Monday, December 14th last day to sign-up for either the eight and ten p.m. service.

Portals of Prayer Jan. – Mar. & Higher Things Devotions - available in the Narthex, copies November 28 - December 23, 2020.

Lifequote: “Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you.” *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

A Daily, 15-Minute, Verse-by-Verse Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on The Rich Young Man, Laborers in the Vineyard, Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time and A Mother's Request. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Enduring Faith Catechism Lesson

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.