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*Third Sunday
In Advent*



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Pastor:

Richard Willsea

Deaconess:

Karen Suter

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 13, 2020

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

Variations on "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
"The Advent of Our King"

arr. L. Smith
setting: G. Brandon

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

LSB 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

INVOCATION

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

G Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Behold, the true light has come into the world. Let us enter into His presence, confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.

C Lord God, our heavenly Father, hear us as we confess the darkness of our waywardness and sin, especially our reluctance or refusal to rejoice, pray, or give thanks amid the troubles we have brought upon ourselves. Make us truly repentant, that we may receive the holiness of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

P The true light has come. To all who receive Him, He makes to be the children of God. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your Church.

“We Light the Advent Candle”

st. 1-3

1 We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God’s favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

2 We light the Advent candle
And thank the Lord for rest.
With peace, we know our Jesus
Has come to be our guest.

This peace beyond all knowing
Within our hearts is glowing.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

3 We light the Advent candle
And sing with cheerful heart.
With joy, we spread the message—
A blessing to impart.
Our joy is never ending;
The Son to us is sending.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

BAPTISM OF SEBASTIAN GROTHEER, 11:00 service only, please refer to insert

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT, *Sung in Unison*

Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7



Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

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.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

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.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

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.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



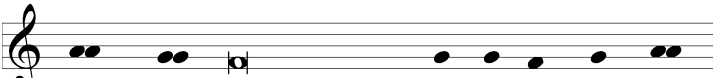
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G A - men.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

G Amen.

*11:00 Service, please return to bulletin here

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM, Spoken in Unison

Psalm 126

**¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,*
we were like | those who dream.**

**²Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,*
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,**

“The LORD has done great | things for them.”*

³The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

**⁴Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,*
like streams in the | Negeb!**

**⁵Those who | sow in tears*
shall reap with | shouts of joy!**

**⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for | sowing,*
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his | sheaves with him.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Matthew 11:10b

P Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6–8, 19–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

LSB 345



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!

SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED, (*Friday, Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 services*), *As printed on forwards screens*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God guard and defend us from all temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A For our Synod President, our District President, for all pastors and servants of Christ, that they proclaim with faithfulness and clarity the true light of the Gospel in all they do, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A For all who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are sick, [*especially* . . .], that God grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:

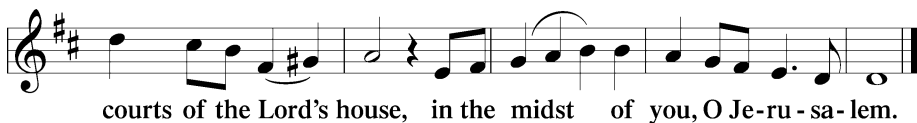
G Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER, (*Friday, Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 services*), *As printed on forwards screens*

Sit

*Stand***OFFERTORY****LSB 176****BENEDICTION**

- 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.

HYMN**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"****LSB 338**

1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*Sit***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL***Deaconess Karen Suter*

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"**

setting: B. Culli

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea

Deaconess: Karen Suter

Organist: Patty Barnes

Violin: Andrew Messersmith

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