

Third Sunday of Advent
Divine Service, Setting Four
December 11, 2022

Regarding the Lord's Supper – *Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

LSB 515

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;

At midnight comes the cry.

2 The watchers on the mountain
 Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
 With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
 The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
 The Bridegroom is at hand.

3 The saints, who here in patience
 Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
 When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
 The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
 Their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
 O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
 We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
 That sets Your people free!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in

remembrance of their baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 203

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

- P** Almighty God in His 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.

INTROIT

Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

- P** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- C** I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.
- P** My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.
- C** With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
- P** O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- C** So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.
- 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** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

KYRIE

LSB 204

- C** Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the

Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–15

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²Now when 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.'

¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

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.

Sit

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

LSB 345

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

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of
Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the**

**Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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.”
- P** 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 209

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

LSB 338

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
 Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us;
 Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
 Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;
 Born a child and yet a king!
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all-sufficient merit
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

LSB 331

1 The advent of our King
 Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing
 In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son
 Incarnate deigns to be,
 Himself a servant's form puts on

To set His servants free.

3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
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.

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SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

LSB 636

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,

Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,

Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**☐ O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**☐ 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.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

HARK THE GLAD SOUND

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,

The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
 The bleeding soul to cure,
 And with the treasures of His grace
 To enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
 Thy welcome shall proclaim,
 And heav'n's eternal arches ring
 With Thy belovèd name.

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POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Christmas Poinsettias – If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas, you can sign-up for a poinsettia. Poinsettias are \$8 each. Sign-up sheets are on the resource table in the back.

Help Wanted! Our Christmas services don't yet have our worship assistants assigned. We are looking to fill these positions for Christmas Eve (both 5p and 7p) and Christmas Day. If you can volunteer to be an usher, acolyte, organist or camera-person, please talk to Charlie Talbott or Pastor Yoakum.

Member Records Information – The green sheet in your bulletin is a member records form to help us update our membership database. Households have changed, children have grown, emails have changed and some have dropped their landlines. Churches also have a long tradition of keeping records of the important faith dates for the membership. We'd like to ask if *every member household* can fill this out to verify correct information.

Advent Wednesday Services – This Advent season, our midweek services will be held at 7pm on Wednesdays. These services are based on the hymn "Once He Came in Blessing" and the theme of the Three Advents of Christ: Once in the Flesh; Continually in His Word; and At the End of the World – all for us!

Christmas Worship Services – Our Christmas services will be as follows:

- Christmas Eve at 5pm and 7pm.

- Christmas Day (with Holy Communion) at 10am

Special Music for Christmas Services – We have some wonderful and talented voices (and maybe musicians, too) in our church family. If you would like to consider offering some special music during our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, please talk to Pastor Yoakum about planning for those services. ***“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!” (Ps. 98:4)***

Memory Verse Challenge of the Week: Jude 24-25 – Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings for December 18th

Isaiah 7:10-17 – The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Romans 1:1-7 – We belong to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25 – Jesus is born.

Prayer List – Phyllis; Marjorie; Walt; Bob; Joanne; Susan; Jerrold; Ruth; Kay; David; Robin; Kim; Kaitland; Robert; Bryant; Elmer; Christine; Brad; Jim and Noah; Mike; Loretta; Peggy; Lois; Christine; Judy; Lisa; Dave; Isabel; Roma and Ron.

Prayer List Updates: If you have requested a name be on the prayer list, please keep Pastor informed of their progress, if their condition has improved, and whether their name should be removed from the prayer list.

UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS ... Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org; Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc; or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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Attendance for the week of 12/4/22

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Serving Today (12/11):

Elder – Dave B.
 Ushers – Rudy K. and Charlie T.
 Organist – Lisa T.
 Greeter – Horn
 Acolyte – Dylan B.
 Altar Guild – Robin F.
 Camera – Angela F.
 Tellers – Angela F. and Jim L.

Serving Next Week (12/18):

Elder – Mike C.
 Usher – Bob B. and Collin B.
 Organist – Beth B.
 Greeter – Kanzinger
 Acolyte – Kara Y.
 Altar Guild – Kathy Y.
 Camera – Beth B.
 Tellers – Tom G. and Melissa S.

Upcoming Calendar

12-11-22	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	11:30am	Youth Confirmation Instruction
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
12-13-22	2pm	Livestreamed BOMBS Bible Study: Ps 27
12-14-22	7pm	Advent Evening Worship
12-18-22	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	11:30am	Youth Confirmation Instruction
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
12-13-22	2pm	Livestreamed BOMBS Bible Study: Ps 32

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- every worship service
- a weekly Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS)

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