

+ THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT +
December 12, Year of our Lord 2021 | DS1



Hymn: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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



Matt 28:19

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 Jn 1:8-9*

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

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 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.**

John 20:19-23

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4



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

C **Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,***
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.

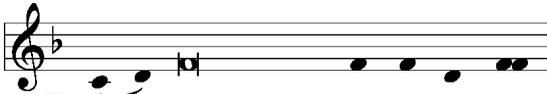
The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

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.



Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent due to penitential nature of the season.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

Old Testament

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he

will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

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

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the
peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Matthew 11:10b

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

Alleluia and Verse



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."



When John's messengers had gone, 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? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (*Choir stanza at 11:00 a.m. only*)

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 Choir: 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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+ Sermon +

Apostles' Creed

☩ 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.

Announcement of Offering and Greeting of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

PRAYERS TO GOD ON BEHALF OF...

World: Troubled regions of the world. Church: Preparation for our King to come, Advent!

Birth: **Justin** (born to Pastor Jasper and Josephine in Kenya). **Frankie** (grandson and nephew to the Nunnink and Lee families at Praise, born Thursday morning in Colorado).

Thomas Bean (new grandson of friends of Judy Kalkitis)

Expecting a child: **Luke & Blair Johnson**



Recently Married: **Cole & Tamia Smith** (Oct 14); **Jackson & Morgan James** (Oct 23)

Mourning: Family and friends of **Claudette Kinney** who passed on 11/23; Family of **Imogene Allen** who passed on 11/25. Family of **Roma Scotton** who passed on Aug 12. **Evelyn** (Carley Lawson's nana passed on 11/15; funeral on 11/27).

Health: **Bruce Weirauch**- Vicky Gorman's uncle (Covid pneumonia-hospitalized). **Jim Vesper's father** (hospice). **Cathy Wacker's**

parents: Charlene (hospice), **Bill**, dementia, health. **Candice**

Pettyjohn's sister, Covid and flu. **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery).

Pam Truby (cancer procedure recovery); **Dick Mohr** (lung condition). **Tim Smith** health.

Larry Wacker health and improvement. **Joan Large** recovering after breaking arm near wrist. **Pastor Tony Sikora** (in Michigan, much recovery needed after effects of Covid).

Stevie (Aurora's son; stroke recovery). **Marge Peterson** (a friend of Jeanne Lindenfelser)

[Marge's] **cousin** Sandy who has 30 days of cancer radiation treatments and for Marge's

two **greatgrandchildren** who both are having seizures. **Sean** (Judy's nephew, Florida

friend of Tami DeHaven) recovering from coma. **Dwight & Kay** (Myrna's sister and

brother-in-law) health. **KP Blizzard** (newborn great grandson of Sandy Bagley) paralyzed

vocal cord. **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law) health. **Anna**

Roberts (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law—married to Travis) breast cancer

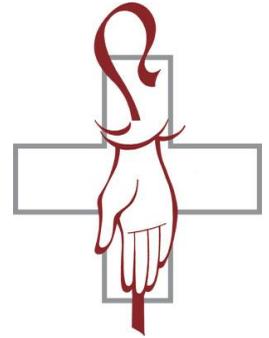
treatments. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) pancreatic cancer.

Birthdays ... Carol A 12/12, Ed H 12/16, Phil B 12/20, Trish H 12/20, Mary S 12/20, Tamra DeH 12/22, Steven L 12/22

Anniversaries... Tim & Michele N 12/15, Thomas & Kathleen L 12/20, Larry & Janet M 12/20, Art & April P 12/30

Lord's Prayer

☞ **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 (for those watching on the Livestream)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface ~ 2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



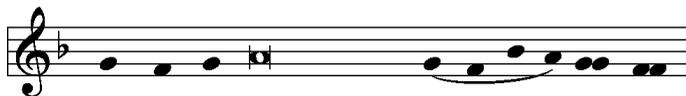
C And al - so with you.



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 ...(seasonal preface in Altar Book)... You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matt 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... one God, now and forever.

C 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."

Distribution Hymn: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Distribution Hymn: 333 Once He Came in Blessing

Distribution Hymn: 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Distribution Hymn 4: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



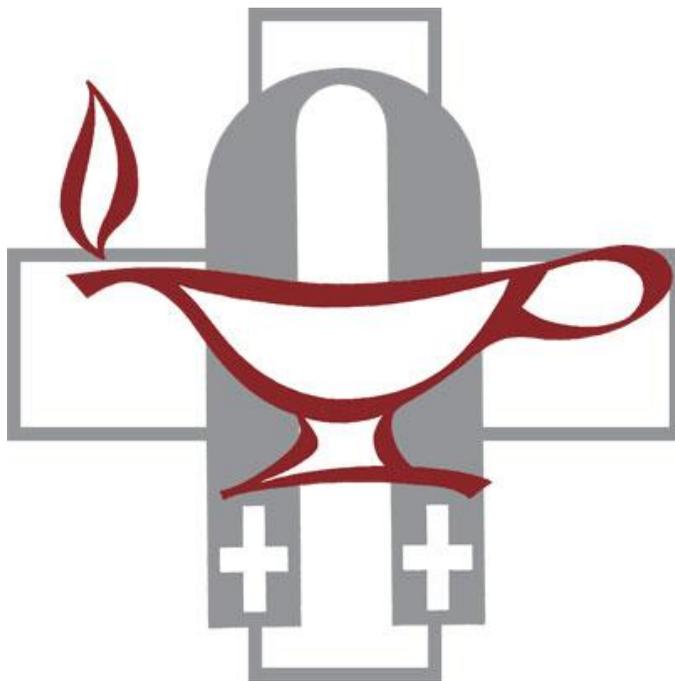
C A - men.

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Announcements

Write Rosa Linquist (grandniece of Kris Smith; granddaughter of Pat Linquist) who is in Navy training (send Christmas greetings, etc.):

SR Linquist, Rosa C.

Ship 10, USS Enterprise, Division 034

3425 Sailor Drive

Great Lakes, IL 60088-3525

Decorating for Christmas at Praise TOMORROW, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Please Check Photo Directory TODAY at Church before Final Printing

Midweek Advent Services (Evening Prayer) begin THIS WED, Dec 15 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. with Soup & Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with candlelight vigil)

Christmas Day Divine Service Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Young Adults (18ish to 25ish) Bible Study meets next Sunday Dec. 19 (1st and 3rd Sundays), at 5:00 p.m. at Levi and Suzanne Nunnink's home: 1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville, TN 37803. Dinner, Bible study led by Levi, and dessert!

Youth Catechesis next meets Dec 19. Topic: The Apostles' Creed.

Youth and Families Christmas Party (Karaoke, cookie decorating, homemade hot chocolate and snacks!) TODAY, Dec 12 in the Social Hall after services.

Praise Christmas Extravaganza featuring entertainment **Smith & Cole** on Wed, Dec 22 at 6:00 p.m. (Soup & Sandwich dinner; Prayer Service; then Entertainment).

Bible Study on Sunday Mornings on the **Psalms** of the Bible. Join us at 10:00 a.m.

Choir meets this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study (weekly) Thurs. at 10 a.m. at Praise.

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. (at *Jake's Place* this week)