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Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 12 and Sunday December 13, 2015

WE WELCOME YOU to our worship service this morning. We pray God's rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name. We ask our members and visitors to please use the friendship pad found on the pew. Kindly hand the friendship pad to the person sitting next to you. The Ushers will collect them after the service. Thank You.

THIS WORSHIP FOLDER / CHURCH BULLETIN is prepared for your convenience and contains the entire order of worship with all spoken and sung responses. However, if you are more comfortable using the hymnal, you may use the order of worship found in the front pages of Lutheran Service Book where all the melodies are shown for the sung responses of the congregation.

Divine Service 3

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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).

Opening Hymn "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #338

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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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 (Spoken)

Ps. 146:5-8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

again I will say, | Rejoice.

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 

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**

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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

- ¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵The 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.
- ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
- ¹⁷The 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.
- ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
- ¹⁹Behold, 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.
- ²⁰At 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

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 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

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And 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.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse 

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C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28

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

C  **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling 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?" ²⁰And 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?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on

many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And 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. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When 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? ²⁵What 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. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

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

²⁸I 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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C **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.**

Sit

Mite Box

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” #345

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory 

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- Ⓒ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition of the prayers:

- Ⓐ Lord, in Your mercy.
Ⓒ Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:



- Ⓐ One God, now and forever.
Ⓒ Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**


Salutation and Benedicamus

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- P The Lord be with you.
- C  **And with thy spirit.**
- A Bless we the Lord.
- C  **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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- 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.**

Closing Hymn “Hark the Glad Sound”

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Announcements

After the announcements, please stand for the closing Doxology.

Doxology

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Go and Serve the Lord

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The Preacher:	Pastor Matthew Roeglin
The Liturgist:	Vicar Stephen Fair
The Organist:	Mr. Kenneth Butherus
Greeters:	E – Debbie Haynes & Betty Lipham & L- Mary Bremer
Elder Greeters:	Saturday: Ed Steinbruegge E- Ray Ehrhard & L- Terry Bossaller
Acolytes:	Sunday 8:00 am: Sunday 10:30 am: Zach Croghan
Christian Education:	Sunday 9:15 a.m. Adults, Young Adults, Youth, and Sunday School Wednesday morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Altar Flowers - are placed by Ken Butherus in loving memory of Anita Butherus.

8 Poinsettia's Left! - Orders will be taken Nov. 22 thru today, Dec. 13th. The cost is \$6.00. Please make your check out to Blessed Savior Lights.

Lights – will not have crafts on December 21 & 23. Thank you for your support in our craftiness.

No Bake Sale for December – Thank you for your support thru 2015.

BLESSED SAVIOR'S CALENDAR
December 13– December 20, 2015

- TODAY:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School, Bible Classes & Youth Confirmation**
12:00 p.m. **LiGHTS**
12:00 p.m. **Youth**
5:00 p.m. **Choir, 6 p.m. Handbells &**
Dec. 13 7:30 p.m. **Brass Rehearsal**
- MONDAY:**
Dec. 14
- TUESDAY:**
Dec. 15
- WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. **Adult Bible Study**
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. **Wed. Advent Service**
5:30 p.m. **Dinner – Christian Ed**
6:00 p.m. Children's Concert Rehearsal
Dec. 16 6:00 p.m. **Adult Bible Study (McKenna)**
- THURSDAY:**
Dec. 17
- FRIDAY:** Pastor & Vicar Day with Family
Dec. 18 6:00 p.m. **Dress Rehearsal**
- SATURDAY:** 7:00 a.m. **MOBS Bible Study @ Denny's**
Dec. 19 6:00 p.m. **Worship Service w/Holy Communion**
- NEXT** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. **Worship Services**
SUNDAY with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School & Bible Classes & Youth Confirmation**
Dec. 20 5:15 p.m. **Appetizers, 6:00 Concert, dinner following**

Special Thank You – To those who donated baskets and to Mary Bremer for decorating the shut in baskets. To Kim & Tracy Bossaller for putting the baskets together. To Debbie Haynes, Elaine Turner, Paula Bossaller, Nancy & Ted Stocker, Jim and Joyce Wooliver, Eileen Montonye and Mary Bremer for the cookies and fruit. Also a thank you to Jerry Olson, Eileen Montonye, Jim & Joyce Wooliver, Patti Henneman, Vicar & Pastor for delivering our shut in baskets. God’s Blessings.

Lost & Found – A 20” Mountain Bike is in the shed by the pavilion. No one seems to know whose it is. If it is your bike, please call the church office and let us know.



Dec. 20th - Christmas by Candlelight Concert and Dinner -
Auditions are underway and we’re very excited! Please remember to mark your calendars for:

Sunday, December 20th
5:15 p.m. Appetizers
6:00 p.m. Concert- Young & Old
7:00 (or following concert) – Dinner

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PLEASE SIGN UP BY TODAY - DECEMBER 13TH

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Give the gift of life this Christmas. Please join us at the Leaders Save Lives Blood Drive scheduled for Tuesday, **December 22nd from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The blood drive will not only support the gift of life but also an area student who is organizing the drive and working to receive a scholarship from the Red Cross. You can sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code for the drive is LSL) or stop in on the day of the drive.

At Salem Old School on Jan. 3 from 5 to 10 p.m.- ages 16 to ? Food, fun and fellowship. We will be sending cards to shut-ins. Bring a list of 5 - 10 names and addresses from your congregation. Bring a friend. If you have a fun group game to share, bring it too. See you there.

Dec. 13

“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.” (Philippians 4:5-6 ESV).

Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry: pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.