

INTROIT - our entrance Psalm of worship

Psalm 146, Phil. 4

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

☞ **Blessed 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.

☞ **The LORD will reign for- | ever, *
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

☞ 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.

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OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Rejoice in the Lord's promise*

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.

GRADUAL the ancient seasonal response to hearing God's Word

Zechariah 9; Psalm 118

☞ Behold Your King | comes to you, *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

☞ **Blessed 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, the Lord is near*

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.

ALLELUIA VERSE Luke 3

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

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 7:18-28 *John preparing the way of the Christ.*

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John [in prison], 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."

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after ea. petition, ☞ Let us pray to the Lord,

☞ **Lord have mercy.**

ends, ☞...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

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Hark the Glad Sound

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors– it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle & pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

Prayer List - members:

Jim Stinson (knee replacement), Erika Colacicco (cancer), Brandy Melloy (blindness, brain tumor), Chelsea Shaw (military family with us, health issues),

– family & friends:

Darlene Johnson (sister of Kay Minda, health issues)
Richard Younger (friend of Brenda Bullock, cancer)
Rhonda Drewes (knee replacement surgery)
Elijah Holland (child, friend of Chelsea Shaw, leukemia)
TJ Prinsloo (friend of Dan Beach, serious accident, disability)
Isaac Ruble (friends of Scharnhorst's, work-related brain injury)
Pricilla Kruse (relative of Tim, Janise Selbe, cancer)
Terri Tomb (mother of Steve Crowell, health issues)
Brandi Buff (friend of Amanda Ford, cancer)
Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health)
Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia)
Diane Beckett (sister of Paula Knollman, Alzheimer's)
Marlin Dunlap (brother of Sandra Smith, Linda Fulkerson, ALS)

LUMA food pantry collection, Nov. 21 through Dec. 19.

We are collecting cans only this year with a goal of 700 for Lutheran Urban Mission Agency; place in Narthex cart.

Adventide Socials. All invited, including children, to gathering at a home from 7-8 pm on Fridays in Advent. Come to one or all, as they are planned in northern, central, southern locations. Bring a snack or beverage to share if you wish. There will be social visiting and then wrap-up with a hymn sing, prayer.

Dec. 3: Mortensen, 3730 N. 152 Terr., Basehor

Dec. 10: Uhlmansiek, 1013 S. 17th Terr., Leavenworth

Dec. 17: Byrd, 11457 S. Carbondale, Olathe

(just off K-7 & College, 16 minutes south of the church)

Christmas caroling to our shut-ins, today, 3 pm. All invited, we carpool to our stops, back by 5:00 pm.

Cookie Walk, 12/19, between services and after late, hosted by the LWML. Each year a variety of over 100 dozen cookies are available for purchase; select out your favorites to make up your own dozen. All are encouraged to help by making their favorite cookies to share; please have to the church by Sat., Dec. 18 from 8-Noon, or before 9 am Sunday. All money goes towards food for Seminarians.

Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 19, 6 pm, reception will follow. **Practice**, Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 am-Noon.

Poinsettias, \$10, order forms at the office counter. Flowers placed in the church for the Christmas Services; you may take yours home following any Service. Bulletins will indicate the flowers given in thanksgiving/memorial.

Pastor Cockran moving help, Monday, 10:30 am at church; to unload the storage container in the parking lot and move items to his new home 5 minutes away. Please see either pastor if you have a trailer that can be used.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services 5 pm & 7 pm
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Divine Service 10:30 am

New Years' Eve at the Church. Come for it all or just a part, or just Divine Service. Come as early as 8:00 pm. Divine Service is 10:00 pm. Games, activities for all ages, as we ring in the New Year. Some beverages, food and snacks provided. You may bring some but not necessary.

CALENDAR

Today	8:00 a 9:15 a 10:30 a 3:00 p	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class for all Divine Service Christmas caroling to Shut-ins
Monday	10:30 a 6:30 p	Moving help needed at church Board of Elders
Weds.	8:30 a 9:00 a 6:00 p 7:00 p 7:45 p 7:45 p	Midweek Service Bible Class for all Meal served Midweek Service Youth Confirmation Bell Choir
Thursday	6:30 p	Vocal Choir
Friday	7-8 p	Adventide Social, see bulletin note
Saturday	10:00 a	Christmas Program Practice
Sunday	8:00 a 9:15 a 10:30 a 11:45 a 6:00 p	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class for all Cookie Walk Divine Service Church Council Children's Christmas Program

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services, 5 pm & 7 pm
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Divine Service 10:30 am
Dec. 31	New Years' Eve @ Risen Savior, 8p-12:15a
Jan. 5	Midweek, Confirmation, Choirs resume
Jan. 6	Feast of Epiphany, Thursday 7:00 Divine Service
Jan. 30	Next Adult Catechism class or by arrangement
Feb. 20	Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly

STEWARDSHIP \$7532/WKLY. BUDGET

Date	Attendance	Offering +	Special Funds
12/5	263	\$11,057	\$1621
11/28	281	\$7250	\$705

Altar Flowers: in thanksgiving upon the anniversary of Forest & Karen Erickson; and upon the birthday of Mary Ellen Ballard.
See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.
Financial Reports & Special Funds posted in Church Office.

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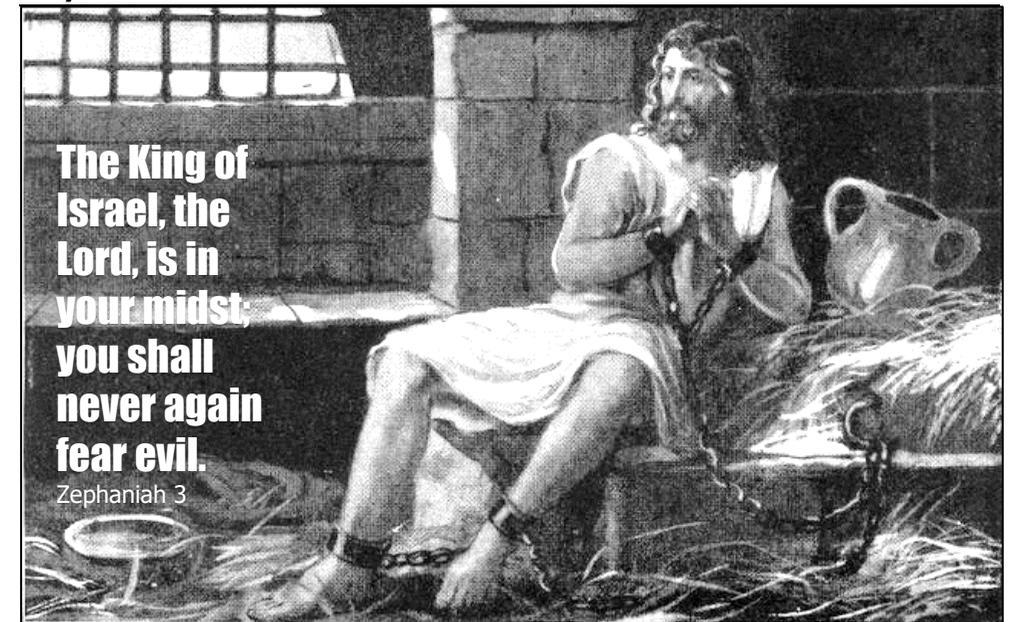
3rd Sunday in Advent Dec. 12, 2021

Welcome to the Lord's House. The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice.

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word Gaudete, rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15-17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4,7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "the dead are raised up" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

Advent season prepares us for the coming of our Lord. Paraments are blue, a color of royalty, reminding that He for Whose coming we prepare is truly our King. Blue also a color of sorrow. This is a penitential season for personal reflection, special devotions, and repentance; though not as solemn as during Lent; thus "Alleluias" are retained as the "Gloria in Excelsis" or "Hymn of Praise" are omitted.

May the Lord bless this Divine Service.



The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. **Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.**