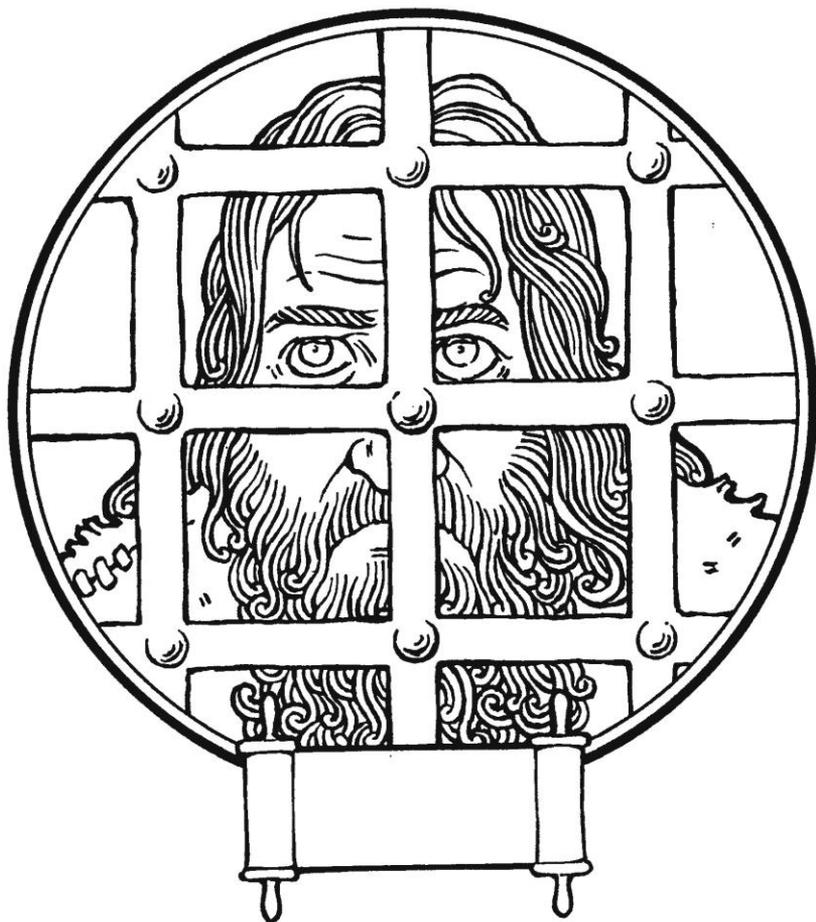


Third Sunday in Advent

Gaudete

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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 until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

Altar Flowers would have been sponsored this morning by *Kim Pickinpaugh celebrating her husband – Ron's birthday.*

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Online Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Per Re-opening Plan other classes
are suspended at this time.**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday
Deuteronomy 18:15-19 † Philippians 4:4-7
† John 1:19-28 †
Sermon: Pastor Maggard

Third Sunday in Advent
Divine Service III - Abbreviated

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities 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.

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.

Amen.

Psalm Tone B



Introit

Psalm 85:1-2 ,6, 8

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

Let your reasonableness be known | everyone,*
The Lord | is at hand.

LORD, You were favorable | to Your land;*
You restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of Your | people;*
You covered | all their sin.

Will You not revive | us again,*
that Your people may re- | joice in You?

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Kyrie

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

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Collect 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.

Sit

Old Testament

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her
sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and His arm rules for Him;
behold, His reward is with Him,
and His recompense before Him.

¹¹He will tend His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs in His arms;
He will carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Tone B



Gradual

Psalm 80:1-2

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth,*
Stir up Your might and come to | save us!

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*
You who lead Joseph | like a flock!

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

Psalm 80:2b

Alleluia. Stir up Your might and come to save us. **Alleluia.**

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As 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? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

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

¹¹ Truly, 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.

Nicene Creed

**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

Hymn of the Day *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* 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!

Sermon

Pastor Maggard

Stand

Offertory

**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

let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising
You and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Communion Hymn – *It Is Well with My Soul* SA 56

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll,
 Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
 “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

REFRAIN:

It is well___ *it is well* with my soul___*with my soul*. It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded by helpless estate,
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

REFRAIN

3 My sin-oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't!
My sin-not part, but the whole –
Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

REFRAIN

4 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend.
“Even so”- it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.

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, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be you,
And with thy spirit.
Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Amen, amen, amen.

Announcements

- ➔ Worship Hymns are due tomorrow – Monday, December 14th.
- ➔ Advent Midweek Service on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome at church or online.

The last Advent Midweek on Wednesday, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Join us at church or online

Christmas Eve service is on Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day service is on Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
Psalm 146:1

Daily Devotions

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Dec 13	89:20-29	Isaiah 29:15-30:14	Revelation 1:1-20
Dec 14	27:1, 4-5 11-14	Isaiah 30:15-26	Revelation 2:1-29
Dec 15	1416:1-7	Isaiah 30:27-31:9	Revelation 3:1-22
Dec 16	149	Isaiah 32:1-20	Revelation 4:1-11
Dec 17	40:1-5, 16-17	Isaiah 33:1-24	Revelation 5:1-14
Dec 18	119:81-88	Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10	Revelation 6:1-17
Dec 19	103:11-18	Isaiah 40:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17

SERVING TODAY

Pianist	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Elder	<i>Randy York</i>
Ushers	<i>Mike Draney, Chuck Stringham</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Draney</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeters	<i>Jim and Diane Kline</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Chuck and Sandy Stringham</i>

Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.

We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Dave Nehls and family; Sue Nehls' brother – Michael Schultz; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Heather Edgemon's friends – Kyle, Shaye and family; Glen and Gail James' friends – Chris, Sierra and their unborn child – Jack; Bryan and Marcy Stringham; Alma Rich's daughter – Dawn and her husband, Tim; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Dolores Smith; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and his wife, Erin; Glen and Gail James' friend – Kathie; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Dave Hoeppel; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Gene Addison; Gail and Randy York's friend - Gina and their granddaughter-in-law – Heather; Kathy Holm's cousin – Cynthia and family; Dale and Nancy Telizyn; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Kim Pickinpaugh's sister – Kristy and her boyfriend, Tony; Judi Parker-Choske's dear friend – Cheryl; Dolores Smith's son – Mike and his team; : Debbie Schwartz's sister – Suzzanne

We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.