

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM



*Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus*

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

Hymn: *Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes*..... CW # 9 Stz 1-4

1 Je - sus, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
 2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
 3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
 4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan

pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised
 clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure
 give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi -
 from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to

light a - rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
 we re - call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
 ty sub - due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
 your com - mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray, O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

L: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L: You are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

C: The heights of the hills are also his,

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

Prayer of the Day

L: We pray. Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; this we ask in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 61:1–3, 10 & 11

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor...

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. (The Word of our God)

Psalm 71

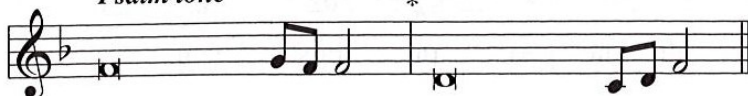
Psalm 71

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;*
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;*
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;*
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,*
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,*
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,*
your might to all who are to come.

**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.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt.

²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (The word of the Lord)

Hymn: *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes.....* CW # 12

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Gospel:

John 1:6-8, 19-28

L: ⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light...

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ John did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ They asked him,

C: "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

L: ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

C: ²⁴ Now some Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

L: ²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Hymn: *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide* **CW # 22**

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1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come
 2 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Dawn, When will we
 3 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies; Grim death looms
 4 There shall we all our prais - es bring And sing to

down with might - y stride; Un - lock the gates, the doors break
 sing your morn - ing song? Come, Son of God! With - out your
 fierce be - fore our eyes. Oh, come, lead us with might - y
 you, our Sav - ior - King; There shall we laud you and a -

down; Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 light We grope in dread and gloom of night.
 hand From ex - ile to our prom - ised land.
 dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Sermon:

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 (Pg 6)

Keep The Spirit's Fire Burning



Apostles' Creed: *(together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

***I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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***

Prayer: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light. We also give thanks, O Lord, for the skills of doctors and nurses who serve the sick and scientists who are developing a COVID-19 vaccine. We also rejoice in the Lord for providing Pastor Trimmer's surgeon with success in the repairing of the tendon in his leg and now we ask for healing. These things we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: *When Sinners See Their Lost Condition* **CW # 32 Stz 1 & 4**

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1 When sin-ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel,
 4 When Je - sus comes — O bless - ed sto - ry — He works
 the press - ing load of sin And Je - sus comes on
 a change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with
 his blest mis - sion To heal the sin - sick
 pow'r and glo - ry To young and old, to
 heart with - in, All grief must flee be - fore his
 man and wife. Through sac - ra - ment and liv - ing
 grace, And joy di - vine will take its place.
 Word Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred.

Opportunities to Worship the Lord in 2020

Sunday	December 13	9:30 AM	Advent 3
Wednesday	December 16	6:30 PM	Mid-week
Sunday	December 20	9:30 AM	Advent 4
Thursday	December 24	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve
Friday	December 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day
Sunday	December 27	9:30 AM	Christmas 1

December Birthdays

2	Elias Backes
7	Tiffany Williams
11	Jessica Orth
12	Joel Reiblich
13	Pastor Trimmer
20	John Wittmershaus
29	Nate Potter
31	Larry Galbreath