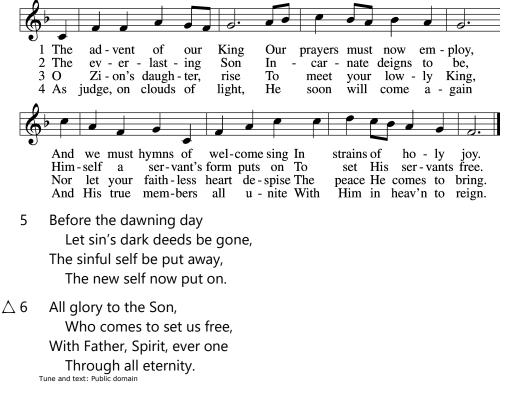


# Third Sunday in Advent December 12, 2021

**"What's going on" "** Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent."

## **Pastor's Welcome**

## 331 The Advent of Our King



# **Confession and Absolution**

## Stand

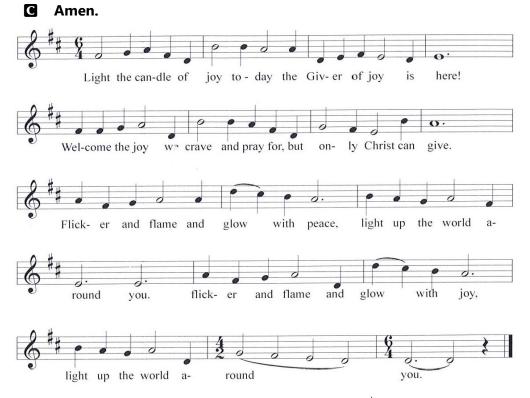
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe. You led your people Israel by the pillar of clouds by day and the pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ this Advent. May His Word be a lamp our feet, and a light to our path. For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. We your creatures glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



- 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,
- **G** 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.

## Kneel/Stand

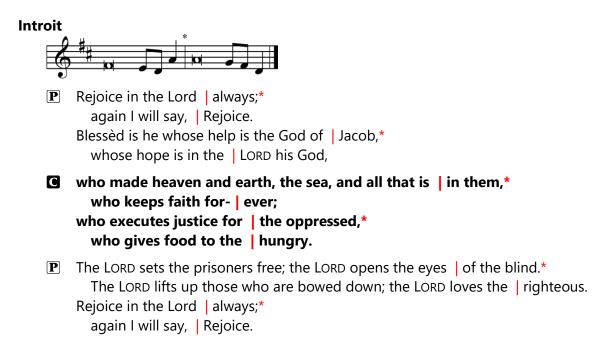
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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 +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word





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 Reading Zephaniah 3:14–20

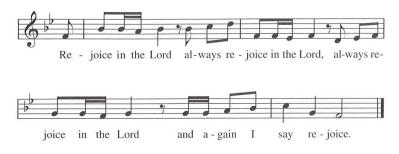
<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival ,so that you will no longer suffer reproach.<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

## **G** Thanks be to God.

## Rejoice in the Lord by John Behnke sung by the Mixed Choir

**Congregational Refrain** 



Choir: Let all know your moderation. For the Lord is at hand. Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, and again I say rejoice.

#### Refrain

Choir: Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God. Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, and again I say rejoice.

#### Ketram

Choir: And the peace of God which passes all human understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, and again I say rejoice.

#### Refrain

Choir: and again I say rejoice!

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## Epistle Philippians 4:4-7

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand



Luke 7:18-28

## **Holy Gospel**

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



<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>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?" <sup>20</sup>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?"<sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>24</sup>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? <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'<sup>28</sup>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.



## **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.

## The Sixth Commandment

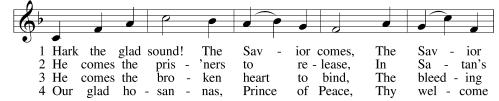
P You shall not commit adultery.

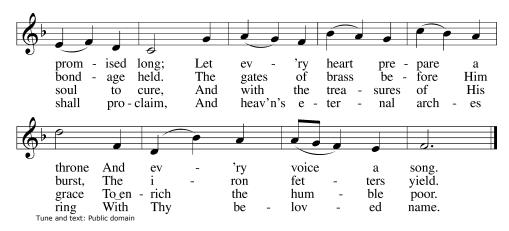
What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

## Sit

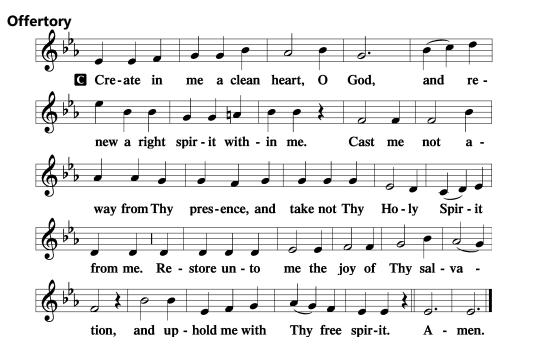
## 349 Hark the Glad Sound





## Sermon - Living in the Limelight

Stand



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## Offering

Stand

## **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You rescue the daughter of Zion from her enemies and take away the judgments against her. Look with compassion upon Your people wherever they suffer for the name of Jesus. Give them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, provide when they suffer loss, give courage when they are afraid, and strengthen them in the midst of persecution until You deliver them. Preserve them always in the joyful hope that You will restore all that is lost with what cannot be taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **G** hear our prayer.

Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage all pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

O Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

Lord, You set the prisoners free. Remember those who are incarcerated justly, and grant that they might repent, be freed from the clutches of sin, accept the consequences of their wrongdoing, and learn to live honestly and peacefully. Remember all those who are imprisoned unjustly. Restore their freedom according to Your will, and preserve them in Your grace and the confidence that You know what is true and just. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **G** hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son became flesh and healed the sick of all kinds of diseases and afflictions, demonstrating His power and giving us a foretaste of the resurrection on the Last Day. Have mercy upon all those in need of deliverance *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]*. Heal them in Your time and according to Your will, and preserve them in the confidence that You will deliver Your people from all afflictions at the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

С

## hear our prayer.

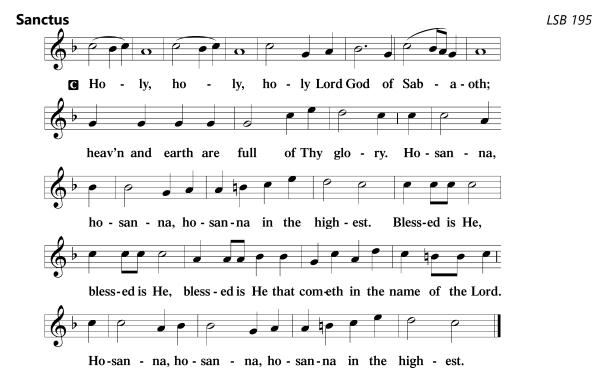
- Lord God, the Son of Man came eating and drinking with sinners, that He might proclaim the kingdom and welcome them in by the forgiveness of sins. As He hosts His Supper this day for His repentant people, grant those who partake of His body and blood to be worthy and well-prepared, firmly believing the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.



## Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- **G** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

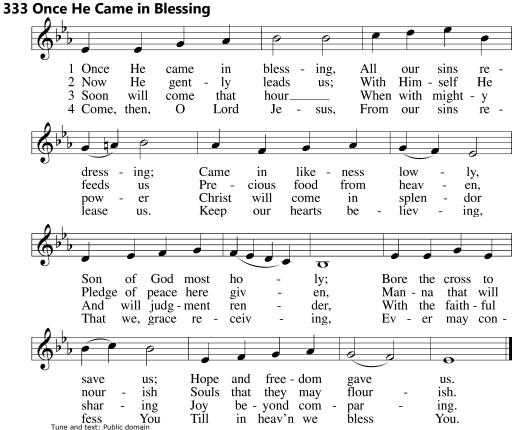
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





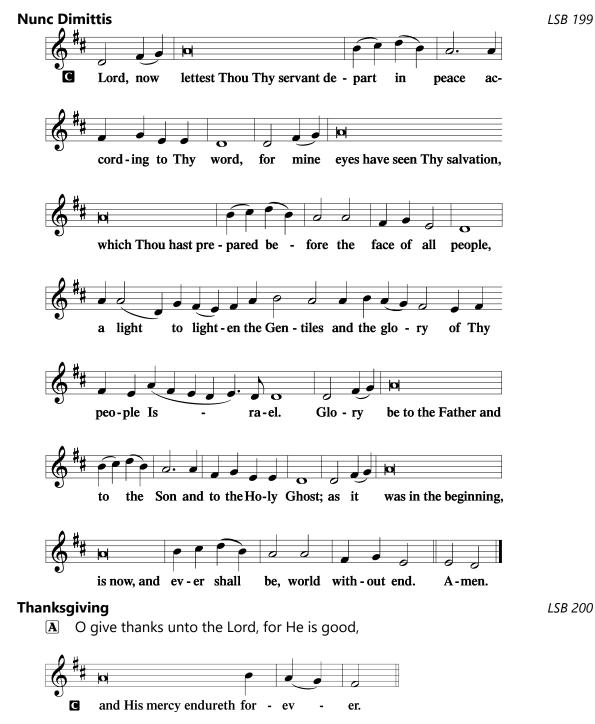
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## Distribution



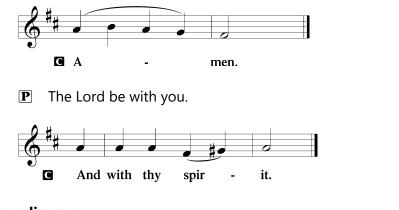
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Stand



## **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.



## Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.



## Benediction

**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.

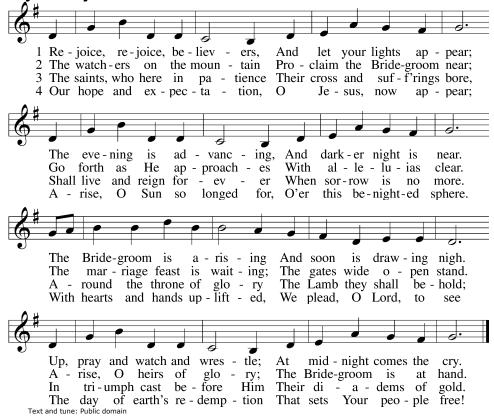


#### Announcements

LSB 202

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515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



## Dismissal

**A** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

## **G** Thanks be to God.

## Acknowledgments

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Stewart, Jacob Green and Neal Rogers We pray for our missionary Danelle Putnam, serving in the Dominican Republic; For the people and government of Cuba. For Christians undergoing persecution throughout the world, especially in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

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**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance 42 Wed service= \$2126 to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE**" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. Of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

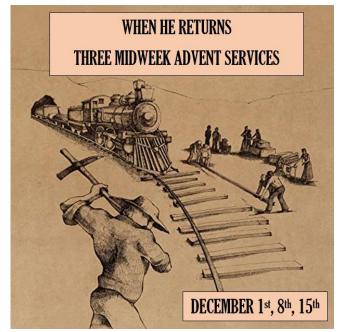
STEWARDSHIP Philippians 4:5-6 – "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living 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.

**HELP THE HUNGRY** The EGV Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church requests the following items to distribute to the needy: canned fruits (small individual size), one dish meals (chili, stew), peanut butter, spaghetti, jellies, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, juice boxes, cookies, chicken noodle soup. Place your donations in the Fellowship Hall shopping cart. Thanks for your help **Special need** of chicken soup, tomato soup, pasta sauce and tuna packed in water **USHERS AND LECTORS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!** Please let Wendy if you are willing to either Usher or be a Lector/ Assistant.

**HUMAN CARE/ MISSIONS** There will be an offering plate in the back of the Church for Lutheran Child & Family services. They are requesting money this year to provide gifts for the children in foster care.

**OUTREACH/ COMMUNICATION** The Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, who we support for their food pantry, has opened up a Community Clothing Ministry that will assist the needy and homeless in the area. They are looking for gently used men's and women's winter clothing, coats, shoes, boots, coats, gloves and hand warmers, sweat shirts, heavy socks warm hats and

scarves. Of course donations of gift cards for gas and pharmacy are always appreciated. There will be a large box in fellowship hall for the collection.



Services at 2:15PM and 7PM on the above Wednesdays



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## **OUR MISSION**

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN <i>12/12</i>	3rd Sunday of Advent	9:00am
	Fellowship Coffee Hour -Finance	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:30am
WED 12/15	Confirmation	2:00pm
	Advent Service	2:15pm
	Advent Service	7:00pm
	Choir practice	8:00pm
THUR <i>12/16</i>	A.A. Meeting	7:30pm
SUN 12/19	4th Sunday of Advent	9:00am
	Fellowship Coffee Hour-Education/Worship	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:30am

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The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. In this blessed sacrament of the altar, we celebrate our Lord's communion with us as he gives us his true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. Because we believe this is also a public confession of faith, we invite all baptized and catechized believers in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to come and receive these gifts.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to commune regardless of confession, please speak with Pastor before service or during the week.

Please speak with Pastor or an usher if you may need Communion brought to you.

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays – 9:00AM Communion Service Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00p.m. Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

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