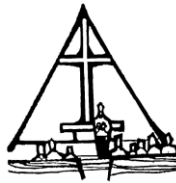


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

***Bold Print** – indicates congregation responds as a whole*

** – indicates congregation should stand as able*

PRELUDE

*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
My Lord, What a Morning!*

Gerhard Krapf
Eugene W. Hancock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW # 257
Vs. 1, 2 and 6 solo; congregation join on refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

***OPENING HYMN** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* ELW # 256

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* p. 99

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

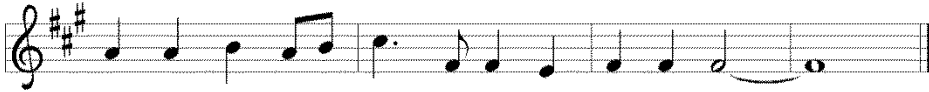
FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 3:14-20

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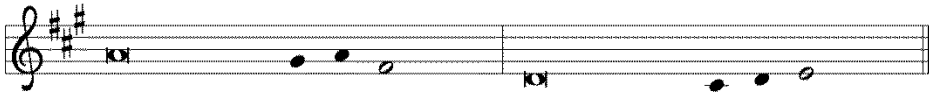
PSALM – Isaiah 12:2-6

Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

*Congregation responds with the **bold verses**.*



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not¹ be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,
and has become¹ my salvation.

³**With joy you¹ will draw water
from the wells¹ of salvation. R**

⁴And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the LORD, call¹ on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations;
proclaim that this name¹ is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, who has done¹ gloriously;
let this be known in¹ all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O¹ royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy¹ One of Israel. R

SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:4-7

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:7-18

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* (C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

* (C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW # 239

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

Magnificat

Taize Community

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* ELW # 885

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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ELW # 246

Once in Royal David's City

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All My Heart Again Rejoices

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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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***DISMISSAL**

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POSTLUDE

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Rudolf Moser

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

- Today**, December 13.....9:30am Worship Service – Third Sunday of Advent
10:45am Sunday School Classes, Teen/High School Class
11:00am Worship at The Homestead of Maplewood
12:00pm – 3:30pm Youth Christmas Event
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
- Monday, December 146:30pm Board of Education Meeting
- Tuesday, December 15**CROSS CURRENTS ARTICLES DUE**
7:30pm Roca de Horeb
- Wednesday, December 1610:30am Bible Study at Bel Rae of Mounds View
6:45pm Midweek Advent Vespers Service
7:30pm Hands, Hearts and Voices Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 17.....3:00pm Worship Service at Bel Rae of Mounds View
6:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:30pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group
- Friday, December 186:00pm – 9:30pm Roca de Horeb
- Saturday, December 19.....6:00am – 8:00am Roca de Horeb
9:00am Christmas Brunch Setup
9:30am – 12:30pm 7th Day Adventists
5:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb
- Sunday, December 20.....9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Christmas Brunch provided by the United Sisters
11:30am Sunday School Christmas Pageant – *Mary Ponders*
3:30pm – 7:00pm Roca de Horeb

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
II Corinthians 8:9



For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!

