

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## T DIVINE SERVICE T

### OPENING HYMN

"Arise, O Christian People"

(LSB 354)

### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### EXHORTATION

P 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,

C **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.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

- P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## T WORD T

### INTROIT

*Psalm 85:8-9, 12-13 (antiphon: 85:7)*

- P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- C **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.**
- P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- C **Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**
- P Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.
- C **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.**
- P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

### KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**      Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11      (The Lord will establish his ruined people)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

"The Moon of Wintertime"

*(arr. Dennis)*

Con Brio Bells

**EPISTLE**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

(Hold fast what is good)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA**



**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

(Who is John?)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN**

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

(LSB 345)

**SERMON**

"A Voice and a Finger"

(John 1:6-8, 19-28)

Pastor Cory Rajek

**CREED**

8:30 am

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11:00 am

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**OFFERTORY**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Christians, that the Lord would keep them from every folly which would turn them from His words of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the children of our families, that every darkness would be lightened by Your Son's gracious visitation; and that God would preserve them from dangers to body and soul, guide them by His Word in wise paths, and keep them firm in the faith till life's end, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for the kindness shown to us in Christ and the certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Him; and for those in every circumstance or need, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For we who are preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ, that we may not become distracted by busyness or consumed by an endless list of necessities, but that we may find peace in the stillness which is God with us, let us pray to the Lord:

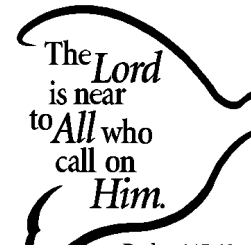
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

## **T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T**

**11:00 am**

### **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

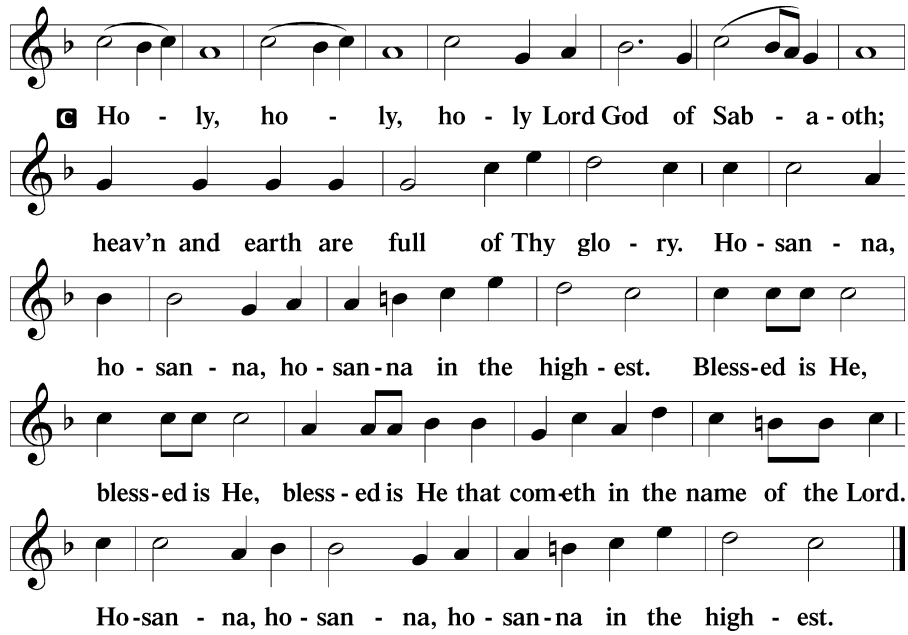
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P 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:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

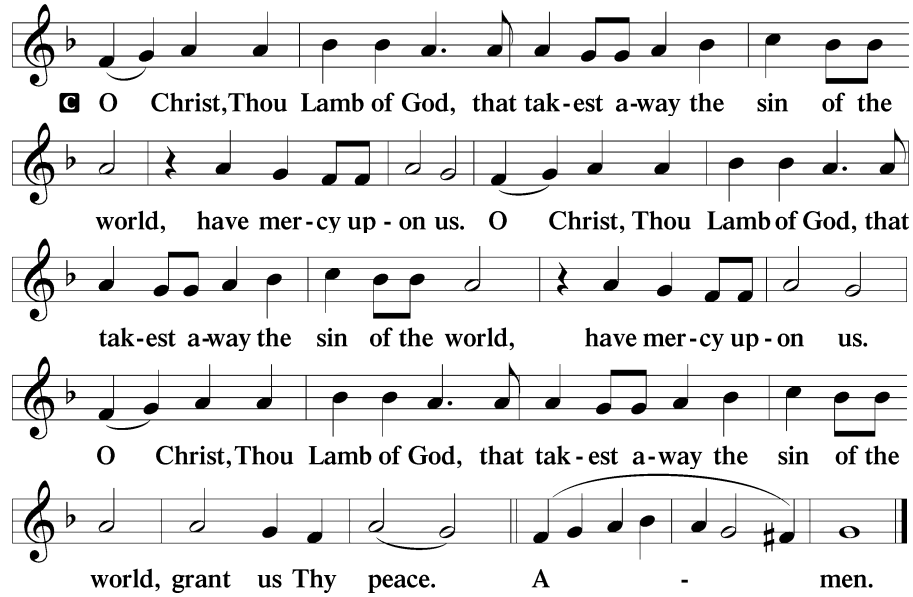
*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (LSB 623)

## DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

*(Please stand)*



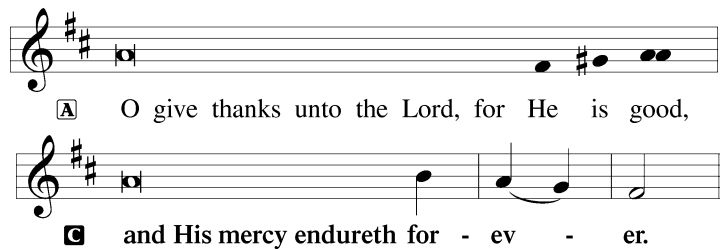


## NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## THANKSGIVING



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P 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 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.

C **Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”**

*(LSB 337)*

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