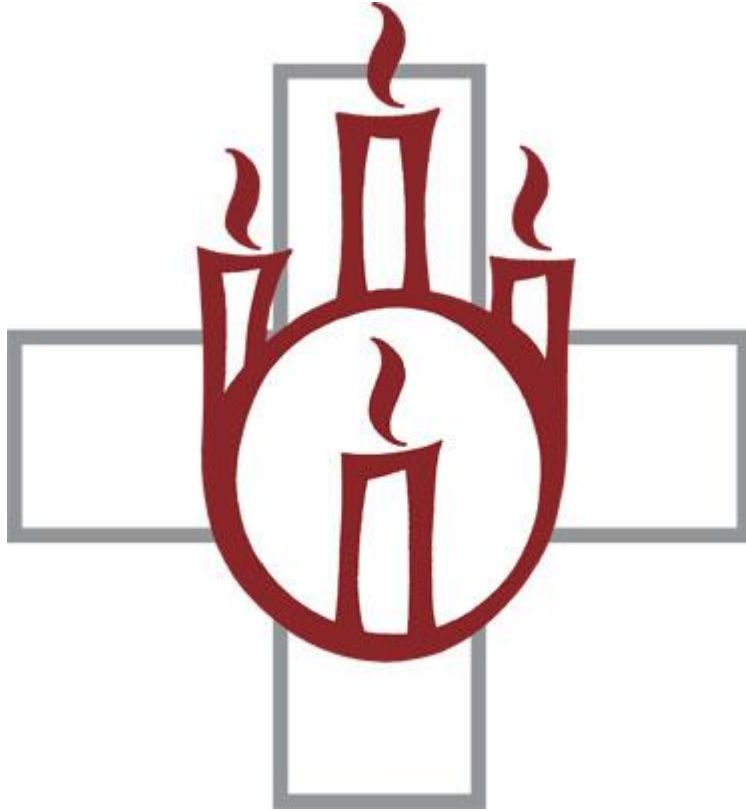


# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 13, 2015

8:00 a.m.



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**PRELUDE**

“March on a Theme by Handel (Lift up Your Heads)”

by Alexandre Guilmant

**WELCOME**

*(Stand)*

**THE OPENING HYMN**

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

LSB 516

**INVOCATION**

LSB 184

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

LSB 184

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

**P** Rejoice in the Lord always;

**C** again I will say, Rejoice.

**P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**C** whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

**C** who keeps faith forever;

**P** who executes justice for the oppressed,

**C** who gives food to the hungry.

**P** The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**C** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**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** Rejoice in the Lord always;

**C** again I will say, Rejoice.

**ADVENT KYRIE (Cong)**

“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349:3

3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing

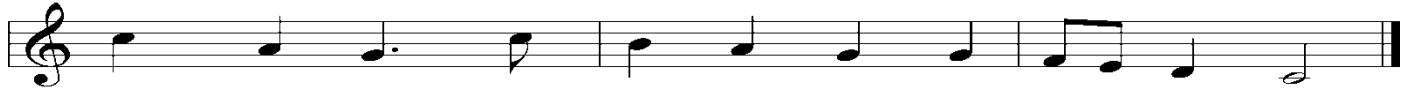
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His

grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.

## ADVENT GLORIA (Cong)

“From Heaven Above”

LSB 358:15



15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

(Sit)

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

1 We light the Advent  
candles against the winter  
night, to welcome our  
Lord Jesus who is the  
world's True Light, to  
welcome our Lord Jesus  
who is the world's True  
Light.

4 Three candles now are  
gleaming and show us the  
true way, rejoice, the  
Baptist cries out, your Lord  
has come today, rejoice,  
the Baptist cries out,  
your Lord has come today!

### 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## THE CHOIR ANTHEM

“Advent Song”

by Russell Nagy

Through the night, through the pilgrim’s slumber,  
Far from sight, sheltered still by her womb,  
Stirs there a child of whom the prophets thunder.  
A child whom the angels hail in endless wonder, understanding.

Through the ride, set astride her donkey,  
Mounted on a humble donkey, night slips by to the beat of her heart.  
Someday He’ll ride on a beast as humble,  
Someday He’ll ride into Jerusalem,  
All in time to be born and to die.  
First to speak to all, He has come to call.

Ride on through dawn, weak, yet drawn.  
Ride on, though weary for so long,  
On toward that Hill, the Tomb,  
And still to rise into life fulfilled.

Come! You are welcome, you are wanted, you are near.  
Come! We all wonder, we are waiting, O come! Jesus, come.  
To His own, through the world’s long labor,  
As we groan in travail with the earth.  
He will come! We will cry with surprise!  
He will come! Opening our eyes.

## **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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 7:18–28*

<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.

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

<b>SERMON HYMN</b>	<b>“When All the World Was Cursed”</b>	<b>LSB 346</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“None Greater Than the Least”</b> <i>(based on the Gospel reading)</i>	
<b>RESPONSIVE PRAYER 1</b>		<b>LSB 282</b>
<b>THE CLOSING HYMN</b>	<b>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</b>	<b>LSB 357</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lori Hoelting; 10:45 a.m. Lisa Lock;  
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner

Attendance: 12/06/15 (8:00 a.m.77; 10:45 a.m.89) 12/07/15 (6:30 p.m.14)

Sunday School Attendance: 12

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Advent Wednesdays 2015

Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**The Advent of Our Lord: Christ in the Old Testament and Now**

***Wednesday, December 2: The Coming of Christ in Prophecy***

***Wednesday, December 9: The Coming of Christ in Events***

***Wednesday, December 16: The Coming of Christ in Worship***

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**December 24, 2015**

6:30 p.m. Family Worship Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

**December 25, 2015**

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion