



Sunday, December 11th, 2016
Third Sunday in Advent

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER

LSB 383 sts. 1, ref, 2–4

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,
 A full and holy cure:
 The virgin bears the infant
 With virgin honor pure!
- ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:
 “To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth!”
- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
 And yet remains on high,
 And cherubim sing anthems
 To shepherds from the sky. Refrain
- 3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
 Those bright angelic bands,
 Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
 And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain.
- 4 Since all He comes to ransom,
 By all be He adored,
 The infant born in Bethl'em,
 The Savior and the Lord. Refrain.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

O SING OF CHRIST

LSB 362 sts. 1, 3

1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known
The kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone
So we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity
God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity,
The icon of His grace.

3 He came to that which was His own,
But He was not received;
Yet still through Him God's glory shone,
And some His name believed.
To these He gave the right to be
The heirs of heav'n above,
Born not of human ancestry
But born of God in love.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray....

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR *"Could this be the day?"*

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3–11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:1–13

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

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

¹“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

⁶“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know

how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

^{12a}So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

^{13a}Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C *I believe in God, the Father Almighty,*
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.
and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST NOEL

The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

SERMON *"The Colors of Christmas - Blue"*

RETURN GIFTS AND TITHES TO GOD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

☩ Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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.

BENEDICTION

NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE

LSB 386

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
 Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 He from whom joy streameth
 Poor in a manger lies;
 Not so brightly beameth
 The sun in yonder skies.
 Thou my Savior art!
 Thou my Savior art!

2 Come from on high to me;
 I cannot rise to Thee.
 Cheer my wearied spirit,
 O pure and holy Child;
 Through Thy grace and merit,
 Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
 Draw me unto Thee!
 Draw me unto Thee!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
 Where but on heav'nly ground?
 Where the angels singing
 With all His saints unite,
 Sweetest praises bringing
 In heav'nly joy and light.
 Oh, that we were there!
 Oh, that we were there!

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Last Week's Attendance Sunday: 75

Last Week's Plate/Envelope Offering: \$3,333

BIRTHDAYS: Eve Berry, Mon 12/12

ALTAR FLOWERS: In Honor of all our Homebound Members

Upcoming Special Worship Services

12/14/16 **ADVENT 3 - 1PM & 7PM**

(Advent supper starting @ 5:45pm)*

12/18/16 *** A SERVICE OF MUSIC***

12/21/16 **ADVENT 4 - 1PM & 7PM**

(Advent supper starting @ 5:45pm)*

12/24/16 **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT - 9PM**

(Christmas Family Reception/Open House - Hors d'Oevres
& Refreshments Served starting @ 7:30pm)*

12/25/16 **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 10AM**

12/31/16 **NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER SERVICE - 1PM**

Calendar for the week of 12/11/2016

Today	12/11	8:45am	Bible Discussion
		10:00am	Worship
		9:30-12-30pm	Blood Drive
		11:00am	December Birthdays
Wednesday	12/14	8:30am	LSCA Christmas Breakfast
		10am	Women's Bible Discussion
		1:00pm	Advent Service
		6:00pm	Advent Supper
		7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday	12/15	8:30am	TLA Chapel
		10:00am	LC Chapel
		6:45pm	Choir
Friday	12/16	7:00pm	B.U.S.H. Club Christmas Party
		8:00pm	Haitian Prayer
Saturday	12/17	8:00am	Men's Breakfast Club @ Joe's Café
		3-5pm	Choir
Sunday	12/18	8:45am	Bible Discussion
		10:00am	Worship
		11:00am	Bake Sale
		11:15am	Council Meeting



Facebook Live: Some of you are familiar with Facebook live, but for those who are not, Pastor Jeff's sermons are currently playing live on Facebook. So if you are out of town and want to hear Pastor Jeff's words you can go on Facebook to do so. This is also great for anyone who is homebound. Obviously, we want to see your smiling faces in person but this is a great alternative.

Blood Drive: Today, there is a Blood Dive being held at Trinity. If you are able, please spend a few minutes giving back to help save lives. For an incentive you get free movie tickets and a fleece blanket.

Congregational Budget Meeting: Next Sunday, December 18th, we will be holding a congregational budget meeting immediately following service.

Bake Sale: Next Sunday, December 18th, after church there will be a bake sale held in the fellowship hall. The ladies from the women's club have been baking away all night and day. Please show your support and satisfy your sweet tooth and pick up some sweets for the holidays.

Christmas Eve: There is a change in schedule for the events on Christmas Eve worship. From 7:30pm to 8:30 there will be a **Christmas Eve Family Get Together** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time to bring our families together for some refreshments and beverages as we prepare to welcome our King. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 9pm. The theme for the service will be, "Christmas Letters". It's our sincere prayer that not only you will join us, but that you will bring your entire family and invite your neighbors and co-workers as we come to the manger - Come All Ye Faithful.

