

**T H I R D**  
**SUNDAY**  
**of ADVENT**

**ADVENT III.....DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**(GAUDETE)**

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*Worship Service:*  
**Sundays at 9:00 am**

**WELCOME TO ALL** guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

**THOSE SERVING IN DECEMBER**

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# ADVENT III

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

*Arise, O Christian People*..... LSB 354

*Stand*

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### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 85:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always;

**again I will say, Rejoice.**

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

**The Lord is at hand.**

LORD, you were favorable to your land;

**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

You forgave the iniquity of your people;

**you covered all their sin.**

Will you not revive us again,

**that your people may rejoice in you?**

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.**

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always;

**again I will say, Rejoice.**

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

**The Lord is at hand.**

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*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Behold your God!"  
Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 11:2-11*

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

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

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

As they went away, 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? What then did you go out to see? A

man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

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

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* ..... **LSB 345**

**SERMON** by Pastor Daniel Provost

“A Voice Crying In The Wilderness” *Isaiah 40:1-11*

*Stand*

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*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior* ..... **LSB 619**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* ..... **LSB 621**

*The Infant Priest Was Holy Born (instrumental only)* .... **LSB 624**

*Stand*

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ..... **LSB 380**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:  
12/12 JON HARKIN



December 18  
Sunday School Christmas Program  
(during service)

## *This Week at Our Savior*

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	11	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM	Worship Sunday School and Bible Study Caroling & Chili Dinner
Monday	12		
Tuesday	13	4:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	LWML Meeting Elder's Meeting Trustee's Meeting
Wednesday	14	1:30 PM ~ 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Study "Sunday Readings" NO Confirmation Class Supper Midweek Advent II Service
Thursday	15		
Friday	16		
Saturday	17		
Sunday	18	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship (& Children's Program) Sunday School and Bible Study

### A LOOK AHEAD TO SUNDAY, DEC 18 - ADVENT IV

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Philippians 4:4-7, John 1:19-28

Hymns: 933, 344, 370

Psalm: 111 (antiphon v. 9)

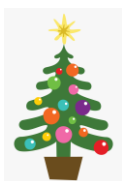
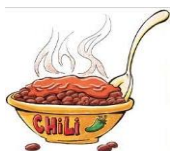
Communion Hymns: 618, 624, 637

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DEC 11 – WE NEED YOUR  
VOICES! (AND APPETITES)



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**In the community**.....Dec 2 thru Jan 1 – Jasper County Historical Museum – over 175 decorated trees throughout the Museum, 1700 S 15<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Newton, 641-792-9118 for more info. See flyer on bulletin board.