



Third Sunday in Advent
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
December 16-17, 2017 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.



THE PRELUDE: "People, Look East"

arranged by Steven Wentz

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 349 "Hark the Glad Sound"

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 85



Show us Your steadfast love, | **O LORD,***
 His salvation is near to those who | fear Him,*
 Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
 Righteousness will go be- | fore Him*
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 Show us Your steadfast love, | **O LORD,***

and grant us Your sal- | vation.
 that glory may dwell | in our land.
 and our land will yield its | increase.
 and make His foot- | steps a way.
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 and grant us Your sal- | vation.

KYRIE: (*sung*)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.
 (We omit the *Gloria in Excelsis* during Advent.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. C: **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. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
 Behold, your king is coming to you;
 Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
 righteous and having salvation.**

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(*please stand if able*) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 190

(sung) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**John 1:6-8, 19-28**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter. **C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.****OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 191***(please be seated)***HYMN OF THE DAY: 346 “When All the World Was Cursed”****SERMON:** “It’s Not About Us; It’s About Christ!” John 1:6-8, 19-28

P: Most gracious Father: May the words of my mouth,

C: and the meditation of our hearts,**All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.** (Ps. 19:14)*(please stand if able)* **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193*(please be seated)***OFFERING:** “Hark! The Glad Sound”*arranged by Wilbur Held***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand if you are able)**(Each petition ends “let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wilma Uffelmann, Bill Smith, Nina Guebert, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Donald Kueker, Paulette Kueker, Iona Burgdorf, Jane Donjon, Diana Becker, David W. Stellinghorn; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Jamie Brandt, Eric Frazier, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Ethel Montroy, Dwain Schrader, Brian Ulione, Brenda Manning, Bobby Wood, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Michelle Gibbs, Jane Lucht, Caleb Oakley, Collin Ratliff, Con Healey, Boniface Becker. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis
+thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of Vernon Muench on December 17
+those suffering from the wildfires in the Los Angeles area

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 194ff.**PREFACE:** page 194 **SANCTUS:** page 195 **LORD’S PRAYER:** page 196**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND PAX DOMINI:** page 197P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) A-men.****THE AGNUS DEI:** page 198**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

357 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**352 “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”****642 “O Living Bread from Heaven”****NUNC DIMITTIS:** “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200**THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:** pages 200-202**BENEDICTION:** page 202**CLOSING HYMN: 812 “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”****THE POSTLUDE:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*arranged by Rudolph Moser*

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