

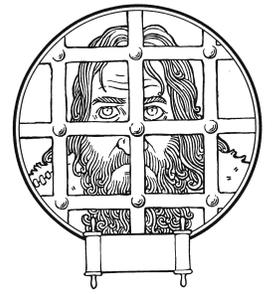
St. John's Lutheran Church and School

December 16, 2018

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

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Today's service is the annual celebration of "Gaudete" Sunday, which means "Rejoice!" In the middle of Advent's penitential season, we take one day to remember the upcoming Joy we are expecting, as God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. It is also known as "John the Baptist Sunday," because the readings focus on the message of the cousin of Christ, who prepared his way with the message "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near!" This is also the same man who baptized Jesus, shortly after declaring "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," from where we get the words of the "Agnus Dei" we sing before receiving communion. Jesus said of John that no greater man was ever born of woman, because his entire life and ministry were devoted to calling people to repent of their sins and pointing them to Christ. While we may be tempted to view repentance and times of penitence as dour and miserable duties, Gaudete Sunday and the ministry of John the Baptist remind us of the great joy that comes along with it: The Kingdom of God, and Christ himself, are given to all who repent and, like Jesus, are baptized. Rejoice!

Prelude

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" by Ludwig Lenel

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" by James L. Brauer

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" settings by John Leavitt & Jacob B. Weber

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" 10:30 am choir st. 1&3 LSB 344

Please stand for last verse

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

Introit

Ps. 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4–5

P Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

C **Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand.**

P LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C **You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

P Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

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.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

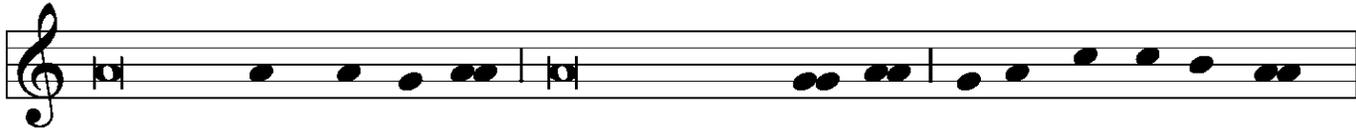
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



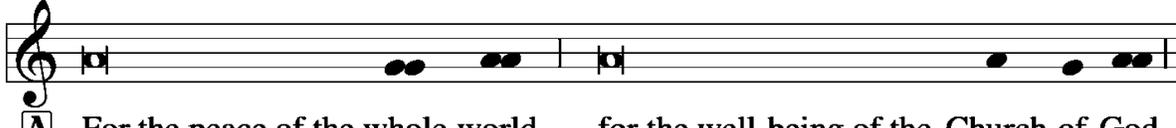
C Lord, have mer - cy.



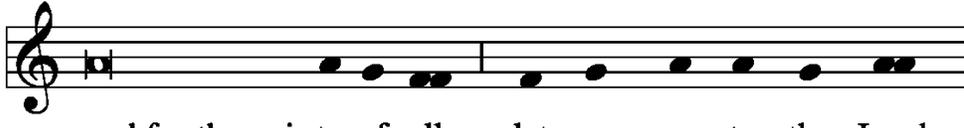
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



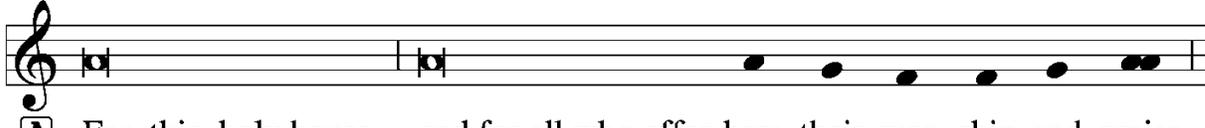
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



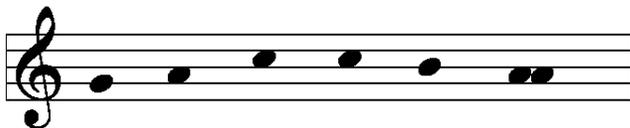
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



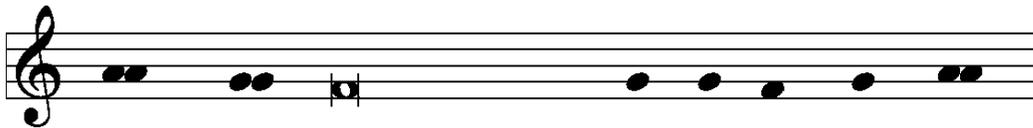
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–8

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak 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.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every 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.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A 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.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 80:1–2

L You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.*

Stir up your might and come to | save us!

C Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But 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. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" by Martin Luther *10:30 am*

Stand

Alleluia



The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and some melodic lines. The lyrics are: Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–10

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

CGlory be to Thee, O Lord.

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the 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. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

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

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

CPraise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Catechism – The Creed

P The Third Article: Sanctification

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

LSB 345

Sermon *Your work is not in vain.*

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

Sit

Offering

Voluntary "Invention no. 1 in C" J. S. Bach, B.W.V. 772 played by Jacob Shepard

Stand

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow..."

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

- C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant
us Thy peace. Amen.*

Sit

Distribution

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you. After the welcome, you may kneel or remain standing for the reception of the Lord's Supper. If you partake of our Lord's blood by individual cup, please hold it in plain view as the common cup passes.

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| Hymn | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" | LSB 338 |
| Hymn | "When All the World Was Cursed" | LSB 346 |
| Hymn | "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" | LSB 342 |

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

- C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.*

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

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 and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World"

LSB 387

Postlude "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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Preacher	Rev. Adam Jacobsen	Rev. Adam Jacobsen
Organist	Miguel Ruiz	Miguel Ruiz
Head Elder	Andy Adair	Andy Adair
Assisting Elder	Brock Montgomery	Brock Montgomery
Ushers	8:00 am: Mark Uphoff 10:30 am: Randy Ervin	8:00 am: Mark Uphoff 10:30 am: Randy Ervin
Acolytes	8:00: Ashlynn Smith 10:30 am: Abigail Niemeyer & Nina Stortzum	8:00: Miles Harlin & Josh Sipes 10:30 am: <i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Altar Guild	Teresa Lane, Janice Mann, Susie Miller	Teresa Lane, Janice Mann, Susie Miller
Driver	Karen Stoll 258-6377	Karen Stoll 258-6377

GATHERED IN WORSHIP LAST WEEK: SUN: 8:00 am: 108 10:30 am: 274 Total: 384 Wed: 331

****Numbers shown below are for Plate and Envelope offerings only****

OFFERING	Previous Bal	Last Week	Current Bal
Budgeted	\$439,347	\$9,153	\$448,500
Collected	\$402,358	\$7,681	\$410,039

Those who Mourn:

The family and friends of Scott Thomley

Those In Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery (Recently Added):

Barbara Degler	Marilyn Perryman	Grace Harlin
Helen Alwardt	Robert Koelling	
Steve Epperson – Brother of Pam Hensley	Adam Fonner – Grandson of Joe & Kim Fonner	
Maggie Kirts – Mother in Law of Barb Kirts	Nate Maxedon – Larry & Nancy Maxedon’s Grandson	
Helen Conrady – Niece of Derald & Sara Doehring		

Church & School News, Events, & Announcements:

Year-end giving reminder:

With all the focus on Christmas, and rightly so, it’s easy to forget that 2018 is almost over. Year-end is a time where many people consider making additional financial donations. Maybe one of your New Year’s resolutions for 2018 was to tithe on a regular basis, and you missed a month. Perhaps you’re teaching your children about giving, and you’ve helped them save up to donate at Christmas. Whatever your situation, you can easily donate via our church envelopes in the plate or church office. You can also sign up for automatic giving, just call the church office for more information! Blessings to you this Advent and Christmas Season!

Cookie Walk Thank You: Thank you to all those who donated and came to purchase cookies. We made \$917.50. All proceeds will go to the FIRE to help with the community help project. ~Ladies Aid

Christmas Office Hours: On Thursday, December 20 the office will be closed. The office staff will be in the office working, but we will be very busy getting ready for the Christmas week and services. If there is an emergency that requires our attention call the office. Thank you for understanding our busy time and have a very Merry CHRISTmas!!!

Attention All Ladies! Are you in need of some holiday cheer? The Ladies Aid is inviting all women to Stadium Grill on December 20 at noon for lunch with old friends and new friends. Lunch is on your own and bring a small gift to exchange. Call Carole Wilson at 234-2960 to make sure we reserve enough seats. Hope to see you there!

Scrip Orders: The last scrip order for 2018 will be tomorrow, December 17. Orders will resume January 7.

A Few 2018 Advent/Christmas Notes:

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Program: Fill your hearts with joy as we await our Savior's birth at "What Child is This?" Children's Christmas service on December 24 at 4:00 pm.

****If your child is in this program, there will be dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 22 from 2:30-4:00 pm. We will have rehearsal, then pizza, and caroling at 5:00 pm.**

Caroling: On Saturday, December 22 we will once again go Christmas caroling. Pizza will be served at 4:30 pm, and we will group up at 5:00 pm. Meet us in the fellowship hall if you want to join us!

St. John's School Christmas Program: *New this year!!* St. John's Lutheran School invites you to their K-8 Christmas program to be held on the **campus of Eastern Illinois University in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.** We have outgrown the gym and will be presenting this year's program in this 568 seat, state of the art facility. Please join us on December 20 at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. Classes at EIU are not in session during this time, so there will be plenty of parking and seating. Turn south off of Route 16 onto either 7th or 9th Street. There is parking on the street, at the Union, and at parking lots very near Doudna from 9th Street. For the evening performance, doors open at 6:00. Call the school office with any questions.

Schedule for December 16 – December 23

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Education Hour 4:00 pm Rankin – Gym 7:00 pm Pickup B-ball	Thu	8:30 am Exercise Class 9:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study - Cancelled 9:30 am K-8 Christmas Program @ EIU 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Christmas Lunch @ Stadium Grill 6:30 pm K-8 Christmas Program @ EIU
Mon	8:00 am LOL 10:00 am PTL Lunch for Staff – Fam Rm 12:45 pm Thomley Funeral 5:30 pm Board of Christian Ed Mtg 6:30 pm Bball Game	Fri	6:00 pm Bball Game
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Denny's 8:30 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Card Players – Fam Rm 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study - Cancelled	Sat	9:00 am Larson – Gym 2:30 pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 4:30 pm Pizza & Christmas Caroling
Wed	8:30 am Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 pm Advent Service	Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour - Cancelled 12:30 pm Smith Family - FH 4:00 pm Rankin – Gym 7:00 pm Pickup B-ball