

# GAUDETE

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday 13 December AFD 2020



## ABIDING SAVIOR/ MOUNT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Abiding Savior/Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church** is a combined congregation of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ fully presented in the Holy Scriptures, rightly explained in the Lutheran Confessions, and reverently proclaimed in the Divine Service.

**Visitors, welcome!** We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

**This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion.** Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or [rev.mccall@pm.me](mailto:rev.mccall@pm.me)



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

### PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      **344** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

**Amen.**

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 28:19B; [18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS (HEBRÄER) 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 32:5

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

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 20:19-23]



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**INTROIT**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 85:1-2, 6, 8;

ANTIPHON: PHILIPPIANS (PHILIPPER) 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 re- | joice 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 be- | ginning,\*  
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.**

**KYRIE**

ST. MARK (MARKUS) 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



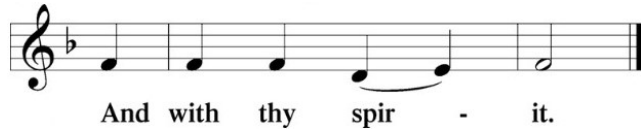
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is omitted during Advent.*

**SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.



**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.



*SIT*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

ISAIAH (JESAJA) 40:1-11

*In those days, the prophet Isaiah said,*

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 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.

3 A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 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.

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

6 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.

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

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

9 Go on 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!"

10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

11 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**GRADUAL**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 80:1-2



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

Stir up your might and come to | save us!

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

**EPISTLE**

1 CORINTHIANS (I. BUCH KORINTHER) 4:1-5

*Brethren:* <sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.***STAND***ALLELUIA VERSE**

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 21:26B-27



Alle- | luia.\*

Alle- | luia.

**Stir | up your might\*****and come to save us. Alle- | luia.****HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 11:2-11

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

**Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

<sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</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>11</sup>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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

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.

*SIT*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      345 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

**SERMON**

*STAND*

**OFFERTORY**      PSALM (DER PSALTER) 51:10-12



**OFFERING** — *Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership:*  
*Abiding Savior*—wooden; *Mount Olive*—brass.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**      [I TIMOTHY (I. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 2:1-4]

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. . . .

**Amen.**

*SIT*

**HYMN**      346 *When All the World Was Cursed*

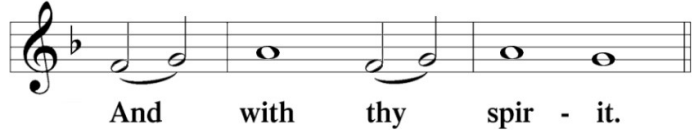
*STAND*

# THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22



Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS (KOLOSSER) 3:1]



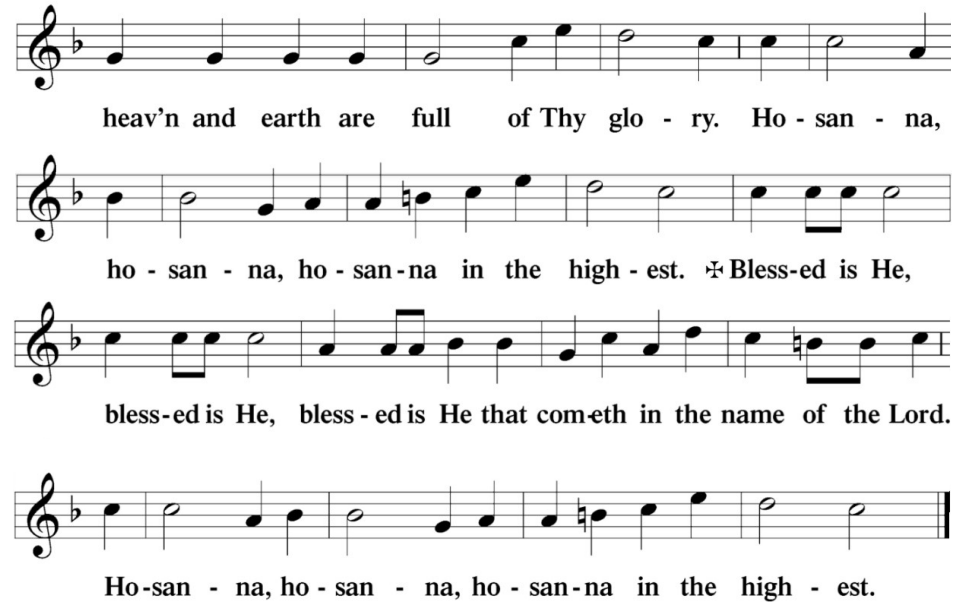
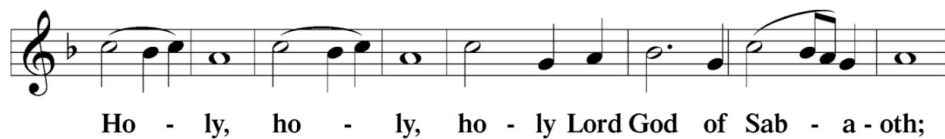
Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM (DER PSALTER) 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

ISAIAH (JESAJA) 6:3; ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 21:9



## LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 6:9-13

**Our Father who 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 trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
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**

## WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 26:26-28; ST. MARK (MARKUS) 14:22-24;  
ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS (I. BUCH KORINTHNER) 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**PAX DOMINI**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SIT

- DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**
- 737 *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*
  - 556 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*
  - 338 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

STAND

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

**THANKSGIVING**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

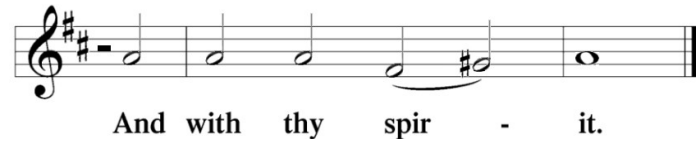
Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.



**BENEDICAMUS**

[PSALM (DER PSALTER) 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



**BENEDICTION**

NUMBERS (4. BUCH MOSE) 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

*Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.*

*What you may notice to be different today:*

**Baptismal Font** - though not previously lacking a font, Abiding Savior's holy space now has Mount Olive's solid marble baptismal font sitting in a new location. This is not an unusual place for it because church architecture, and even furnishings' placement, often carry great meaning. Through the waters of Holy Baptism, God Almighty works salvation and delivers the baptized out of death into life everlasting. Baptism is the sinner's entrance into the Kingdom of God, so as we His children come to feast at His Table in the Divine Service, making our way up to receive Holy Communion, we walk by the blessed font where God put His sacred Triune name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit upon us, making us His very own. Keeping the font in this central position reminds us always, especially during the Divine Service, that now as His baptized children we may approach the Holy One of Heaven with boldness and no fear as we receive what He desires to give to us in the Lord's Supper.

**Torches** - *tall candle holders located to either side of the lectern where the Scriptures are read*; as we learned last week of the importance in olden days to have acolytes, *followers*, to aid in the Divine Service, one of the items they have helped with over the centuries is the lighting. Candles being held near the sacred texts while the pastor read them were necessary in the very long pre-electricity era. The candles also serve another purpose in signifying the light of Christ coming to His people in His Holy Word in the Divine Service.

**Altar Crucifix** - *brass; sitting upon the glass gradine above the altar*; this is part of the three-piece brass set (crucifix + two candleholders) used for many, many decades on the altar of Mount Olive. It is a beautiful, physical confession that He Who died for the sins of the world on the tree of the cross comes to us at this, His altar, to deliver upon our tongues heavenly food, His Own Body and Blood, for the forgiveness of our sins.

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