

GAUDETE

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday 12 December AFD 2021



ABIDING SAVIOR/ MOUNT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Hymns ✠
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556:1-6
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556:7-10

LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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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. Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Lord's Body and Blood. If you have not had the opportunity to speak with him, we kindly ask that you abstain from seeking the Sacrament until you have spoken with Pastor McCall. 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 can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

THE 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 as it passes.

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

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 184)

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5; PSALM 85:1, 2, 6, 8



| Re- | joice / in the LORD alway:
and / again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known / unto all men.

The / LORD is at hand.—

LORD, thou hast been favourable un- / to thy lând:
thou hast brought back the capti- / vity of Jacob.

**Thou hast forgiven the iniquity / of thy people,
thou / hast covered all their sin.**

Wilt thou not revive / us agâin:
that thy peo- / ple may rejoice in thee?

**I will hear what God the LORD will speak:
for he will speak peace unto his people,
and / to his sâints:**

but let them not turn / again to folly.

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son
and to / the Holy Spirit;***

**As it was in / the beginning,
is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

| Re- | joice / in the LORD alway:
and / again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known / unto all men.

The / LORD is at hand.—

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



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



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

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE 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.

Amen.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 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.

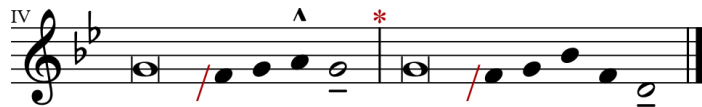
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 9 Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, 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.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 80:1-2



Thou that dwellest between the che- / rubims, shine forth;
stir up thy strength, / and come and save us.

Give ear, O Shep- / herd of Israel,
thou that lead- / est Joseph like a flock.

THE EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5

Brethren: 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 faithful. 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. ⁴For I 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

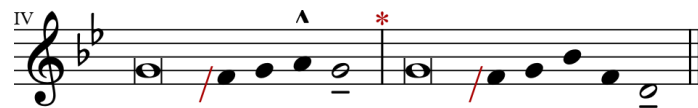
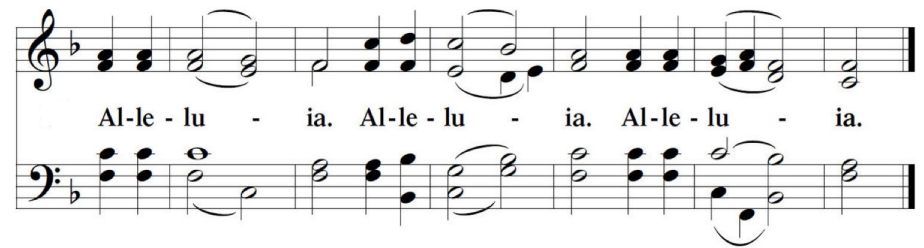
Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 80:2B

Congregation sings the Alleluia; pastor chants the verse; congregation repeats the Alleluia.



Stir / up thy strêngth,
and / come and- save us.

Repeat triple alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 11:2-11

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory 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.”

¹¹Truly, 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.

THE NICENE CREED (pg. 191)

SIT

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

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SIT

THE OFFERING

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

STAND

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- please see your insert for the full lists

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

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

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

We lift them up unto the LORD.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

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:

THE SANCTUS ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ☩ Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 196; *entirely spoken*) ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT (pg. 197)

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28; ST. MARK 14:22-24
ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 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

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

- 346 *When All the World Was Cursed*
- 556:1-6 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*
- 737 *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*
- 556:7-10 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 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.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.
And His mercy endureth forever.



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.

Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 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.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes.
Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.



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