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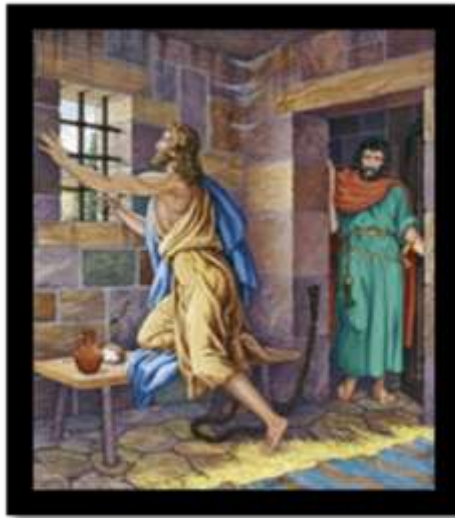
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Third Sunday of Advent



Matthew 11:2-3

*²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples
³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"*

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

FM 88.9

Thank you for joining our service today.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.

This service will use the liturgy WOV setting 5 (blue hymnal).

Please stand (if able) for sections marked with an asterisk () in this bulletin.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Wreath Hymn **“Light One Candle to Watch”** **ELW #240, verse 3**

Confession and Forgiveness **WOV page 10**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen**

*** Gathering Hymn “Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”**

ELW#242

*** Greeting**

WOV page 28

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** Kyrie**

WOV page 28

P: Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P:Christe eleison: Christ have mercy. **C: Christ have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

Gloria

WOV page 29

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glo-
ry to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-
ry.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our pray-
er.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glo-
ry to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth,
and peace to God’s people on earth.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:5-10

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

⁸**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the
blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

⁹the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains
the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

WOV page 31

*** Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

Hymn of the Day

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

ELW#239

*** Nicene Creed**

WOV page 32

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Choir Anthem “Will We Know Him?”

Prayers of Intercession

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: God, in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene’, Sue Kraft, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, LaVonne and Logan.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Prepare the Royal Highway” ELW#264

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is near. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Attendance November 27th

In-person-29 Online – 91

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.

Announcements

Good Shepherd Council Meeting, Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm.

Christmas Program will be December 18th

Join us for a festive worship service led by our adults and youth as they present a Christmas Pageant with hymn's and narrative. Practice Saturday, December 17th at

We will collect Thankofferings during November and December.

Please be sure that any *offering contribution* you would like credit for this year, is received prior to the end of worship on **Sunday, December 25, 2022**. Any contribution received after that time will be credited in 2023. Thank you for your cooperation. In an ongoing effort to reduce expenses, your offering envelope number for next year may change.

It is imperative that you write your name on your envelope so that you receive proper credit.

Your generosity and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact *Sheila at (815)369-5101*.

Bible Study Group
meets on Tuesday's
at 11am in Fellowship Hall.

Piece Corps Quilting Group
Meets every Wednesday
from 8am-11:30am in Fellowship Hall



Christmas Poinsettias

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Orders must be placed by Dec. 18th, price of the plants is \$15.00. Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you!

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

___ in memory of.. ___in honor of...

Name (s)

