



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**Organist:**

Vanessa Ude

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 146*

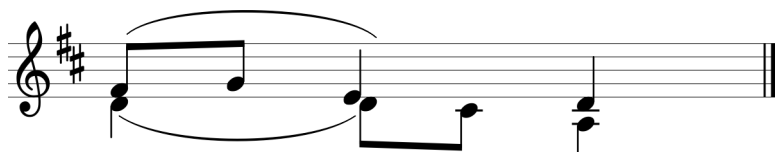
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, *Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help. <sup>4</sup> His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that *is* in them; Who keeps truth forever, <sup>7</sup> Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down. <sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever-- Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Hymn 647 - O Little Town Of Bethlehem

### INVOCATION

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



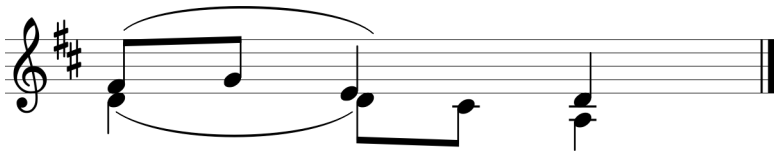
c A - men.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**all** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**p** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



**c** A - men.



**c** Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



c  
 Glo - ry to God, we  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
 A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
 Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
 on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
 us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
 hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

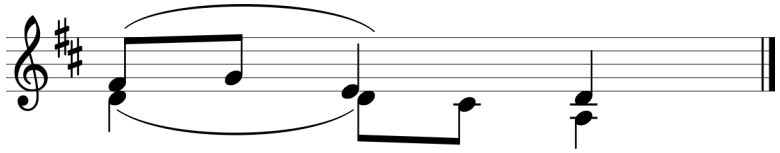


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
 God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
 Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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 A - men.



## THE WORD

**Isaiah 35:1-36:1** The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; <sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the



road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk *there*, <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**James 5:7-11** <sup>7</sup> Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. <sup>8</sup> You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! <sup>10</sup> My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. <sup>11</sup> Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



c Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

## Children's Sermon

## Hymn 59:1-4 - Hail To The Lord's Anointed

# SERMON

**Luke 1:46-56** <sup>46</sup> And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup> For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

<sup>50</sup> And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones,  
And exalted *the* lowly.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled *the* hungry with good things,  
And *the* rich He has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel,  
In remembrance of *His* mercy, <sup>55</sup> As He spoke to our fathers,  
To Abraham and to his seed forever."

# HIS MIGHTY WORKS CAUSE US TO SING

## Blessing – Mercy – Strength

Mary brags about what God has done not about herself.  
He gives His blessings, we receive what we do not deserve.  
He works His salvation among those who repent.

c Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## Hymn 68 - The Advent Of Our King (MFH 38)

## OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 442 VS. 2



Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee



Glad-ly, free-ly, of Thine own; With the sun-shine



of Thy good-ness Melt our thank-less hearts of stone



Till our cold and self-ish na-tures, Warmed by



Thee, at length be-lieve That more hap-py



and more bless-ed 'Tis to give than to re-ceive.

# PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



c A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Hymn 73 - Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday 12/15**

9am Worship Service  
10am Christmas Eve Practice  
10:15 Bible Class

#### **Wednesday 12/18**

5pm Confirmation Class  
7pm Advent Service  
8pm Voter's Meeting

#### **Saturday 12/21**

9am Christmas VBS

#### **Sunday 12/22**

9am Worship Service  
10am Christmas Eve Practice  
10:15 Bible Class

## **ENVELOPE COMMITTEE**

**This Week: Team #6**

Don Casey, Roy Draheim

**Next Week: Team #1**

Steve Meilan, Dean Bremer

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Attendance - 105

Bible Class- 13

General:- \$ 2917

Missions- \$ 450

Memorials:

\$ 20.00 DuWayne Lohrey

- Gym Fund

## **UPCOMING:**

December 18

- 7pm Advent Service

December 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas VBS

December 24th

- 6pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25th

- 10am Christmas Day Service

December 31st

- 7pm New Year's Eve Service

## **DECEMBER USHERS**

### **-SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

Gary Brown, Paul Eserhut,

Darwin Kelm, Kent Quade

## **DECEMBER USHES ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Matt Dumke, Jim Brown, Blain Kempenaar, Bob Kirst

## **NEW BOOKS**

New books were purchased for the church library and will be on display over the next few months. Feel free to take a look.

## **NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY**

We will have a part here at the church following the New Years Eve service. Bring snacks to pass around and any games you might want to play.

## **CALL NEWS**

Pastor Jim Albrecht, St. John's, Okabena, MN has been called by Berea, Sioux Falls, SD.

## **SCHOOL CLEANING**

More help is needed cleaning the school. We are looking for someone to clean once or twice a month. It takes about 5 -6 hours and pay the is \$12 an hour. Contact Pastor Ude or Marsha Brown if interested.

## **SCHOOL BOARD NOTES**

\$11,062 in the School checking account

Teacher and students have been practicing drills for fire, tornado and code red.

Preschool has expanded to two days a week.

Kohn's have donated a piano for the upper grade room.

The teachers have asked for a new microwave for the kitchen.

New Math books are needed.

The bench by the baseball diamond needs to be fixed.

The school board bought new Sunday School material for the second half of the school year.

The VBS material for the summer of 2020 was on sale so that was also purchased.

Christmas Eve service is at 6pm this year.

Security camera's need to be fixed.

Work needs to be done on parsonage septic tanks. Prices and options will be discussed at annual voters' meeting.

Council discussed the possibility of a screen near the front of the church.

Online offerings app is being tested and will soon be available for use.

Special voters' meeting on Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> to ratify list of nominees for church officers.

All church treasures need to bring books to next council meeting for audit.

## **COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**

\$14,788 – Income for November

\$14,360 – Expenses for November

\$6,000 – Current loan amount

\$21,270 – current donations to missions (supposed to be at \$40,000 by the end of the year)



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