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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 2019

HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Confessional Service with Holy Communion

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation – #66

“Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

+ The Invocation – pg. 46ff (*stand*)

+ Versicles & Responses

+ INTROIT *Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4*

Rejoice in the LORD always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

I will hope continually

and will praise you yet more and more.

*My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.*

With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

*O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.*

**So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all
those to come.**

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again I will say, Rejoice.*

+ The Confessional Address or Exhortation – pg. 47

+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution – pg. 47-48

+ The Collect for the Day

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.**

+ The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ The Epistle: James 5:7-11

+ The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Hymn #272

“When All the World was Cursed”

+ Sermon – “What Do You Go Out to See?”

Matthew 11:7-9

- I. Jesus does not want us to see preachers who are like wind-shaken reeds or men in soft clothing.
- II. Jesus wants us to see men like John the Baptist – preachers of Christ.

+ The Offertory – pg. 22 (*stand*)

+ The Offerings

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pg. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

#61 - “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

#487 - “How Beauteous Are Their Feet”

#75 - “Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken”

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving – pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 30

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus – pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn - #75 (7:00 p.m.)
“Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

December 15: Is. 30:27–31:9; Rev. 3:1–22; **16:** Is. 32:1–20; Rev. 4:1–11; **17:** Is. 33:1–24; Rev. 5:1–14; **18:** Is. 34:1–2, 8–35:10; Rev. 6:1–17; **19:** Is. 40:1–17; Rev. 7:1–17; **20:** Is. 40:18–41:10; Rev. 8:1–13; **21:** Is. 42:1–25; Rev. 9:1–12.

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