

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠*Ill/Hospitalized:*

Alice Davis
Mindy Bauer

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Third Sunday in Advent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Caroling 1:00 p.m.

Monday: Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Youth Group Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. (Youth Room)
Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Office Conference)

Tuesday: Ladies Aid Dine Out 12:00 p.m. (Miles Market)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
Church Council 7:00 p.m. (Church Conference)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study (Church conference) 9:00 a.m.
Choral Advent Service 6:30 p.m.
Trustees 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Fourth Sunday in Advent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. William L. Morris*
Liturgist: *Rev. Martin J. Hagenow*
Organist: *Mr. Brian J. Heinlein*
Choir: *Cherub Choir*
Acolytes: *Loretta Wardin (5:00pm)*
Jason Good (9:30am)
Videographer: *Scott Neumeyer*

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Our Communion Practice

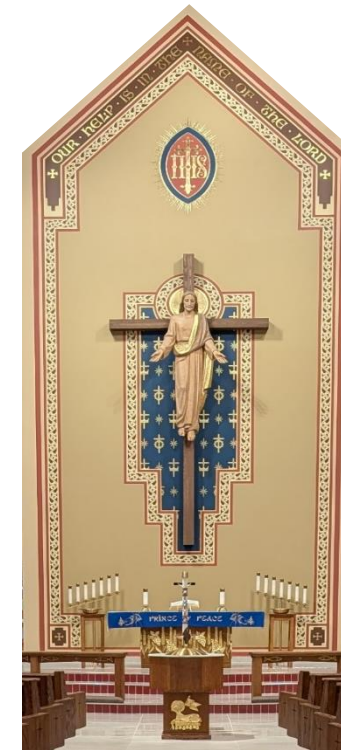
We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“Without a Doubt”

December 14 & 15, 2024

† Third Sunday in Advent †

Introit *Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

**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.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Gradual *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle *Philippians 4:4-7*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel *Luke 7:18-28*

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, 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? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

G Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON

Text: Luke 7:18-28

Theme: “Without a Doubt”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G Hear our prayer.

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