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Welcome to Worship! Dear bride of Christ, rejoice! The wedding is now, and your Groom, your Jesus is here for you!" That is the message of the rose-colored candle on this 3rd Sunday in Advent! John the Baptizer along with all the Lord's "best men" point you to Christ, who is always beside us to protect and forgive us! Rejoice and be glad!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Sunday School classes meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the 9:00 & 7:00 services. The Common Cup will be offered to those who desire it and will be cleansed and rotated between persons. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing.

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THE PRELUDE: 9:00 "An Advent Prelude" -Charles Callahan

11:15 & 7:00 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" -J.C. Oley

+++ 9:00 THE HYMN: "See This Wonder" **Hymn 593**

- 1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
- 3 Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them, With Your love and peace embrace them.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

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THE BAPTISM of MADELYN ANN GENTRY, Page 268

Parents: Kyle & Alyssa (Nichols) Gentry

Sponsors: Jordan & Erica Richart Witness: Ellen Gentry

+++ 11:15 & 7:00 THE HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Hymn 347

- 1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."
- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many_a day, Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.
- 3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.

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P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION:

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (We sing Hymn 333, verse 3)

3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.

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THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together)

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 WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No 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. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

+++ 9:00 THE ANTHEM: "See Amid the Winter Snow"

THE EPISTLE READING: James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-15 C: Glory to You, O Lord.

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the 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. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." As 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? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly, 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. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE HYMN: "When All the World Was Cursed"

Hymn 346

- 1 When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
- 2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.
- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

THE SERMON: "Our Groom's Best Man"

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+++ 11:15 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Hymn 806

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION, page 208

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

Distribution Hymns: 611, 636, 575, 637, 632

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me – wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you
outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting
soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation
here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us
now.

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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Nunc Dimittis

- C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The
glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now,
shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you... C **Amen**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Hymn 352

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
- 2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord –
Him of twofold race behold – Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

THE POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"-Paul Manz

Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Pastor Fredstrom & Pastor Rodriguez

Lector: Vicar Farney **Organist:** Paul Scheiderer

Violin: Charlea Fredstrom **Tenor Sax:** Paul Keller

Pastor Blumenberg is participating at Redeemer 75th anniversary culmination.

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