

Welcome! To those who worship with us today we bid welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that this service will enable you to seek His forgiveness and prepare you for a new week with our Savior as together we recommit ourselves to serving Him. Visitors, please introduce yourselves to the pastor and sign our guest book prior to leaving this morning.

† *THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT* †

December 17, 2023

Liturgy Divine Service Setting Three – LSB pages 184-202

WELCOME (*Please Stand*)

INVOCATION HYMN "Arise, O Christian People".....LSB #354

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please Kneel/Stand*).....Page 184

INTROIT (*Bethel = all, Zion=Cantors*).....Psalm 85:8-9, 12-13

P: Show us Your steadfast love, / O LORD,

*and grant us Your sal- / vation.

C: LET ME HEAR WHAT GOD THE / LORD WILL SPEAK,

*FOR HE WILL SPEAK PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE, TO HIS SAINTS;

BUT LET THEM NOT TURN BACK TO / FOLLY.

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who / fear Him,

*that glory may dwell / in our land.

C: YES, THE LORD WILL GIVE / WHAT IS GOOD,

*AND OUR LAND WILL YIELD ITS / INCREASE.

P: Righteousness will go be- / fore Him

*and make His foot- / steps a way.

C: 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.

SHOW US YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, / O LORD,

*AND GRANT US YOUR SAL- / VATION.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING (*Please Be Seated*).....Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

GRADUAL (*Bethel=ALL, Zion=Cantors*).....Zachariah 9:9

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.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME / OF THE LORD.

*FROM THE HOUSE OF THE LORD WE / BLESS YOU.

EPISTLE.....1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Please Stand*).....Page 190

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-287 C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AT BETHEL (*Please Be Seated*).....Dr. Gary Swanson

HYMN OF THE DAY "When All the World Was Cursed".....LSB #346

SERMON.....Rev. Donn E. Woolweber

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OFFERING (*Please Be Seated*)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Once He Came..." LSB #333 & "Praise the One...".....LSB #849

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CLOSING HYMN "Hark the Glad Sound".....LSB #349

