

[We rise]      **The Prayers of the Church**  
                  **The Te Deum Laudamus**      Handout  
**The Kyrie, The Our Father, The Collects**  
                  **“God Bless Our Native Land”**      #965

**The Service of the Sacrament**      p. 194  
[Please review our Communion Policy on  
Page 1 of this Service Guide]

                  [We are seated]  
Hymn      **“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”**      #345  
                  [We rise for stanza 5]

**The Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving**      p. 199-202  
**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction**  
                  [We are seated for announcements]

                  [We rise for the Final Hymn]  
Final Hymn      **“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**      #923

### **GAUDETE —THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

The Day on which our Lord will return is a “great and dreadful Day” (Mal 4.1–6). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “burn them up.” The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in. “Look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Lk 21.25–36) Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness is bringing healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures (Rom 15.4–13) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

### **Lessons for Next Sunday:**

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Old Testament of the Day:      Deuteronomy 18.15-19  
Psalm of the Week:      Psalm 111  
Epistle of the Day:      Philippians 4.4-7  
Holy Gospel of the Day:      John 1.19-28

“O Antiphons!”- LSB Hymn 357

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# A Guide To The Divine Service

9:00 A.M.

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Reformation Era Woodcut, “Disciples of the Baptist Come to Jesus”

***Gaudete in Domino semper***  
**Rejoice in the Lord always**  
***[The Third Sunday of Advent]***  
**“The Refreshment Sunday of Advent”**

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**THE CONSERVATIVE REFORMATION AND ITS THEOLOGY, p. 159**

**Rev. Dr. Charles P. Krauth, 1871**

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## NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** p. 185

Entr. Hymn "On Jordan's Bank" #344

**The Service of the Word begins with the Introit**



*Antiphon:* Rejoice in the / Lord al- / ways: \* and a- / gain I / say, Re- / joice. || Let your moderation be known un- / to all / men. \* For the / Lord\_ / is at / hand. (Phil. 4.4-5)

**Lord, Thou has been favorable un- / to Thy / land: \* Thou hast brought back the cap- / tivi- / ty of / Jacob. || Thou hast forgiven the iniquity / of Thy / people: \* Thou hast / covered / all their / sin.**

Wilt Thou not revive / us a- / gain: \* that Thy people / may re- / joice in / Thee? || Show us that / mercy, O / Lord: \* And / grant us / Thy sal- / vation.

**I will hear what God the / Lord will / speak: \* For He will speak / peace un- / to His / people. || And un- / to His / saints: \* but let them not / turn a- / gain to / folly. (Ps. 85.1-2, 6-8)**

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**The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie** p. 186

**The Gloria in Excelsis [returns for Gaudete] Salutation** p. 189

**Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

**Collect for the Season of Advent:** O Almighty God, heavenly Father, bestow on us Thy grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day when He will come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may then rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

The Old Testament of the Day . . . . . Isaiah 40.1-11  
[Comfort My People!]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle of the Day . . . . . 1 Corinthians 4.1-5  
[Stewards of the Mysteries of God]

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**  
**The Gradual and Nine-fold Alleluia**

Thou hast taken away / all Thy / wrath \*  
**Thou hast turned Thyself from the / fierceness / of Thine / anger. ||**

Turn us, O God of / our sal- / vation: \*  
**And cause Thine / anger toward / us to / cease.**  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: Alleluia! / Alle - / luia! \*  
**Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock: / Alle- / lu\_ - / ia!**  
Thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth!  
Alleluia! / Alle - / luia!

**Stir up Thy strength, and come and save us: / Alle - / lu\_ / ia!** (Ps. 85.3-4; 80.1-2)

**The Triple Alleluia** p. 190

**The Holy Gospel**  
**Announcement of the Holy Gospel**

Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 11.2-11  
[Behold, I send My Messenger before thy face!]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

**The Nicene Creed** p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "When All the World Was Cursed" #346

Sermon

[We rise] **The Offertory**  
**"Arise, O Christian People"** #354

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*