

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*December 16, 2018*

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### **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*)

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### **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. 146:5–8; antiphon: Phil. 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 forever;*

**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.*

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
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: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

**+ Sanctuary Choir (10:30 a.m.)**

*“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*

**+ The Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7**

**+ The Holy Gospel: Luke 7:18-28**

**+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22**

**+ Hymn - #72**

*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

**+ Sermon – “Rejoice and Be Gentle; the Lord Is Near!”**

**Philippians 4:4-5**

- I. The Lord’s nearness calls us to rejoice.
- II. The Lord’s nearness calls us to gentleness.

**+ The Offertory – pg. 22 (stand)**

**+ The Offerings**

+ **The Prayer of the Church**

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

+ **Distribution Hymns**

**LSB #803** - “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (*attached*)

**#74** - “Once He Came in Blessing”

**#305** - “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

+ **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 - #74 (7:00 p.m.)**

    “Once He Came in Blessing”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

## **DAILY READINGS**

**December 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; **22:** Is. 43:1–24; Rev. 9:13–10:11.

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