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3rd Sunday in Advent

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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING ONE

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p. 56

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

C **Amen**

P *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen**

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN *"People, Look East"* WOVS# 626

GREETING LBW p. 57

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE LBW p. 57 (*spoken*)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Glory To God"* LBW p. 59

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (*unison*)

¹**When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.**

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

³**Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

⁴**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁵**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.**

⁶**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

(1st & 2nd & 3rd verses only)

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD ADVENT CANDLES

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW p. 62 (Sung)

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

P *The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"
as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: "The Voice"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Prepare The Royal Highway" LBW# 26

APOSTLES CREED LBW p. 65

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

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

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN “Give Thanks” Bulletin pg. 8

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 68

P *Blessed are you,*

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With then we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P *.....Lord in your mercy,*

C Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 76)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING LBW p. 76

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

C *(Sung) Three Fold Amen*

SENDING HYMN: “Christ Be Our Light” Bulletin pg. 9

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C **Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Baltic School Angel Fund

East: Call To Freedom

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Baltic: Technology Fund

East Nidaros: Call to Freedom



Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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2020 Christmas Eve Service Signup



In order to provide safer opportunities for attending Christmas Eve Services this year, we will offer an additional service to what we have done previously. Our parish will plan to offer two worship services at East Nidaros with one at 3:00 PM and another at 5:00 PM followed by one service at Baltic Lutheran at 8:00 PM. In order to help us decide if this additional service will be necessary, we are asking you to make reservations for these service times by using Sign Up Genius which will be linked to our Baltic-East Nidaros website. If you are unable to access this sign up option, simply email the church office at nidaros@alliancecom.net or by calling the church at 605-529-5471 and letting us know which service you would like to attend and the number of your family that plan on attending. At this time, it is our plan to offer the Lord's Supper at these worship services.

East Nidaros is looking for a Sunday School Coordinator



If interested please get in contact with
Jenni Hartman, Chelsey Koenig or Katie Siemonsma.



In Person Worship Changes

There will be **NO** in person service
Sunday **December 20th** and **December 27th**
Services will be prerecorded
and Live Streamed on Facebook at 10:30 am.

Baltic members your 2021 offering envelopes will be in your mail boxes at church by November 29th. Jodee is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00 so you can stop and pick them up anytime. Please use the west door and ring the doorbell. If you were missed or would like envelopes let Alana know.

2020 Christmas Program

We are looking for members from **Baltic and East Nidaros** to help us put together a virtual Christmas Program this year since we aren't doing the traditional Sunday School Program. Our hope is to include members from both congregations and have a variety of music, personal favorite Christmas stories, reading the Bible Christmas story, kids reading poems or singing, pictures of members, etc. Your segment would be pre-recorded either in your home, or individually at one of the churches. Readers would not need to read the whole Bible story...it will be divided into small parts allowing more people to participate. It will be a great way for many of us to "see" our church family members that we haven't seen in many months and share the Christmas story with everyone. We will compile all the pictures & videos we receive to create our Christmas Program to "air" on Sunday, December 20th. If you would like to be a part of this very unique, special Christmas program, please contact Jenni Hartman (595-2948) or Kathy Hegge (366-4116). We would like to have all the pictures and videos completed by December 10th! Pictures and videos can also be emailed to: eastnidaros@gmail.com. The more people we can include, the better it will be!!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of December 13TH

- Mon Dec 14 7:00 Baltic Council Meeting
- Wed Dec 16 5:30-6:30 **6th grade** Confirmation @ Baltic
6:30-7:30 **7th & 8th grade** Confirmation @ Baltic
- Thu Dec 17 9:00 Bulletin Assembly
- Sat Dec 19 10:30-11:30 Food Bank Open
4:00 Service Of Remembrance at Baltic

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of December 20TH

- Sun Dec 20 **10:30 Virtual Christmas Program (No In Person Worship)**
- Mon Dec 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Wed Dec 23 **No Communion/No Confirmation**
- Thu Dec 24 3:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service @ East
5:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service @ East
8:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service @ Baltic
- Fri Dec 25 **Christmas Day**
- Sun Dec 27 **10:30 Live Stream Worship Only (No In Person Worship)**

