



**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

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## **Worship Plan for Sunday, December 11, 2022**

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LBW Setting Two without Communion

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

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

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen**

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.

Most merciful God,

**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**

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.

**Amen**

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN *People, Look East* (WOV 626)**

#### **GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

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

**And also with you.**

#### **KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**

Glory to God in the highest

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

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 35:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>5</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise forever;**

<sup>6</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.

<sup>7</sup>**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the  
blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

<sup>8</sup>the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the  
wicked.

<sup>9</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all  
generations. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND LESSON: James 5:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SING THREE VERSES OF *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* LBW 34**

## **LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE-JOY**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **ALLELULIA VERSE (LBW p.83)**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John

what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON “Suffering, Patience and Freedom”**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Hark, the Glad Sound!* (LBW 35)**

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 85)**

#### **THE PRAYERS**

#### **LORD’S PRAYER**

#### **SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* LBW 410 Verses 1 & 6**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them 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**

## BLESSING (LBW p. 97)

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.

Amen

## SENDING HYMN *He Came Down*

### He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes four lines of lyrics. The second system includes three lines of lyrics. Both systems feature triplet markings over the vocal lines.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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## FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Darrel McMahon—Brother of Ann Romsdahl  
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The Family of Jim Park

## **DECEMBER NOISY CAN**

**Baltic:** Baltic Food Bank

**East:** Baltic Food Bank

## Our Response to God's Love

**Baltic:** Attendance: 99

**Dec 4:** General Fund: \$1508.00 Noisy Can: \$47.30

**East Nidaros** Attendance: 34

**Dec 4:** General Fund: \$1185.00 Noisy Can: \$27.94

Fuel Fund \$1000.00 Thankoffering \$245.00 Christmas Offering \$20.

## Sunday, December 11th

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 am Worship
<b>East Nidaros</b>	10:30 am Worship and Live Streamed on Facebook @ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

## Things Happening Week of December 4th

Mon Dec 12	6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
Tues Dec 13	2 pm Bible Study @ EN
	6:30pm Council Meeting at Baltic
Wed Dec 14	6:30-7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation @ East
Sat Dec 17	10:30-11:30am Food Bank Open

## Sunday, December 18th, 2022

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 am Sunday School Program @ Baltic School
<b>East Nidaros</b>	10:30 am Sunday School Program and Live streamed on Facebook @ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

## Fellowship Coffee and Treats

### Dec 11 Baltic

Corynne & Brett Teveldal 376-5097  
Ann & Paul Romsdahl 334-9111

### Dec 11 & 18

#### East Nidaros

Rosalie Riswold-Brende 376-0452  
Doug & Karly Nohava 366-5259

## POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of Orill & Bonnie Johnson from the Sherry Hanson and Larry Miller families.
- In loving memory of parents Gloria Christensen, Eugene Carnicle & Annette and Arnold Qualseth from The David Qualseth family.
- In loving memory of Ordell Krogstad from The Krogstad family.
- In loving memory of Don Brende from Pat, Steve, Sherri and family, and Scott and family.