

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Advent Midweek 3 Children's Program

December 15, 2021

Introit (Ps. 71:14-18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4)



Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will | say, Rejoice.
Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*
The Lord | is at hand.
LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.
Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?
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.
**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.**
Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will | say, Rejoice.
Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*
The Lord | is at hand.

Collect of 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.

Gradual (Ps. 80:1-2)

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.*
Stir up your might and come to | save us!
Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

ORDER OF VESPERS/LSB 229

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn..... LSB 357

Children sing vs 1 & 6 alone

Opening Versicles and Common*

Advent Ascription of Praise*..... LSB 229

Introit—*See Propers**

Office Hymn..... LSB 335

Children sing vs 1 & 2 alone

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-8 (9-11)

LSB 349

Children sing vs 1 & 4 alone

Epistle..... 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

LSB 374

Children sing vs 1 & 2 alone

Gospel..... Matthew 11:2-11

Advent Responsory..... LSB 230

Sermon *Pastor Adam Moline*

LSB 372

Children sing vs 1-3 alone

Gradual—*See Propers**

Canticle*... “Magnificat” LSB 231-232

Kyrie* LSB 233

Lord's Prayer* LSB 233

Collects* LSB 233

Prayers* LSB 233

Benedicamus* LSB 234

Benediction* LSB 234

Closing Hymn LSB 348

Children sing vs 1 – 3

Announcements

Postlude

*Please Stand

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Vespers

Vespers (LW, pp. 224-35), meaning “evening” (from the Latin *vespera*), was originally known as lucernarium, as candles or lamps were lit in the course of its liturgy. Vespers was originally part of the night office, but by the time of Saint Benedict, it was transferred to the early evening or late afternoon. In structure, Vespers is very similar to Matins as both services provide for the praise of God in psalmody, hymns, and canticles, the opportunity for the reading and proclamation of God's Word, and space for the prayers of the faithful.

“As human beings learn to talk by listening to others around them, so liturgical prayer must be learned by listening to the “Our Father,” to the Word addressed to us, and to the company of the family of God among whom we live. Where that lively and life-giving Word is received in the heart of faith, the prayer that is “conversation with God” happens.”— Dr. Ken Korby

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 357.....O Come, O Come
Emmanuel
(Children sing vs 1 & 6 alone)

OFFICE HYMN

LSB 335.....O Bride of Christ,
Rejoice
(Children sing vs 1 & 2 alone)

LSB 349Hark the Glad
Sound
(Children sing vs 1 & 4 alone)

LSB 374Gentle Mary Laid
Her Child
(Children sing vs 1 & 2 alone)

LSB 372 . O Jesus Christ, Thy
Manger Is
(Children sing vs 1-3 alone)

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 348.....The King Shall
Come when Morning Dawns
(Children sing vs 1 –3 alone)

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1–8 (9-11)

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not

aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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