

Votum Hymn Verse **ELH 596** Praise to Thee and Adoration **verse 1**

1. Praise to Thee and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Thine own creation, Didst partake of Flesh and Blood.  
Teach me that I never may From Thy fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Thy steps are leading.

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O LORD, from Thee.  
2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly as Thou blessest us. To Thee our first-fruits give!

**Alternate Advent-3 Collect 6.** LORD God, Heavenly Father, You gave Your Son, our LORD Jesus Christ, to become Man and to come into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil, deliver us poor offenders from sin and death, and give us everlasting life: We beseech You so to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may seek no other refuge than His Word, and thus avoid the sin to which we are by nature inclined, in order that we may always be found among the faithful followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by faith in Him obtain eternal salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD. **Amen.**

**Congregation At Prayer for Advent-3 Forerunners of Christ ✠ John the Baptist**  
In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Apostles Creed** **ELH p.46**

**Bible Memory Verse:** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13** **Advent-3 Psalm 85**

**The Catechism** Try to memorize **THE APOSTLES' CREED – SECOND ARTICLE**

**What is the Second Article?** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, ...

**What Does this Mean?** I believe that Jesus Christ is True God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also True Man, born of the Virgin Mary; and that He is my LORD, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His Holy Precious Blood, and with His innocent suffering and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. **This Is Most Certainly True.**

**Daily Readings from the Bible and Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions**

**Week 50 FofC. Solid Decl.**

**M** FC[JC'Person]VIII 76-86

**T** FC VIII 87-[Descent]IX 3

**W** FC[Church Prax] X 1-13

**T** FC[Church Prax]X 14-25

**F** FC X 26 - [Election] XI 3

**VIII.; IX.; X. Church Practice**

**Daily Bible Readings** Psalm.Old&New Testament

**M** Psalm 111; Isaiah 2:1-5; Hebrews 10:35-39

**T** Psalm 81; Isa. 24:21-25:5; Luke 21:5-24

**W** Psalm 4; Isaiah 25:6-10; Luke 12:35-59

**T** Psalm 106; Isaiah 26:1-21; James 5:7-11

**F** Psalm 9; Isaiah 51:1-16; Luke 1:1-25

**S** Psalm 102; Isaiah 52:1-12; Luke 1:26-38

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Next Sunday 12/21 **Advent-4: Roraté Coeli** 90 Psalm 25 110:1-4; 5-7 109

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 888 **GAUDETÉ: JOY!** ☺  
**Salvation Is So Near ✠ December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9 & 11:30**



**Monastery Icon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent ✠ St. Matthew 11: Gaudeté**  
[Even] Angels in Heaven are amazed and rejoice at the Birth of the King.

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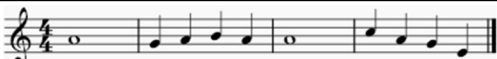
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✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**WELCOME to all** – *We are so glad you are here!* Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest book. Please come often to the LORD's house! In conformity with the Bible, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church and historic Christianity, this Parish practices *Close Communion*, i.e. the bread and wine which are truly the Body and Blood of Christ are reserved for our communicant members and those guests of our confessional fellowship [W/ELS]. Thank you for respecting our practice. Please do come up to the rail for a blessing. And please speak with the pastor about receiving Holy Communion in the future. God bless your worship. Thank you.

**The Divine Service Rite Two with Communion** *ELH p.60*

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|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Hymn | <b>102 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</b>     | <b>4 verses</b>   |
| Chief Hymn   | <b>105 Rise, Children of the Kingdom</b>     | <b>verses 1-3</b> |
| Third Hymn   | <b>105 Rise, Children of the Kingdom</b>     | <b>verses 4-5</b> |
| Closing Hymn | <b>106 On Jordan's Bank the Herald's Cry</b> | <b>5 verses</b>   |

Introit *Tone IV*  *Philip.4:4-7 Psalm 85:1*

Antiphon P  Rejoice in **the** LORD al-ways:/ Again I **will** say, re-joice.  
Let your gentleness be **known** to all men:/ The **LORD** is at hand.

Psalm C:  Be an-**xious** for noth-ing:/ But in everything,  
by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be **known** un-to God.

LORD, You have been favora-**ble** to Your land: /  
You have brought back the captivi-**ty** of Ja-cob. C:  Glory...

**The Collect for the Day**

**L**ORD, we beseech You, give ear to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. C:  **A-men.**

**The Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3:1-6** *ESV*

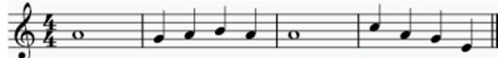
**I**n those days Malachi prophesied: "Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me. And the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers,

against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup> "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."

**Advent Season Psalm 25 C:  To You, LORD, I Lift My Soul, ...**

**The Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

**B**rethren: This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup> But 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. <sup>4</sup> I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the LORD who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore 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.

Gradual *Tone IV*  *Psalm 50:4,6*

C:  You who dwell between the cher-**u**-bim, shine forth:/  
Stir up **Your** strength and come! | Give ear,  
O Shep-**herd** of Is-rael:/ You who lead Jo-**seph** like a flock.

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter:**<sup>2-11</sup>

**A**t that time when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to Him, "Are You the One who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the 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. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me." <sup>7</sup> As 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? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <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 he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send My messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup> Truly, 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."

**Sermon Matthew 11:2-11 JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE MODEL PREACHER.**