

**Third Sunday in Advent**  
Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

Rejoice in the LORD | always;\*  
**again I will say, | Rejoice.**

Blessed 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 for- | ever;**

who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*  
**who gives food to the | hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD open the eyes | of the  
blind.\*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD  
loves the | righteous.**

**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.**

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December 13th, 2009

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**Office Hours**

Tues-Wed: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
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Bible Study  
Sun. 9:15 am

Worship  
Sun. 10:30 am

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Welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, we are glad that you are here and kindly ask that you sign our guest book at the sanctuary doors. If you would like to become a member please speak to the Pastor. In case of illness, the Pastor should be informed. He will always be glad to speak with those who are confronted with problems of a spiritual nature. The time before worship is a quiet time for prayer and meditation to prepare for worship. Please see the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers and page 329f to prepare for Holy Communion. Communicant members are asked to fill out a communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plates. The grace of God is with us!

### ORDER OF SERVICE: Blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Divine Service Setting Three is found on **page 184**.

The Introit is on the last bulletin page and is sung responsively by half-verse.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Holy Gospel: Luke 7: 18-28 (29-35)

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 191.

**HYMNS:** 754, 345, 849 (sung during offering), 818, 602, 349

**Organist:** Paula Hohmann

**Choir Director:** Sandra Doyle

#### Holy Communion:

Since the Lord's Supper gives the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ to all who believe the words "given and shed" and is also a celebration of oneness in faith, we ask that only those who have professed such faith publicly in a Lutheran Church-Canada (or Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) congregation come to the Lord's Altar. Everyone intending to commune for the first time is kindly asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

### STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Attendance Dec. 6th: 100 Communion: 77

Offerings: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Common: \$2,247; CLWR: \$59; Debt Reduction: \$35;

Advent: \$206; Gate 3:16: \$70; TOTAL: \$2,617

**PRAYER REMEMBRANCES:** Winslow Osborne (hip replacement in NY); Fred Beisner and Adolph Peltzer (Kingston); Morris(Michelle nee Van Vorst's Father-in-law); Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey); Doug Seim (June Drexler's brother); Penny McLeod (cancer); Micheline Tourigny (Rob Vincent's Aunt); Warren Maschke (Bowmanville Hospital); Merv Brisco; Gail Bugbee; Gary Zytner and mother Katie (hospitalized in Windsor); Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi; Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch.

## BLESSED ADVENT TO YOU!

### *The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice*

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word, *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you also urged to *rejoice* in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. By His own Cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "*He has cleared away your enemies,*" "*taken away the judgments against you,*" and has come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness! (Zeph. 3:15-17). Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "*rejoice in the Lord always,*" knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptizer. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "*the dead are raised up*" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil 4:6).

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE:** at 7:30pm. Come and pray Vespers as we eagerly wait for our coming King. The Wed. morning Bible Class and Matins will resume in January.

**MICROPHONES:** If anyone knows where the microphones from the church office are, please let the office know.

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Our adopted student from the St. Catharines Seminary, Perry Hart, was involved in a car accident, which resulted in the loss of his car. The church council is asking you for a special offering to help Perry and his family cope with their losses for the next two Sundays. Special offering envelopes will be provided in the bulletins.

**GATE 3:16:** We are now collecting Angel bags for Christmas please pick up your tag from the bulletin board in the narthex. They need approximately 600 bags this year to meet the needs. They are also in need of the following items: coffee, tea, sugar, whitener, Styrofoam cups/soup bowls, canned tuna/salmon, peanut butter, jam, mayo, paper towels, Kleenex, Mr. Clean,, Lysol, feminine products, baby diapers. You can drop off your items in the box provided in the narthex.

Please join us for  
**Advent Service Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**  
**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>@ 10:30am**  
**Christmas Eve @ 7:00pm**  
**Christmas Day @ 10:30 am with Communion**  
**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am**

**This Week Under Grace- December 6th, 2009**

Today	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Service
Wednesday	5:30-7:30pm 12:30 pm 7:30 pm	Kindermusik Care Bears Christmas Luncheon @ Traditions Advent Worship
Thursday	9:30am-11:30am 7:30 pm	5:30pm-7:30pm Kindermusik Choir
Friday	9:00am – Noon	Confession& Absolution
Saturday	9:00am-1:00pm	Kindermusik
Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Service (C)