

HYMN	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	LSB 338
SERMON	<b>“Gathering Those Who Grieve”</b>	<i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i>
NICENE CREED		LSB 174
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
<i>After each Petition:</i>		
<b>P</b> Lord, in Your mercy	-OR-	<b>P</b> Let us pray to the Lord
<b>C</b> Hear our prayer		<b>C</b> Lord, have mercy
<i>After the final Petition:</i>		
<b>P</b> ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.		
<b>C</b> Amen		
OFFERING (9:00)	Twenty-third Psalm	Nielsen Family
OFFERTORY		LSB 176
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		LSB 177 and following
AGNUS DEI		LSB 180
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS		
	Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come	LSB 350
	Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior	LSB 627
	Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing	LSB 737
	Your Table I Approach	LSB 628
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE		LSB 181
POST COMMUNION COLLECT		LSB 183
CLOSING HYMN	The Advent of Our King	LSB 331
POSTLUDE		

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### Divine Service Setting II-Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 12, 2009  
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 13, 2009  
9:00 am

✠ **The Sacrament of the Altar** is celebrated today in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As we trust His words and repent of all sin, we proclaim His death until He returns. Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or holds a differing confession is asked first to speak with the Pastor.

#### ✠ Reminders for Those Coming To the Lord's Table...

1. Children (those not yet receiving the Sacrament) are encouraged to approach the Lord's Table with their parent(s), in order to receive a blessing.
2. Women with lipstick are kindly asked to remove it prior to partaking from the common cup.
3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the amber color liquid) are prepared for those who have a concern for alcohol consumption.
4. The distribution today will be: **at the Rail**

#### PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN      O Lord, How Shall I Meet You      **LSB 334 (st. 1, 4, 5)**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION      **LSB 167**

INTROIT      *Ps. 146:5–8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4*

**P** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.

**C** **Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

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

**P** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

**P** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.

Special Music sung by Tim Reuning

Kyrie! God, Father

**LSB 942**

### COLLECT

**P** 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.

**C Amen**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

### GRADUAL

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.

### EPISTLE

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests

be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA

**LSB 173**

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 7:18-35*

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, 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>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</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>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” <sup>29</sup>(When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, <sup>30</sup>but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.) <sup>31</sup>“To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup>They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.’” <sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’” <sup>34</sup>The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’” <sup>35</sup>Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to You O Christ**