

APOSTLES' CREED		LSB 192
HYMN OF THE DAY	When All the World Was Cursed	LSB 346
SERMON	“Check the Record”	<i>Matthew 11:2-15</i>
OFFERTORY		LSB 192 & 193
OFFERING (5:00) (9:00)	Comfort, Comfort Every Valley	The Gallery Choir
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
<i>After each Petition:</i>		
P Lord, in Your mercy	-OR-	P Let us pray to the Lord
C Hear our prayer		C Lord, have mercy
<i>After the final Petition:</i>		
Preigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.		
C Amen		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		LSB 194 & 195
LORD'S PRAYER		LSB 196
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD		LSB 197 and following
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS		
	Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come	LSB 350
	Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord	LSB 352
	Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring	LSB 353
NUNC DIMITTIS		LSB 199 and following
CLOSING HYMN	Abide, O Dearest Jesus	LSB 919
POSTLUDE	Rejoice, Rejoice	P. Manz

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Divine Service Setting III-The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 11, 2010
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 12, 2010
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.

PRELUDE	Come, Thou Precious Ransom	P. Pachelbel
OPENING HYMN	O Lord, How Shall I Meet You	LSB 334 (st. 1,4,6)
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB 184
INTROIT		<i>Ps. 71:14–18; antiphon: Phil. 4:4</i>
P	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.	
C	I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.	
P	My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.	
C	With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.	
P	O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.	
C	So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.	

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.

KYRIE

LSB 186

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.

G Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it 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. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No 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. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L This is the Word of the Lord

G 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

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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ALLELUIA

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–15

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²Now when 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. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ