

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Advent 3

Today's Focus:

REPENTANCE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & REJOICING IN CHRIST!

Pre-Service meditation: **Psalm 4** (Pew Bible, or Front of Red Hymnal pg. 123)

OPENING HYMN 61 (Red Hymnal)

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12*



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Philippians 4:4-7 (on back) *The Epistle calls on us to rejoice in the Lord, trusting God in prayer and seeking goals worthwhile in light of our calling.*

PSALMODY – “The Earth is the Lord’s”

Excerpts from Psalm 24:1-2; 7-10, Tan Worship Supplement Page 25

Luke 3:7-18 (on back) *The Gospel is the preaching of John the Baptist; a call to repentance and pointing to Christ.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 15* – *Apostles’ Creed*

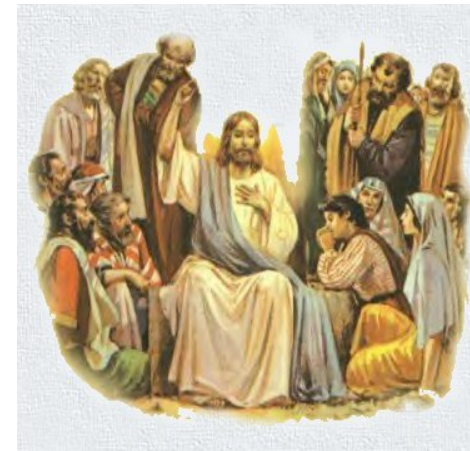
The Apostles’ Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 371 v1-2, 6-7 (Red Hymnal)

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

SERMON – NKJ Isaiah 61:1-3,10-11

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,
2 to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,
3 to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”



10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

JESUS CAME WITH A MESSAGE TO BE HEARD!

1. A Message of FREEDOM
2. A Message of SALVATION
3. A Message of GROWTH

Adult Choir – *“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”*

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

– *Sing 50 v. 2* (Red Hymnal)

**Thanks we give and adoration, For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation, In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful, To the Truth may we be found!**



SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 64 v 1,2,5 (Red Hymnal)

Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have questions about our church and school please ask us!
-Today: Refreshments in classroom/Bible class will be continuing our reading/discussion of “Hard Sayings.”
-Tuesday: 10am Bible Study this week we will be having a Defense of the Scriptures Debate
-Special Offering Envelopes for the CLC “Jubilee Thank Offering” are on the entryway table and are being used for the ILC Student Aid Fund and for anniversary materials. Please help yourself.
-Call News: The Rev. Philip Matzke, Mankato MN, returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI.
Scripture Lessons for next week: (Series C) Psalm 96, Micah 5:2-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45(46-55)