

THE GREEN SHEET

Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2024

Introit

Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Philippians 1:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

Blessèd 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 forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

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.

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.

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Collect of the Day

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. Amen.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Learn by Heart:

Matthew 11:10b

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.

Alleluia.

Readings for Next Sunday: Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: Psalm 85. The 85th psalm is a psalm of prayer in which the psalmist pleads against God's wrath and seeks his grace. The wrath (in my opinion) consists in this, that they have a lack of God's Word and true preaching; also a lack of government, peace, and godly authority; and finally a lack of fruitful times and good harvest... Therefore, the psalmist prays that God would speak again, so that His people will not fall into folly, blaspheme in impatience, nor seek other gods; so that peace, unity, truth, and love might wash over His people, and that the land be fruitful; so that they can live a proper and honorable life in a God-pleasing way in peace and quietness, as St. Paul (1 Timothy 2:2) also teaches us to pray. (Excerpt from [Reading the Psalms with Luther](#))

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

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W 12/18: Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10; *Micah 1:1-7:20*; Revelation 6:1-17

TH 12/19: Isaiah 40:1-17; Revelation 7:1-17

F 12/20: Isaiah 40:18-41:10; Revelation 8:1-13

SA 12/21: Isaiah 42:1-25; Revelation 9:1-12

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- Pray for all who are suffering
- that those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to receive His gifts of grace and mercy
- Pray for our members: Mel & Barb Alsobrooks
- Pray for our congregation: that we would continue to worship and fellowship with one another

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“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

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