

THE GREEN SHEET

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023

Introit

Psalm 85:8-9, 12-13; antiphon: verse 7

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

**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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-5; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

INVOCATION

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MEDITATION: Psalm 126. The 126th psalm is a psalm of thanks for the deliverance from the captivity in Babylon...At the end the psalmist concludes that it happens—and always happens—to the saints that they first suffer before they can rejoice...Therefore, the saints sow with tears to reap afterward with joy.
Prayer: Merciful Father in heaven, convert the sinners and comfort Your believers with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us willing hearts and understanding minds to sow the seed of Your Word broadcast among men, and if it seems good to hide the fruit of our sowing from our eyes, strengthen our hearts that we faint not, but wait for the harvest in the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Excerpt from Reading the Psalms with Luther)

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

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

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

F 12/22: Isaiah 43:1-24; Revelation 9:13-10:11

SA 12/23: Isaiah 43:25-44:20; Revelation 11:1-19

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- 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 that we are all hungry for the Word of God.
 - Pray for our congregation: that we would continue to worship and fellowship with one another

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