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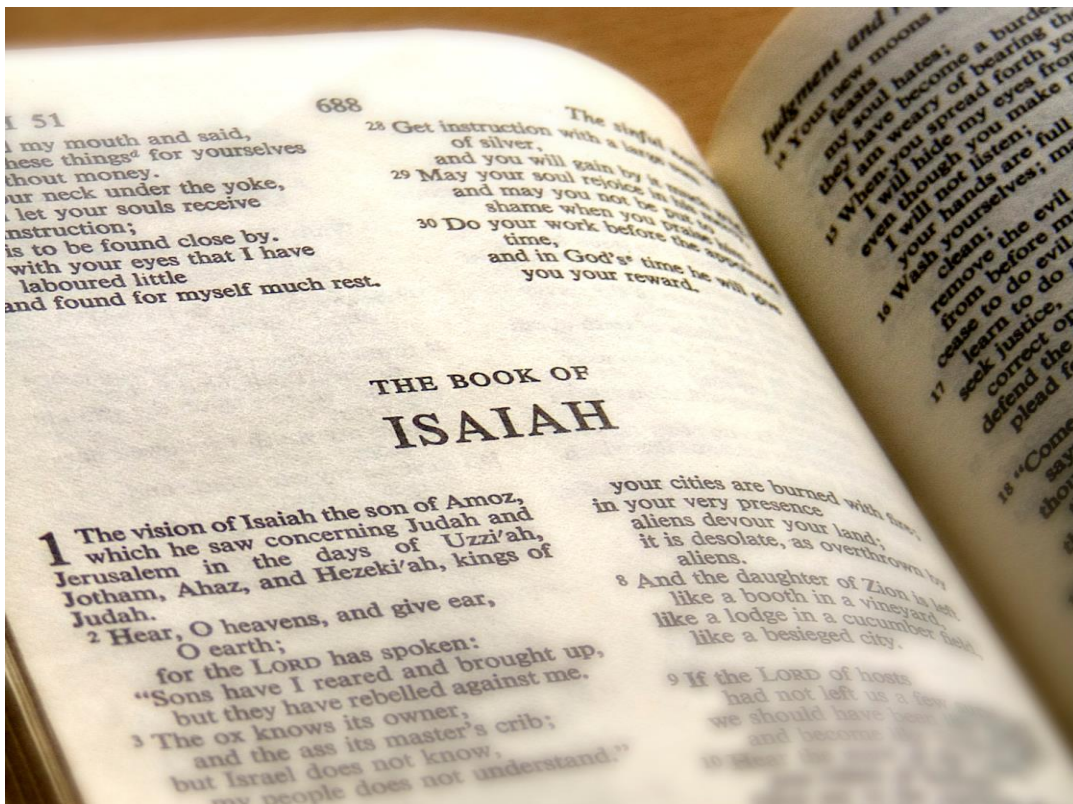
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"Equipping Disciples to Make Disciples for Jesus"



THIRD SATURDAY and SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, December 12, 2020 6:00 pm. and Sunday, December 13, 2020 8:30 a.m.

As We Gather

Isaiah 13–23 consists of ten sections labeled “Burdens.” Isaiah 19 is the fifth “Burden” in the series. It deals with the future of Egypt. The first half of the chapter proclaims God’s coming judgment against Egypt. God was using ancient Assyria to conquer land after land in order to change the international status quo. No longer would the Gentile nations continue to be autonomous, self-determining and self-oriented. God was in the process of turning them away from themselves and their own wisdom and religions. For what ultimate purpose? To turn them to the God of ancient Israel, the only true God.

Opening Song

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB #341



1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the
2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His character
4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a
5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to



King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing
is humility, His kingly crown is holy
temple set apart From earthly use for heaven's
Thee; here, Lord, abide! O enter with Thy grace di-



near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and sal-
ness, His scepter, pity in distress. The end of
ploy, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mercy on me shine. Thy Holy



vation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
Sovereign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.



To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

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PREPARATION

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

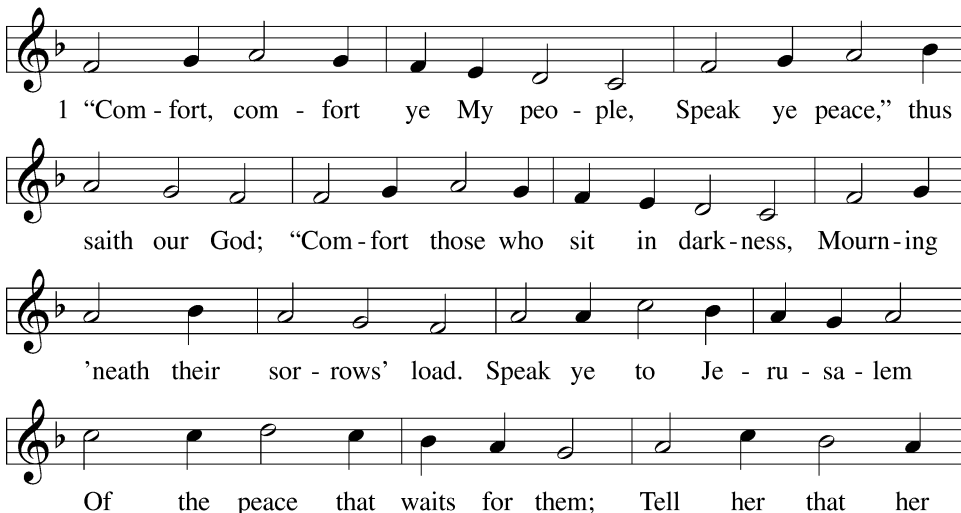
Confession and Absolution

- P** Behold, the true light has come into the world. Let us enter into His presence, confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.
- C** **Lord God, our heavenly Father, hear us as we confess the darkness of our waywardness and sin, especially our reluctance or refusal to rejoice, pray, or give thanks amid the troubles we have brought upon ourselves. Make us truly repentant, that we may receive the holiness of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**
- P** The true light has come. To all who receive Him, He makes to be the children of God. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Song of Thanks

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB #347



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”

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Lighting the Advent Candle

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
- C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**
- P** Let Your light scatter the darkness
- C** **and illumine Your Church.**

We Light the Advent Candle

sts. 1-3



1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And wait for Christ to
 2 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And thank the Lord for
 3 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And sing with cheer - ful



come. With hope, we trust the prom - ise That
 rest. With peace, we know our Je - sus Has
 heart. With joy, we spread the mes - sage— A



He will bring us home. Our hope is in our
 come to be our guest. This peace be - yond all
 bless - ing to im - part. Our joy is nev - er



Sav - ior Who wins for us God's fa - vor. We
 know - ing With - in our hearts is glow - ing. We
 end - ing; The Son to us is send - ing. We



wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!
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WORD

Introit

Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C and grant us your salvation.

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C that glory may dwell in our land.

P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

C and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before him

C 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.

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C and grant us your salvation.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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

Isaiah 19:23–25 (ESV)

Gentiles are also God's children

²³ In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. ²⁴ In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, ²⁵ whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 (ESV)

Rejoice always

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28 (ESV)

The testimony of John the Baptist

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ...

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." ²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB #828



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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Sermon

Gentiles Will Belong to Ancient Israel's God

Isaiah 19:23-25

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

(Each petition will close with; Lord in Your mercy... and the congregation replies: Hear our prayer. Prayer requests are listed in the Tidings)

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

The Advent of Our King

LSB #331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The new self now put on.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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