

3rd **Sunday of Advent**  
**December 17th, 2023**  
**Divine Service Setting Four**  
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They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even . . . whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." *John 1:25-27*

**Collect of the Day for the Third Sunday in Advent:**  
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.

**Opening Hymn: LSB #354 “Arise, O Christian People”**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Service of the Word**

**Introit**

*Psalm 85:8-9, 12-13; antiphon: v. 7*

**Kyrie**  
**Salutation and Collect of the Day**  
**Old Testament Reading**  
**Gradual**  
**Epistle**

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*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*  
*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

**Alleluia**  
**Holy Gospel**

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*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day: LSB #345 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”**

**Children’s message/ Sunday School Dismissal**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**  
**Sanctus**

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**Lord’s Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**  
**Pax Domini**  
**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: LSB #346 “When All the World Was Cursed”**  
**Distribution Hymn: LSB #337 “The Night Will Soon Be Ending”**

**Nunc Dimittis**  
**Post Communion Collect**  
**Benedicamus**  
**Benediction**

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**Closing Hymn: LSB #349 “Hark the Glad Sound”**

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