

who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.
⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."
¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.
¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Third Sunday of Advent

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Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love

The third Sunday of Advent focuses on joy. "Rejoice in the Lord always," says the apostle Paul (Philippians 4:4). With gladness, we welcome you to worship.

"Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear" ("Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"). Your coming gives hope to this troubled world, and to my hear, O Lord.

December 11th, 2022

**Third Sunday
 in Advent**

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What's Happening

1. In House services * Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School Sept.- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Confirmation - Thursday Nights 6 - 7pm
4. Recorded services: Web, YouTube, Facebook
5. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
6. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 -11:30, Friday - drop in for mail.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Mike @ 952-388-3858. Pastor's Drop-In Hours: Tues & Sat 9 - 11. Also available by appt.

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

Sunday - God's Word: Sustenance and Sword @ 10:38am
 Tuesday - Men's Bible Study @ 7am
 Wednesday - Women's Bible Study @ 10am
 Thursday - Bible Study @ 9:30am
 Friday - Harrison Bay @ 1pm & 2pm

Reader: Michael Peterson
Counters: Terry P & Jan P
Sunday 12/4/22 Attendance: 56
Sunday 12/4/22 Offering: \$3,975
Vanco 12/4/2022: \$170



Order of Service

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Opening Hymn: 384 The King Shall Come
 When Morning Dawns
Salutation and Collect of the Day
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10
Epistle Reading: James 5: 7-11
Alleluia and Verse
Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-15
Sermon: The Gift of Joy
Prayer of the Church
Hymn: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Service of the Sacrament
Preface
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Communion
Pax Domini
Hymn: 349 Hark The Glad Sound
Hymn: 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices
 Raising
Nunc Dimittis
Benediction
Announcements
Closing Hymn: 602 The Gifts Christ Freely
 Gives sts. 1,5
Treats in the Fellowship Hall

What is Happening This Week?

Dec 13 - Elders Meeting @ 2:00-3:30

Dec 14 - Canadian Pacific Holiday Train in Loretto @ 4:15

Dec 15 - WCC Christmas Party at Al & Alma's 5:30-7:30PM

Dec 17 - Fireworks at the Holidazzle @ 7:15

Dec 18 - Children's Christmas Program at 9AM during service



To all who helped decorate the church for Christmas! It looks beautiful!

Offering Envelopes

Are in the Narthex.

Guests

Please sign the guestbook in the narthex.



Please join us!

Sunday December 18th for the Children's Christmas program during service!



Christmas Services

Will be held Christmas Eve at 5:00PM - Candlelight Service and Christmas Day at 9:00AM. There are small flyers printed in the narthex. Please take some to hand out to family and friends!



End of year offerings

All offerings for 2022 must be received or post mark by Dec 31st to ensure your offering to the church will count as a donation on your year end contribution report.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you earn Choice Dollars on your Thrivent investments, please call to designate your dollars starting in January 2023 for your earnings from 2022. You are able to designate the Choice Dollars to Mt Olive or any other non-profit of your choice. Call 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars, Thrivent may have other plans on how to best use them. Designate 2022 dollars by March 31st, 2023.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go

astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

EPISTLE James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-15

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those