



Advent Midweek Service
6:30 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church
Rogers City MI

Midweek Advent 3

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Welcome in the name of our coming Lord Jesus Christ.

Tonight we celebrate and anticipate with Mary the announcement and birth of the Son of God. As Lutherans we respect and uphold the importance of Mary in the narrative of Jesus' life. While Mary is no more holy than anyone else she was chosen by God to bear the Son of God. She understands better than any the importance of this event. We through her eyes can also Magnify the LORD.

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Opening Hymn: 935

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Closing Hymn: 352

Psalm 113



¹Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants | of the Lord,*
praise the name | of the Lord!

²**Blessèd be the name | of the Lord***
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the Lord is | to be praised!

⁴**The Lord is high above all | nations,***
and his glory above the | heavens!

⁵Who is like the | Lord our God,*
who is seated | on high,

⁶**who looks | far down***
on the heavens | and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

⁸**to make them sit with | princes,***
with the princes of his | people.

⁹He gives the barren wom- | an a home,*
making her the joyous mother
of children. | Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Old Testament Reading. *Isaiah 66:1–2*

¹Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?

²All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the Lord.

But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.”

Epistle Reading *James 4:6–10*

⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Gospel Reading *Luke 1:46–55*

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”