

Second Reading: James 5:7-11

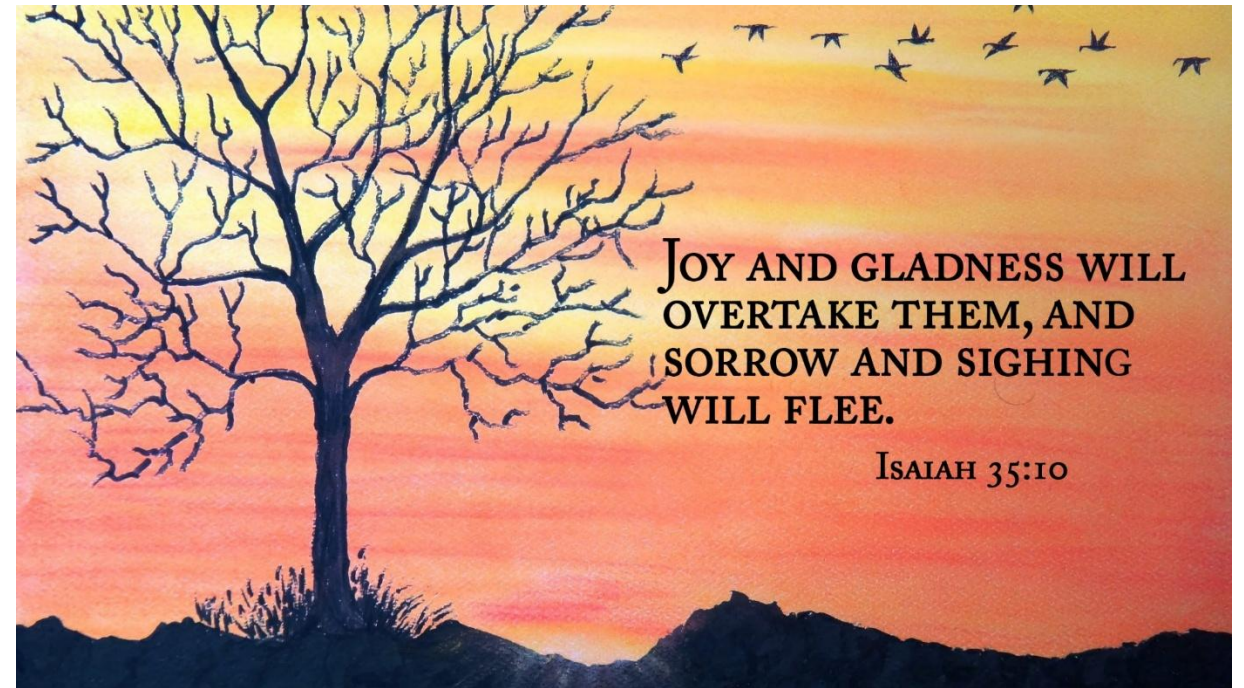
⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against 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.

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 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.”

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 7:10-17; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25



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This congregation practices “open communion”. We invite all who believe that our Lord’s body and blood are truly and essentially present in the bread and wine to share in the sacrament. We believe Christians are worthy to receive communion when, according to the teaching of Scripture and Lutheran tradition the words, “given and shed for you” are accepted by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Prelude, Announcements (please stand when indicated by *)

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- Children’s Church Excused

Proclamation of the Word Pastor Blayne J. Watts

We Respond to God’s Word

- *Hymn of the Day “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” LBW #36
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- Apostolic Sending
- Postlude

First 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.

Psalm 146

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- ²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**
- ³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
- ⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;
- ⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**
- ⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- ⁹The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!



What's Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Ric & Sandy Rabe, in memory of Ric's father, Tom Rabe.
- Feliz Navidad! Taco lunch following the service. All are welcome.
- Blessing of the quilts before they are sent to Disaster Response.

Coming Up:

Monday	10:30	4 & 5 yr olds Let Me Shine Christmas Program
Tuesday	10:45	3 & 4 yr olds Let Me Shine Christmas Program
Wednesday	6:30	Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewery
Next Sunday:		Children's Christmas Program
	1:30	Worship and Holy Communion at Holy Rosary Residential Living

Notes and News

- We mourn the passing of Chris Lund, whose funeral was held Friday. Chris was a kind and generous member of our congregation and we were blessed to have him in our midst.
- We will worship Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. and Christmas Day at 10 a.m., with Holy Communion.
- You'll find in the narthex forms for donations toward new ceiling tiles (\$15/tile) as well as forms to dedicate a donation to either the Salvation Army or the Outreach Clinic.
- Sign up to win the Christmas quilt being given away by the Quilters!
- Please share your family Christmas card photo with FLC.
- Sign up to deliver Meals on Wheels weekdays, December 29 through January 9.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held January 11.
- **Important!! The Call Committee survey is available and is due December 21.**