

Advent 3A Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

P Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

C I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.

P My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

C With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

P O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

C So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

C 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.

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CATECHISM

The First Article—Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

LEARN BY HEART

Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

COLLECT

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 7:10–17; Rom 1:1–7; Matt 1:18–25

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	12/11	Ecclesiastes 2:1–26	John 7:1–13
M:	12/12	Ecclesiastes 3:1–22	John 7:14–31
T:	12/13	Ecclesiastes 4:1–16	John 7:32–53
W:	12/14	Ecclesiastes 5:1–20	John 8:1–20
TH:	12/15	Ecclesiastes 6:1—7:10	John 8:21–38
F:	12/16	Ecclesiastes 7:11–29	John 8:39–59
SA:	12/17	Ecclesiastes 8:1–17	John 9:1–23

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

APOSTLES' CREED**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- For marriage and family, that husband and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Lena; Laural; Aimee

COLLECT (front page); **LORD'S PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

P Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

C Amen