

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Advent 3B Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7**P** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**C** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**C** Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**P** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**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.**P** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**CATECHISM**

The Sixth Petition

Lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

LEARN BY HEART*Isaiah 59:20*

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the Lord.

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: 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-**INVOCATION****INTROIT** (front page)**MEDITATION:** *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism**LEARN BY HEART:** Bible Verse (front page)**DAILY READINGS:**

SU:	12/17	Isaiah 33:1–24	Revelation 5:1–14
M:	12/18	Isaiah 34:1–2, 8—35:10 (Micah 1:1—7:20)	Revelation 6:1–17
T:	12/19	Isaiah 40:1–17	Revelation 7:1–17
W:	12/20	Isaiah 40:18—41:10	Revelation 8:1–13
TH:	12/21	Isaiah 42:1–25	Revelation 9:1–12
F:	12/22	Isaiah 43:1–24	Revelation 9:13—10:11
SA:	12/23	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11:1–19

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry**APOSTLES’ CREED****IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Albert, Grace, Betty
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Charlotte, Janet

COLLECT (front page); **LORD’S PRAYER****BENEDICTION****P** The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.**C** Amen