

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Hark, the Glad Sound!” LBW #35

Advent Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Reading James 5:7-11

Faith Seeds Niki Pokornowski
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Matthew 11:2-15

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “How the Turn Tables....” Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” LBW #36

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Faith Singers

Offertory Response

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

The Distribution “Lamb of God” LBW pg. 92
Communion Hymns LBW #198, 30, 212

Benediction

Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway” LBW #26

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:
Matthew 11:2-15

- † How did the tables turn for John the Baptist?
- † How did Jesus turn the tables on the Messianic Expectations?
- † How has Jesus turned the tables in your life?

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