

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

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Gaudete – The Third Sunday in Advent

2017

INTROIT

Psalm 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4–5

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

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand.

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
 you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;
 you covered all their sin.

Will you not revive us again,
 that your people may rejoice in you?

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.

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.

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

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 80:2b

Alleluia. Stir up your might and come to save us. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #332 – Savior of the Nations, Come

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Second Article of the Creed with Explanation (pages 16–17)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness or our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word “advent” is derived from the Latin words, advenire (to come to) and adventus (an arrival). That we might be prepared to celebrate the blessed Feast of the Nativity of Christ our Lord, the Church has set aside the season of Advent as a time to reflect and meditate upon the coming of our Lord Jesus in the Flesh, through His Word and Sacraments, and on the Last Day. Advent is also a time of preparation for Christ’s coming through repentance and faith.

The Third Sunday in Advent is also known as Gaudete, which, in Latin, means: “Rejoice”. This is the opening word of the Introit – Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (Philippians 4:4).

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 85

What is the psalmist asking for throughout this psalm? (verses 1, 4, and 6)

What is God’s steadfast love?

Define folly. (verse 8)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Isaiah 40:1–8 (9–11)

What is Isaiah telling us in verses 6–8?

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 11:2–10 (11)

Who was in prison? (verse 2)

What did he ask his disciples to find out? Why did he do this? (verse 3)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

What are the mysteries of God? (verse 1)

What is verse 5 warning us of?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 243 (page 206) and question 277 (pages 227–228)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Second Article of the Creed with Explanation and Gaudete?