

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

3rd Sunday of Advent



Family Guide:

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday! Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, and Directions for the craft activity. You will find a resource page with additional activities as well!

Opening Prayer:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

1st Reading:

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in God my Savior.

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia ([Click Here](#))



Gospel:

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’*” as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*

Profession of Faith

[Yes Lord, I Believe! \(Click Here\)](#)

Prayer of the Faithful:

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Family Activity:

In today's Gospel, we meet John the Baptist again, and we hear that he has been sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Advent is a wonderful time to prepare ourselves for Jesus! This week, take time with your family to make your own nativity sheet. Print out this [PDF](#), color in the nativity figures, cut them out and using a piece of construction paper, lay out your own nativity scene. As you work on this project, think about the joy and excitement that will be here as we look towards Christmas day and the Christmas season!

Closing Prayer:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Family Resources

- [The Kid's Bulletin: December 13th](#)
- [Loyola Press: Advent Activities](#)
- [Advent Activities](#)