

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Week of December 14, 2025

**Collect for the Week:** 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.

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10 Epistle: James 5:7-11 Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

**Hymn for the Week:** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

Or: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" LSB 345

Notes on the Sermon:					

# Trinity Reads the Bible in 2025: (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

December 14	Isaiah 30:15-26	Revelation 2:1-29	Ps. 24 (125; 110)
December 15	Isaiah 30:27-31:9	Revelation 3:1-22	Ps. 122 (40; 67)
December 16	Isaiah 32:1-20	Revelation 4:1-11	Ps. 33 (85; 91)
December 17	Isaiah 33:1-24	Revelation 5:1-14	Ps. 50 (14; 16)
December 18	Isaiah 34:1-2, 8–35:10	Revelation 6:1-17	Ps. 18:1-20 (126; 62)
December 19	Isaiah 40:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17	Ps. 102 (130; 16)
December 20	Isaiah 40:18–41:10	Revelation 8:1-13	Ps. 90 (80: 72)

### **NEXT Week's Readings**

December 21	Isaiah 42:1-25	Revelation 9:1-12	Ps. 24 (125; 110)
December 22	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13–10:11	Ps. 122 (40; 67)
December 23	Isaiah 43:25-44:20	Revelation 11:1-19	Ps. 33 (85; 91)
December 24	Isaiah 44:21-45:13, 20-25	Revelation 12:1-17	Ps. 19 (132; 114)
December 25	Isaiah 49:1-18	Matthew 1:1-17	Ps. 2 (98; 96)
December 26	Isa. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-1	16 Matthew 1:18-25	Ps. 116 (119:1-24; 27)
December 27	Isaiah 51:17-52:12	Matthew 2:1-12	Ps. 34 (19; 121)



#### From the Old Testament

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35:10

## From the Epistle

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. *James 5:7a* 

## From the Holy Gospel

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Matthew 11:4-6