

Youth Bulletin



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

Today's lessons:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 The prophet Zephaniah had delivered harsh warnings to the people of Jerusalem. But now that they have repented, Zephaniah calls them to celebrate God's presence among them.

Isaiah 12:2-6 This song from the book of the prophet Isaiah expresses the confidence that God will come to his people to save them.

Philippians 4:4-7 The apostle Paul may be in prison, when writing this, but he wants the Philippians to rejoice and not to worry, but to leave everything to God.

Luke 3:7-18 John the Baptist is not exactly polite when warning the people who have come to get baptized: just having Abraham as an ancestor doesn't entitle them to special treatment. They will have to live according to God's rules, no matter who they are.

Agnus Day



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Realistic Self-Assessment

No matter how flattering it might be, when masses of people come out to see you and ask your advice, John the Baptist kept his cool and did not claim to be THE ONE:

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A Day of Celebration

When the stern prophet Zephaniah encourages people to sing and shout, something extraordinary must have happened. Once you've found all the words, the remaining letters tell you the reason for all this joy.

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ALoud	FORTUNES	LAME	REPROACH
CHANGE	GATHER	LOVE	RESTORE
DAUGHTER	GLADNESS	OPPRESSORS	SAVE
DAY	HANDS	OUTCAST	SHAME
DISASTER	HEART	PEOPLES	SING
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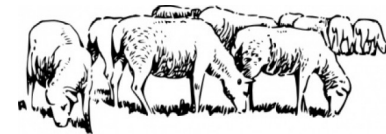
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Isaiah's Song

Chapters 1-12 of Isaiah form a unit that mostly deals with the coming of a new king from the family of David. It concludes appropriately with a psalm - or song - of praise. Can you figure out why God's people should sing?

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The Gentleness of Sheep

"Let your gentleness be known to everyone.",
 Paul says to the Philippians.

Maybe he is referring to

HERD RELATIONS.

This seems to make sense for God's people, "for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand" (Psalm 95:7), but it is not what Paul is talking about in our Epistle lesson today. What he really says is:

 But probably that means
 we should improve our "herd relations" anyway...
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