

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude “Creator of the Stars of Night” -setting by Kevin Hildebrand
“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night” -Paul Manz

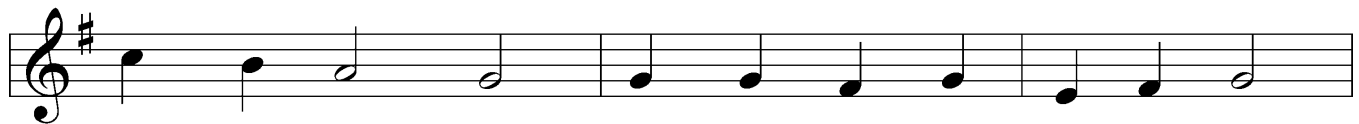
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

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1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



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

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.

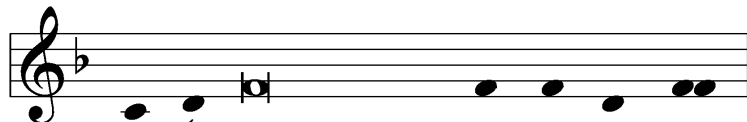
The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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

Kyrie

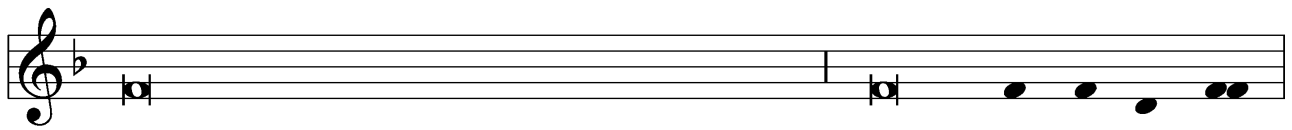
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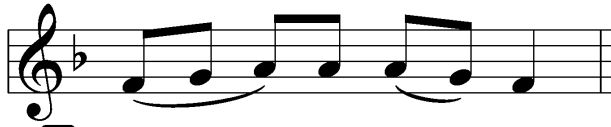
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



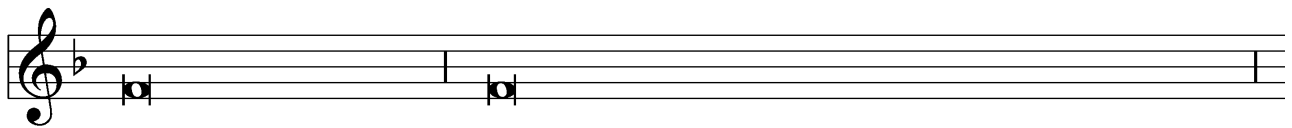
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



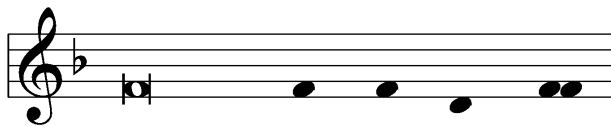
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



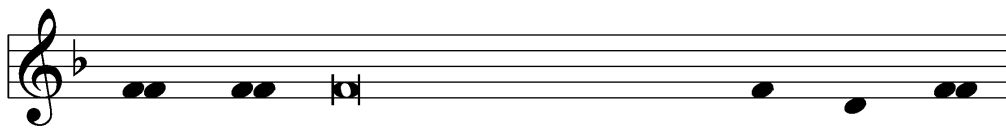
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



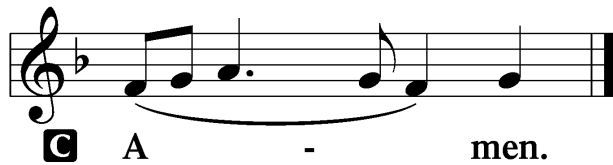
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



Advent Hymn Stanza “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” st. 1 *LSB 357*

During the season of Advent, the Hymn of Praise is typically omitted and the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” can be sung in place of it. The hymn looks longingly towards the salvation and coming of Jesus, summarizing our Advent hope.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel! Text: Public domain

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Advent 3

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.
C **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today, as we light our third candle, things are a bit different. The focus of this Sunday is different, and so is the color. Purple and blue are colors of royalty, and those colors remind us of our coming King, Jesus. The blue candles that we have lit over the last two weeks remind us of this. Today, we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday, which means *rejoice*. The third Sunday in Advent shifts from the repentant nature of the season to that of rejoicing. From the prophet Zephaniah, we hear, “Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!” and “The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one Who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.” St. Paul writes in our epistle, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

As we light our candles, we remember our Lord’s first and second comings with the blue ones, and the call to rejoice with the rose one. We sing stanza 4 of “Once He Came in Blessing” as the Advent wreath is lit.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav’n we bless you.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 2

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



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

**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.

**You withdrew | all your wrath; *
you turned from your hot | anger.**

Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation, *
and put away your indignation | toward us!

**Will you be angry with us for- | ever? *
Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?**

Will you not revive | us again, *
that your people may re- | joice in you?

**Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD, *
and grant us your sal- | vation.**

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.

**Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him, *
that glory may dwell | in our land.**

Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet, *
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

**Faithfulness springs up | from the ground, *
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.**

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:67-80

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

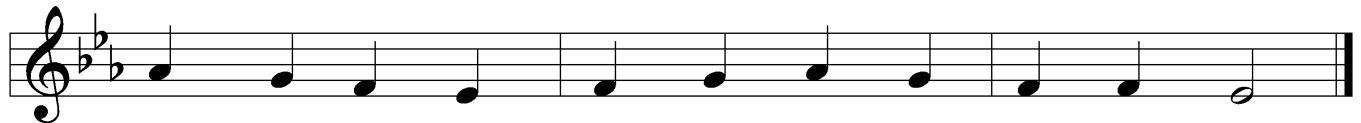
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1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 △ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near,” we hear it say. “Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav’n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!”
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv’n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

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Sermon Luke 1:67-80 “Poor or Rich?”

I. “Poor Me....”

II. Zechariah’s Song and Debt

- Part 1 (1:68-75) gives thanks for what God has done in the p _____
- Part 2 (1:76-79) gives thanks for what God has done in the f _____
- What is our debt?
- What frames Luke’s Gospel? F _____

III. Way of Peace

- What does forgiveness mean/entail?
- What is forgiveness NOT?

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” -setting by Paul Manz

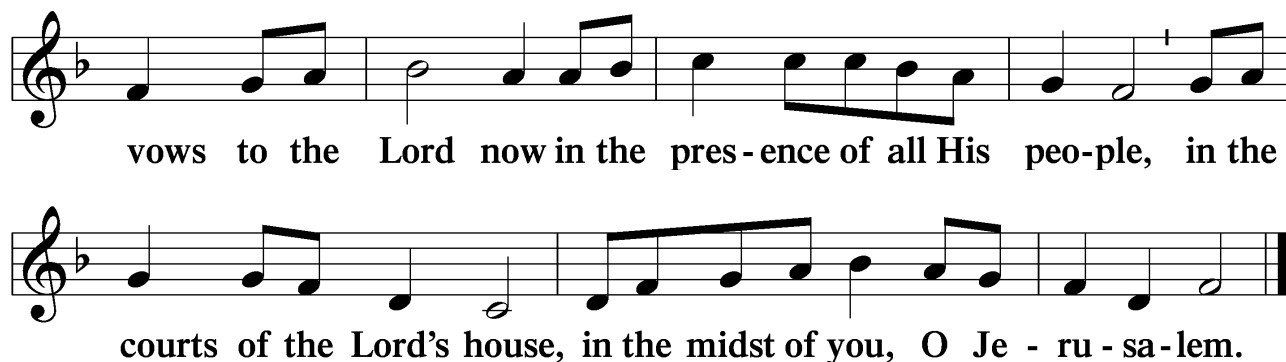
We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

Offertory

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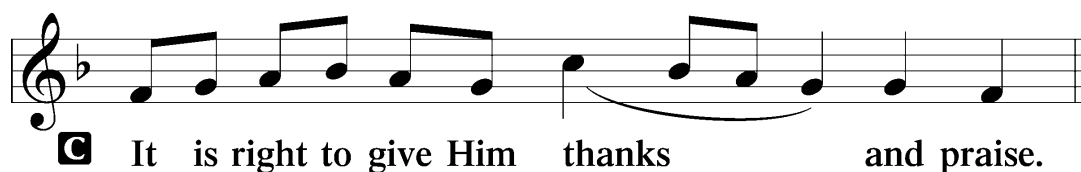
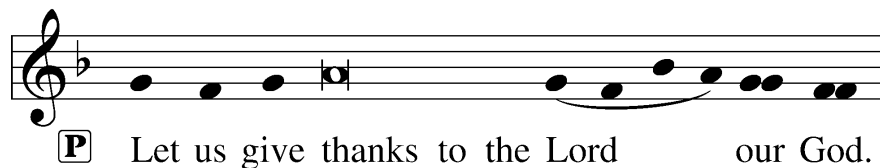
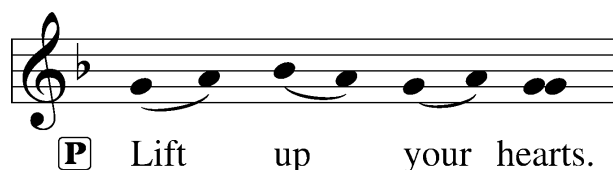
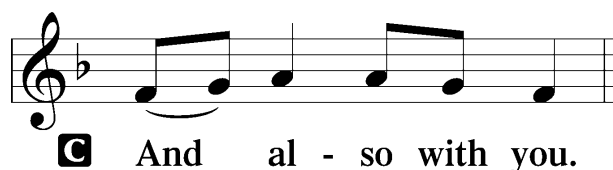
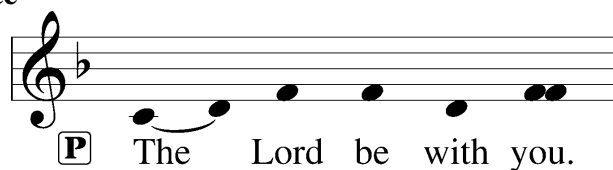
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



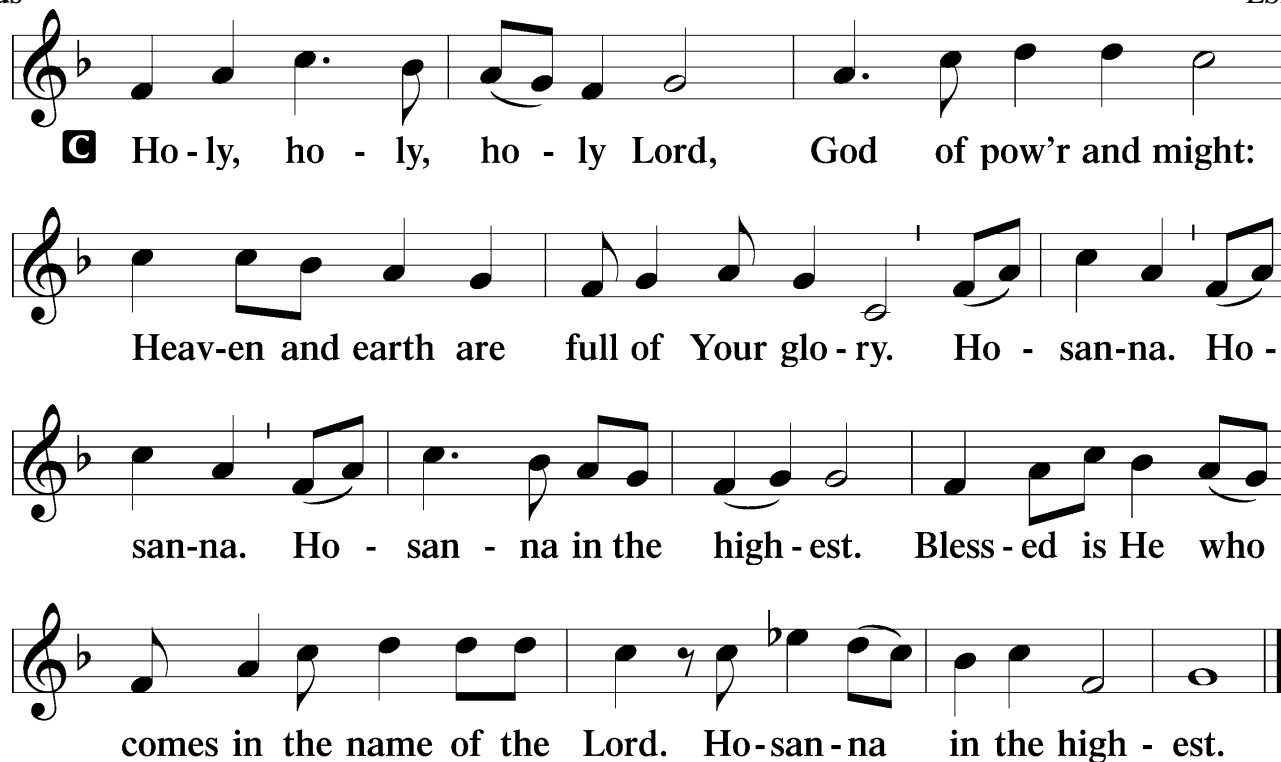
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

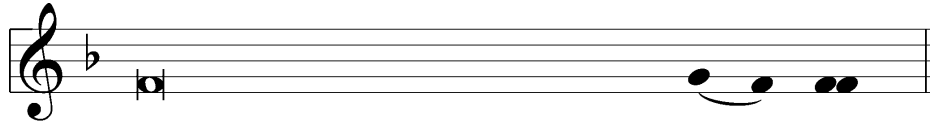
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



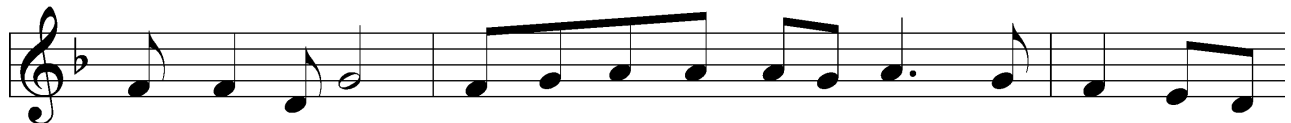
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

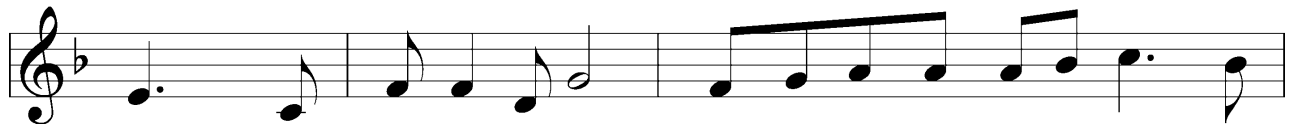
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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.

Special Music "What Child Is This" Jan G, piano

Distribution Hymn: "Once He Came in Blessing"

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1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Hymn: "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

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1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

- 5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

Text: Richard C. Resch, 1947

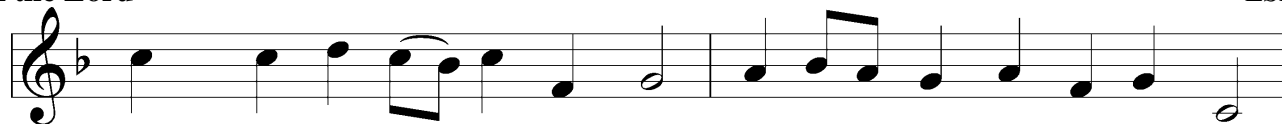
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Thank the Lord

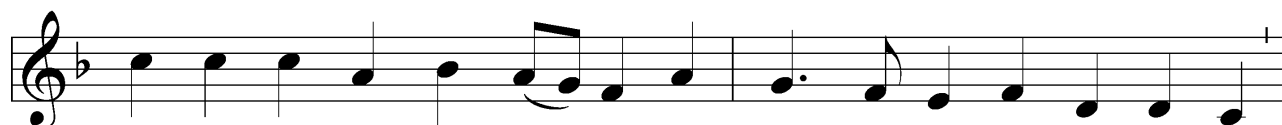
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



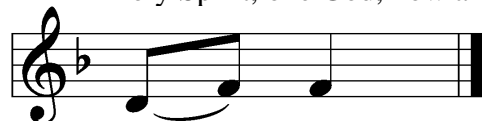
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn: “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

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1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

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Postlude “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” -set. John A. Behnke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Philippians 4:5–6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”* Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS: Sanctuary Christmas decoration donation slips are available in the narthex. Please indicate your willingness to help defray decoration costs by using the donation slip. Place in the offering plate, hand to an usher, or leave it on Maria's desk. Donation slips will be available in the narthex through December 25.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and 6:30 p.m. (with a meal beforehand at 5:30).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Emmaus will have services on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. and one service on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. Both Christmas Eve services will feature candlelight. The choir will sing at the 10 p.m. service.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER: Visitors, if you would like to receive the *Emmaus Footprints* (our monthly newsletter), please leave a note with your email address for Maria in the office. Members, please make sure we have your current email address.

FOOD SHELF DONATION IDEAS: When shopping for the food shelf, consider buying cranberry sauce, green tea, or canned carrots. They rarely have these items. You can buy cans by the case, and the food shelf will separate them so multiple families can benefit.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER CHART: The altar flower sign up chart for 2025 is now posted on the bulletin board by the office. Please sign up on the flower chart if you want to bring altar flowers on a certain Sunday. Write the occasion (birthday, anniversary, memorial) on the flower chart and it will be printed in the bulletins on that Sunday. Bring your flowers on Sunday morning and place them on the flower stand(s) by the altar.

LWML WINTER GATHERING: Saturday, January 25 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (655 Forest St N) from 9:30 until 11 a.m., with refreshments or light breakfast beforehand. Dr. Reed Lessing from Concordia University will be the speaker on the book of Jeremiah. Do you need encouragement to remain hopeful despite trials, tribulations and life changes that may cause despair or worry? Dr. Reed Lessing will use his book, *Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah*, to help us see that there is hope for overcoming life's difficulties. Everyone attending will receive a copy of the book.

TEACHERS NEEDED: Trinity First School is looking for mission-focused teachers in the elementary (K-2) and middle school (5-8) levels! Begin immediately or in August for the 2025-2026 school year. If interested, please send your resume to info@trinityfirstschool.org or visit our website at www.trinityfirstschool.org/employment.

LWML MITES: Where do your LWML Mites go? Life Connection Events and Kits: Lutherans For Life | \$70,000. Lutherans For Life (LFL) received an LWML \$70,000 mission grant for its Life Connection Events and Kits project to invite young adults to events that will build relationships, offer education connecting the Gospel to sanctity of life issues, and do life-affirming community service. With information gained from these events, LFL will make “event-in-a-box” kits to be used by congregations, Life Chapters, and Life Teams to involve the youth as witnesses for the sanctity of life. This grant will aid in the carrying out of the mission of Lutherans For Life, to renew hearts with the Word of the Lord and to receive every human being as not just a neighbor but as a sister or brother with whom we may share God’s everlasting blessings. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-26.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Does It Matter If Jesus Is God?” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus sets a good example, but good examples can’t help dead people. Only God’s Son can make us alive again. (Luke 2:10-11)

The Emmaus Thanksgiving Food Bowl results are in:

On Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, Emmaus contributed 35 bags and packages of food and personal care items to Keystone Community Services. Thank you for all your contributions.

Final Score

Packers: 17 bags/pkgs weighing 198 pounds

Vikings: 18 bags/pkgs weighing 327 pounds

Total: 35 bags/pkgs weighing 525 pounds

The real winner was the Keystone Community Food Shelf. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Mon: 9 a.m. January Newsletter Deadline

Tues: 7 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed: Bulletin deadline for 12/22 and all Christmas bulletins

11:30 a.m. Worship followed by lunch

5:30 p.m. Evening meal

6:30 p.m. Worship followed by Choir Rehearsal

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School singing

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Jean G

ORGANIST: Barb B

SOUND TECH: Todd P

VIDEO TECH: Monte S, Espen D

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Andy V

USHERS: Dave H, Mark R, Jordon S

COUNTERS: Eric R, Don V

LECTOR: Aaron H

GREETER: Magdalena B

ACOLYTES: Surraa Y, Rebecca Y