

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 4, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service**



**John the Baptist came, preaching in the  
Desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near...”  
“Prepare the way for the Lord”**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***‘HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.’***



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**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Holy Communion is offered today:*

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's

forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself*" – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Divine Service – Setting One

December 4, 2022 10:30 a.m.

## *Welcome & Announcements*

+ INVOCATION +

*LSB 151*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt. 28:19b*

**C** Amen.

*Opening Hymn*

*LSB 357 sts. 1, 3-5, 7*

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law  
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap-pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
 And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

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*Stand*

**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.**

*John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?)*

**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. *John 20:19-23*

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C** Yes. *LSB 293*

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Almighty God in His *LSB 151*

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 + *LSB 152*

**Introit** *Ps. 105:4-8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b*

**P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.



**☐** **☐** **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

**☐** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**☐** **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**☐** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

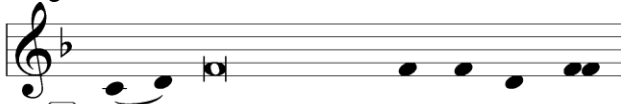
**☐** **He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**☐** **☐** **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.**

**☐** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

# Kyrie

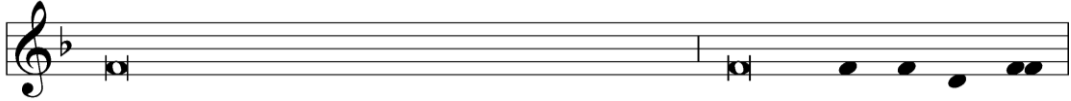
*LSB 152*



**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.



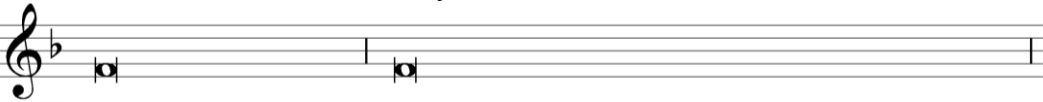
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



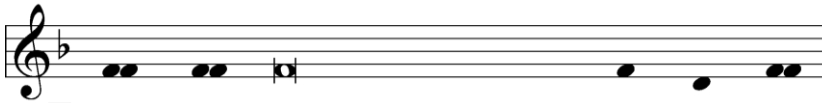
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

(During Advent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted)

## The Second Candle: The Bethlehem Candle (Prepare) [Blue]

**P** As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the Bethlehem candle, we remember how God prepared the little town of Bethlehem to be the birthplace of our Savior, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy and making great what was small.

**C** We give You thanks, our heavenly Father, that You exalt the humble and bring down the proud. Grant that as we travel once more to Bethlehem to greet our Savior and King, prepare us that we may be humbled in His presence and blessed to serve Him well; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**     *LSB 156*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**     *Isaiah 11:1-10*

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

5 Righteousness will be his belt and  
faithfulness the sash around his waist.

6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the  
leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf  
and the lion and the yearling together; and a  
little child will lead them.

7 The cow will feed with the bear, their  
young will lie down together, and the lion  
will eat straw like the ox.

8 The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the  
viper's nest.

9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all  
my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters  
cover the sea.

10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

**P C** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation. Blessed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**Epistle Reading** *Romans 15:4-13*

4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the

encouragement they provide we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."



10 Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

11 And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.”

12 And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.


**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

# Alleluia

*John 6:68, LSB 156*

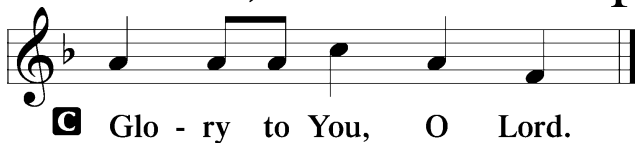


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1-12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

4 John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 344 sts. 1-5*

*“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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**Sermon**

**“Proper Preparation”**

**Pastor Tom Rhodes**

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 158*

**☐ C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

**He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church, I acknowledge one  
Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

*LSB 159*

**P** In the wilderness we cry to You, O Lord, to visit Your people with Your grace and give ear to our prayers as You have promised.

*Brief silence*

**P** O Lord, the silence was once broken by the voice of the prophet properly preparing Your way. Give to Your people the courage to speak Christ to the nations and to teach those still in darkness and death about His gifts of light, life, and righteousness in the name of Jesus. Keep us from being



ashamed of the Gospel or intimidated by our fears. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, as You raised up blessed John, the forerunner of Christ, so raise up for us pastors who will preach Your Word and serve us with Your Sacraments. Give to us faithful church members that we may serve together for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, the crowds who heard the preaching of St. John came in repentance and faith. Lead us to heed the call to repentance in our day, that we may rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins and seek to live as the holy people You have made us

to be by our Baptism into Christ. Lord, in  
Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, the rulers of the world stood  
condemned by Your servant John. Give us  
the will and courage to stand for what is  
good and right and true. Give to us honest  
leaders of integrity who will hear Your  
Word and govern with equity, preserving  
order and pursuing justice on behalf of all  
people. Protect and defend those least able  
to care for themselves, those in the womb  
and those with frail mind or body. Lord, in  
Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, St. John spoke the promise of  
healing to the broken and wounded. Give to

all afflicted in body or mind the riches of Your grace, healing according to Your will, and grace to carry them through the day of their trouble. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and cards and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, Your people shed tears of sorrow in the face of death. Give to us such confidence in the resurrection of Christ and our resurrection through Him, that we will be comforted in our grief and the dying will be given peace at the last, until in the day of Christ's coming, and we are reunited with those who have gone before. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

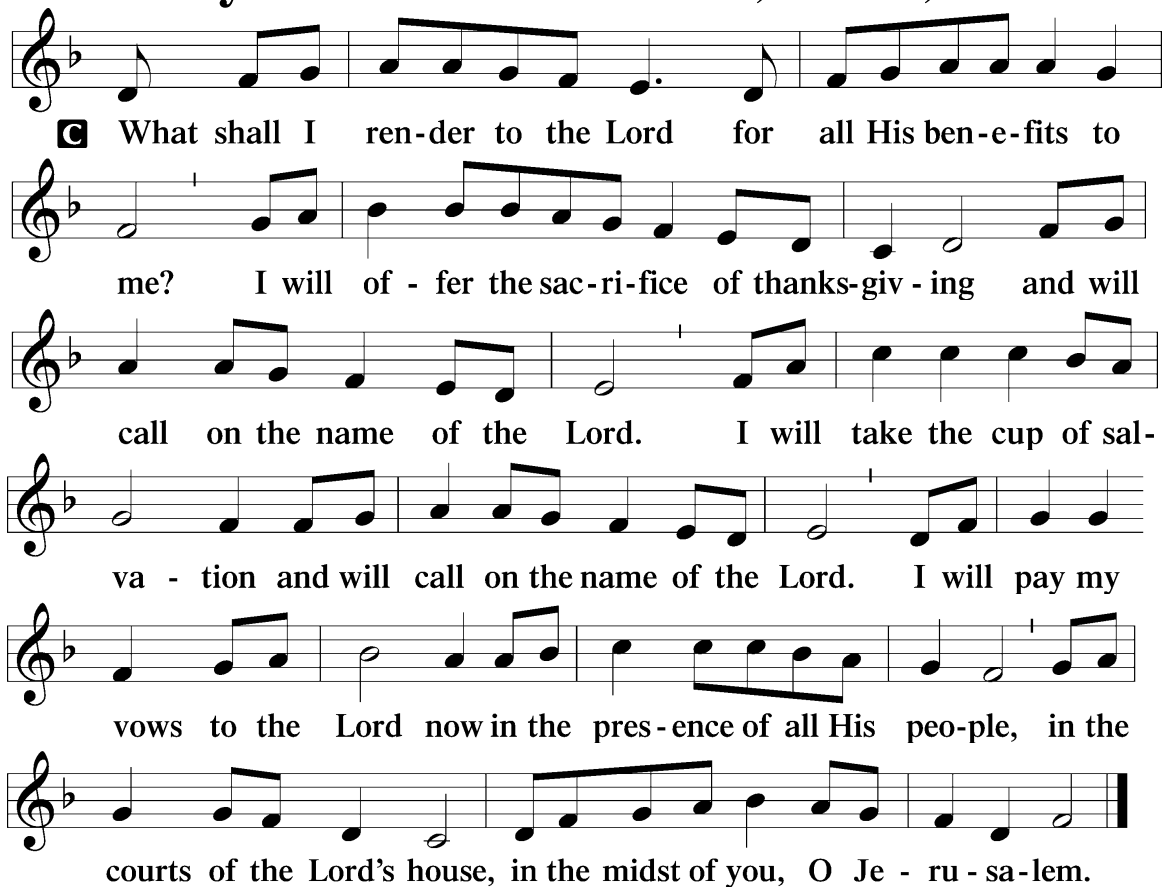
**P** O Lord, grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation, that we may with confidence in Your will give “amen” to our prayers and live in contentment and peace with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **Offering**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God’s abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

# Offertory *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 159*



**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 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + *LSB 160*

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

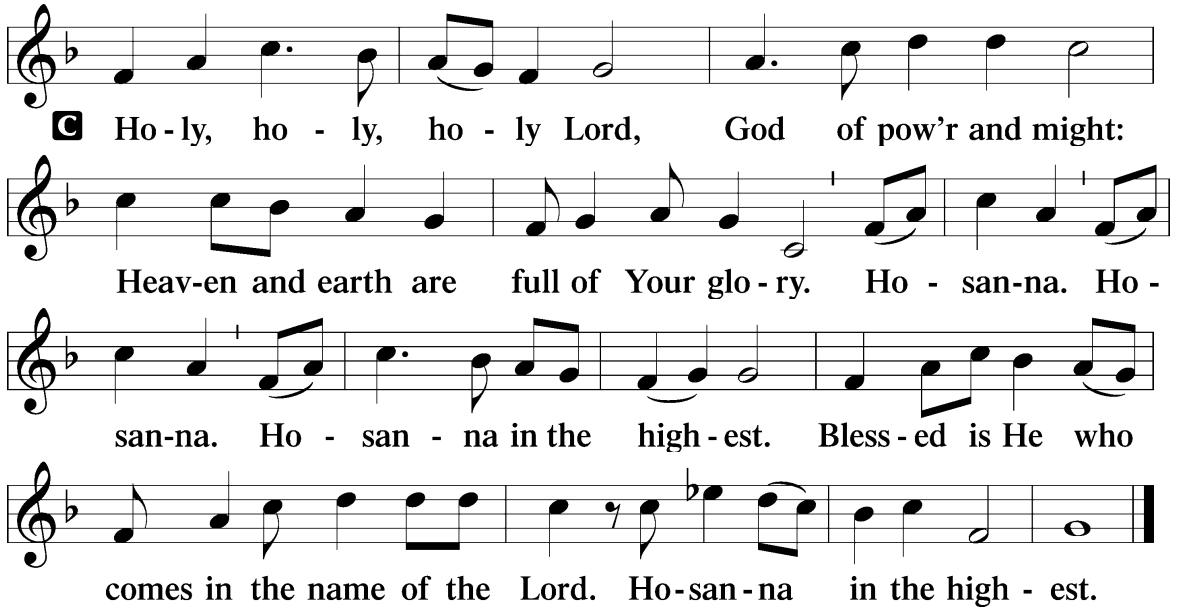
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9, LSB 161*



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 *LSB 161*

**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**      *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 162*

**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

*LSB 162*

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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.”

**P** 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

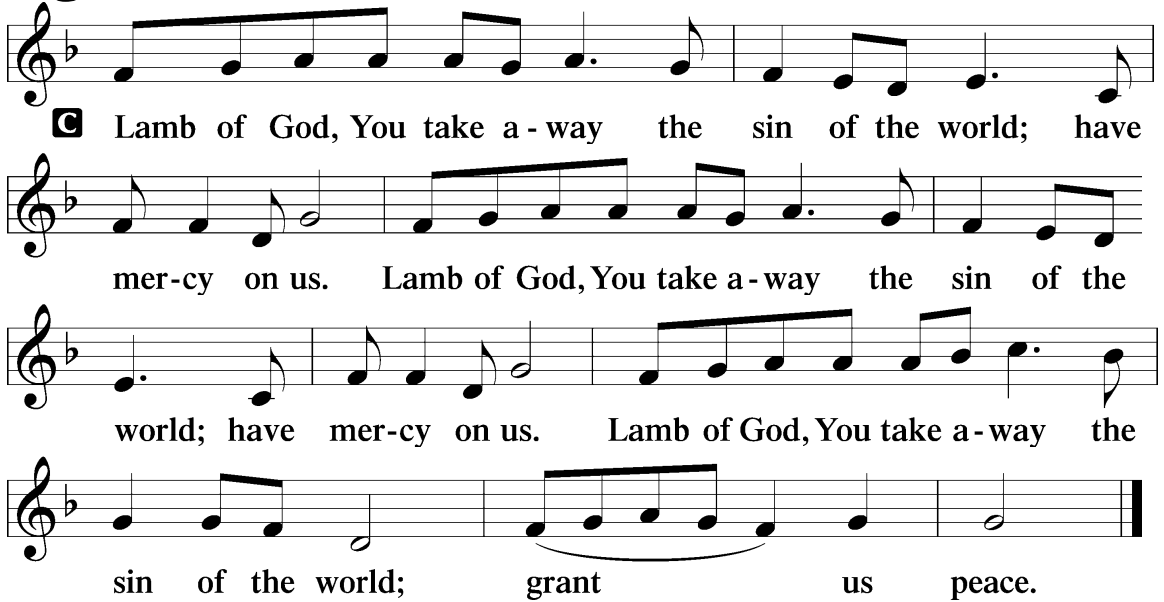
*John 20:19, LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

*John 1:29, LSB 163*



♩ 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.


*Sit*

## Distribution

*Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 337 sts.1-5*

*“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”*



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our



not be far. Let songs of praise ascend - ing Now  
 child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
 morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
 hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
 round us may in - crease. But now one Star is



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
 beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
 new cre - a - tion— This child its seal and sign.  
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.

5 God dwells with us in darkness  
 And makes the night as day;  
 Yet we resist the brightness  
 And turn from God away.  
 But grace does not forsake us,  
 However far we run.  
 God claims us still as children  
 Through Mary's infant Son.

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*Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 348 sts. 1-5*

*“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”*



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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*Stand*

*Post-Communion Canticle*

*LSB 164*

**Thank the Lord**



**☐** 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

*LSB 166*

**P** Let us pray.

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 166*

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 331 sts. 1-6*

## *“The Advent of Our King”*



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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