

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plano, Texas**



*Blessed is the
fruit of your womb!*

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Forgive all my sins, wherever I have done wrong. Surround me this day with Your holy angels. May You encircle me and cast a trench about me, that I may escape the snares and evil cunning of the enemy. I commend myself to Your goodness and mercy. Amen.

(Johann Habermann, 1516-90)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 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." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service II – *LSB 167*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

LSB 342

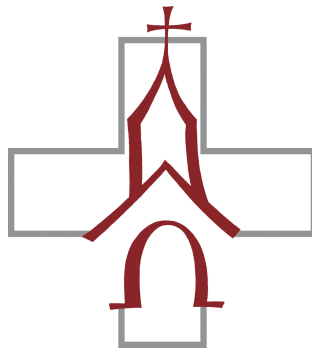


1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 167

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

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]

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.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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. *John 2*

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie

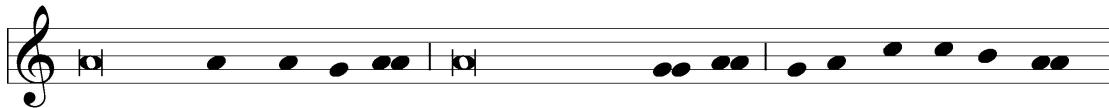
Mark 10:47; LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



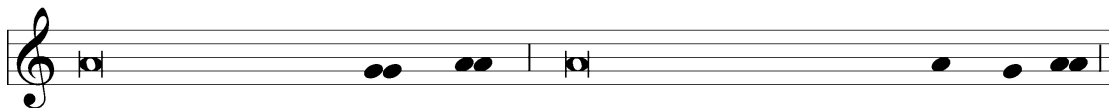
C Lord, have mer - cy.



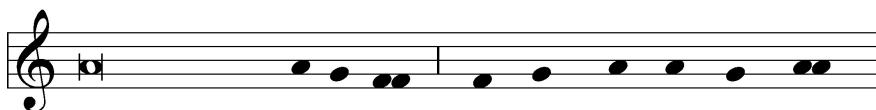
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



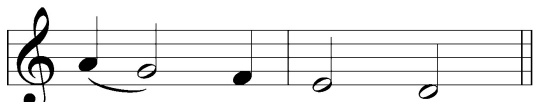
C Lord, have mer - cy.



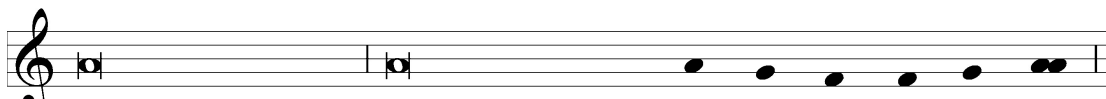
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



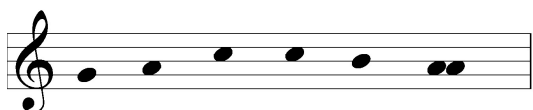
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



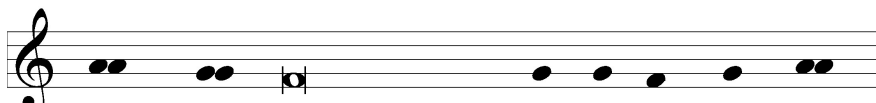
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 172

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Anthem

LSB 357

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

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*



Epistle

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Musical notation for the Alleluia and Verse. The first line of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second line of music continues the melody, with lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Musical notation for the Holy Gospel. The first line of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.'.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the Holy Gospel. The first line of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are 'Praise to You, O Christ.'.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 sts. ref, 3–7



3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
 6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
 wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
 by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
 hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -

give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
 clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 174

- 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

Sit

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176

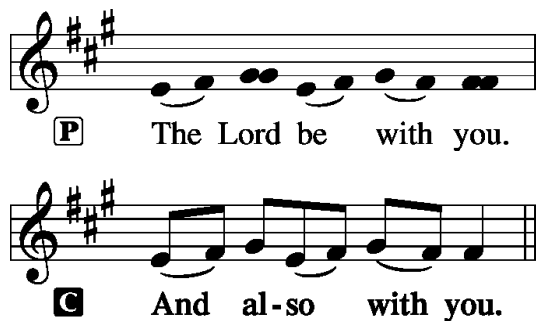


C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all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

Preface

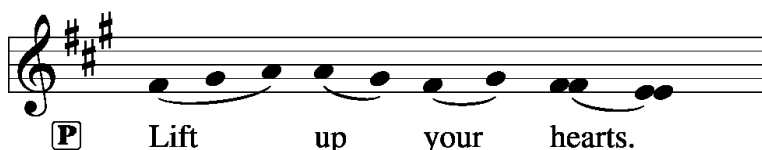
LSB 177



P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

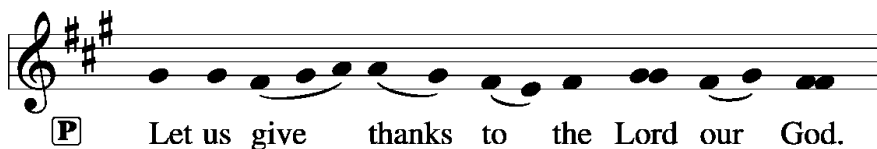


P Lift up your hearts.

[Colosians 3:1]

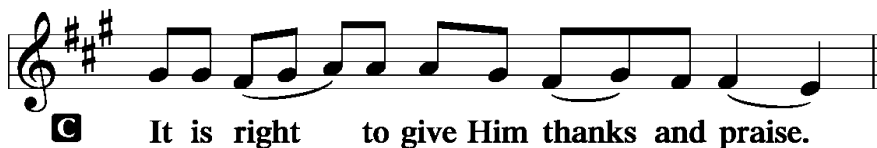


C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



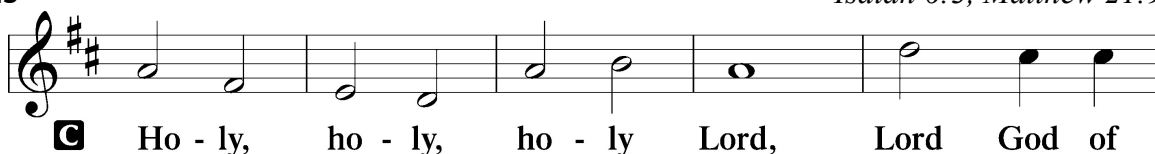
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

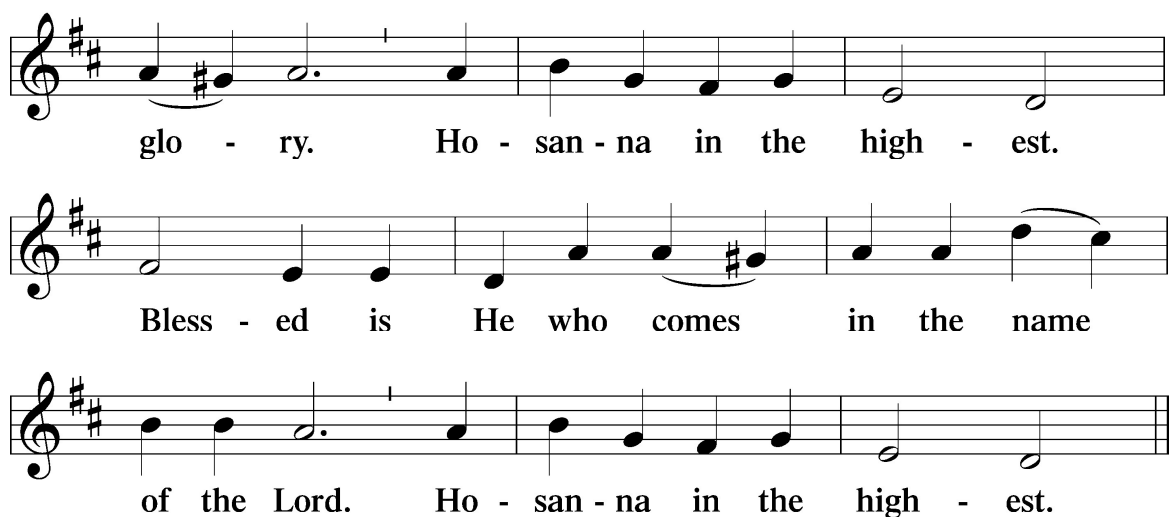
Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 179

- 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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19; LSB 180

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

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



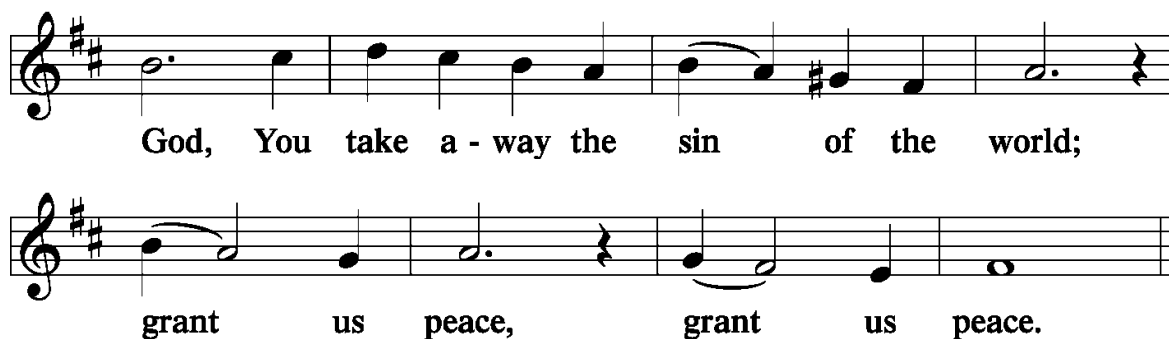
- C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



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



- sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymn

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

“Thank the Lord”, *LSB 181*



Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

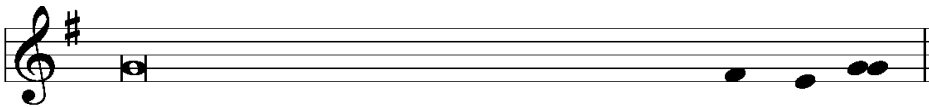
P Let us pray.

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.

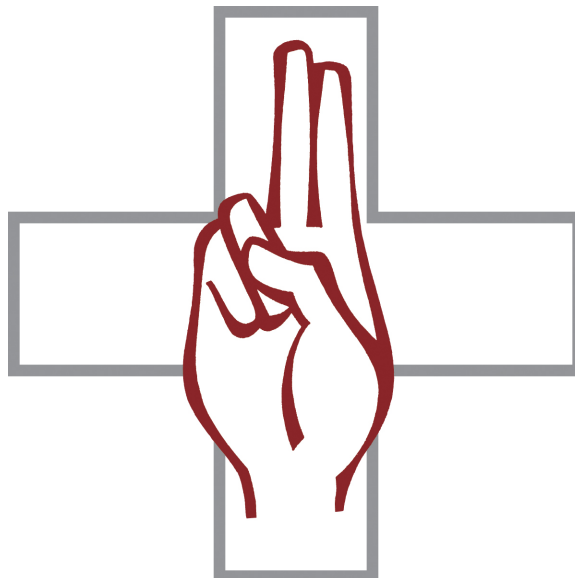
C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26; LSB 183



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.



Recessional Hymn

“Arise, O Christian People”

LSB 354 sts. 1, 3–4



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -
day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed
sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come
truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es
heav - en To all the world is shown.
ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study on the prophets of the Old Testament. Why those guys? Because Jesus also studied, read, and quoted the prophets; so why shouldn't we!

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Ecclesiastes. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend this class at 9:30 am in Room 114, just let Mike know.

Door Offering

Today we are collecting a special Door Offering for LCMS World Relief and Human Care to assist the tornado victims. If you would like to contribute, please notate "Door Offering" on your check or envelope. Also, if you would like to write just one check with your general offering, please include the amount you would like going toward the door offering.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are in alphabetical order outside of the music room in the hallway off the narthex. For those giving online or by mail, if your 2021 offering envelopes were never picked up, no envelopes will be issued for 2022 unless you request otherwise.

2022 Flower Chart Available

The 2022 pages for the flower chart have been added to the sign-up book located on the table in the narthex. The monthly pages have a date for each Sunday, each with two arrangements (\$40 each) and a space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize. You may make your donation when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a "flowers" notation.

Free Conference at Faith, Plano

You are invited to attend the North Texas Free Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano on January 19, 2022. The theme is "Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession, and Love" presented by Rev. Paul Dare. For a schedule and for more info, go to: www.faithplano.org.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Our Savior embodies a God who does not just tolerate us in our physical weaknesses. He favors those who need Him the most (Luke 7:22), and that makes the Gospel the opposite of abortion and physician-assisted suicide. Is there any reality in which we may rejoice more than this (Philippians 4:4)? Why would we find this message offensive (Luke 7:23)? And why should we deny anyone else the delight by staying silent about it?

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org

Hear "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Ladue at 12:00 p.m. CT on 12/15, and continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear sacred music for Advent and Christmas through January 6 and find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app.



Thank you to the following people
who dedicated poinsettias this Christmas Season:



Al and Norma Martin in thanksgiving of family

Rose Moore in memory of Randy Moore and parents

Dave and Dee Peters in memory of their parents

Dave and Dee Peters in thanksgiving for their family

Doug and Kathy Hite in memory of Alec Hite

Doug and Kathy Hite in thanksgiving for family

Charis Bennett in thanksgiving for family

Pat Greer in memory of Leo and Gwen Dunnigan

Alyson Wood in memory of my grandparents and uncles

Larry and Judie Dibbern in thanksgiving for family

The Duff family in thanksgiving for their parents and grandparents

Don, Paula and Carter Bunger in thanksgiving for Christ's birth, family, relatives and friends

Mark and Susan Knowles in memory of Phil Knowles, Tom Daniels and Gloria Daniels

Jack and Nelda Schrank in memory of their daughter, Kay

Travis Bennett in thanksgiving for family

Mike and Sandra Paradise in thanksgiving for family

Janice Sullivan in thanksgiving for Christian parents

Janice Sullivan in thanksgiving for brothers and sisters in Christ

Carol Ozlowski in memory of Howard Miessler

Scott and Jonelle Peters in thanksgiving for family

Scarth family in thanksgiving for family

Jessica Reeves in thanksgiving for friends and family

Kevin Reeves in thanksgiving for friends and family

Duffy and Cindy Carter in thanksgiving for Samson and Jonah

Duffy and Cindy Carter in memory of David, Eve and Daniel

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Victoria Frinsko
Altar Guild:	Nancy Cawood, Carol Nance, Don and Emma Padgett
Greeter:	Stu and Sandy Ehrett, Cheryl Tyler and Charis Bennett
Elder:	Tim Ozlowski, Greg Moudy
Ushers:	John Frinsko, Alex Duff
Sound:	Russ Wilkerson, Brian Wolf

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 19, 2021

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 th Gr, Room 113) IMPACT Class (Room 122) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 114)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service
12:00 pm	College Group

Wednesday, December 22

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, December 23 – *Office Closed*

Friday, December 24 – *Office Closed*

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship Service

Next Sunday, December 26, 2021 - *One Service*

10:00 am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings December 26, 2021

Old Testament: Ex. 13:1–3a, 11–15

Epistle: Col. 3:12–17

Gospel: Luke 2:22–40



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Scott & Jonelle Peters in celebration of Dave Peters' 80th birthday; and by Joel & Kelsey Crumrine in celebration of their 1st anniversary.



Advent

About the Cover: Blessing abounds in the greeting between Mary and Elizabeth! The unborn Christ has hallowed the womb of Mary and of all women. This life she carries in her womb brings life to the world, and so blessing abounds! Christ has become like us in every respect except for sin. He was born under the Law to redeem those under the curse of the Law. So then, the fruit of Mary's womb has, in turn, blessed us!