

*The root of Jesse . . .
shall stand
as a signal for the peoples*

ISAIAH 11:10

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Plano, Texas**

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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

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospel is suffering. Your name is profaned. Christians are persecuted and murdered. The right doctrine is suppressed. The devil's rule of wickedness is spreading. All the blessed departed Christians and saints who lie forgotten in the earth have returned to dust and ashes. Come and show forth Your glory in Your church. Avenge Your name and the blood of martyrs, and bring them again into their glory. Amen. (Martin Luther, 1483-1546)

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." 1 Corinthians 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.

Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service I – *LSB 151*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“Once He Came in Blessing”

LSB 333

1 Once He came in blessing, 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.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006
Tune: Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534 Text (sts. 2–3): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005220

Children's Message (10:45AM only)

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 151

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

Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]

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.

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.

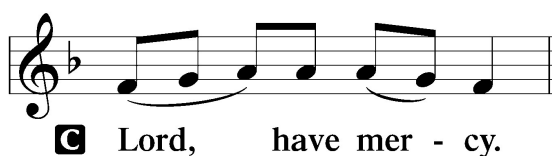
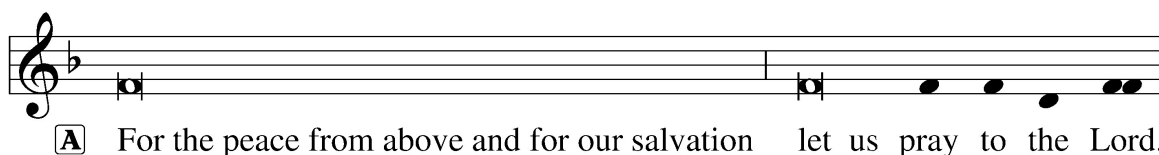
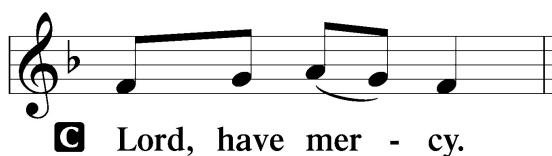
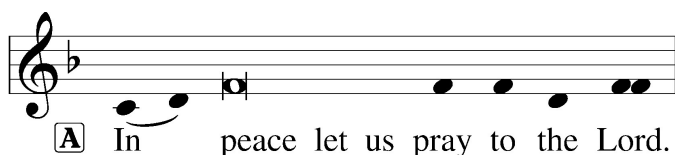
[John 20:19-23]

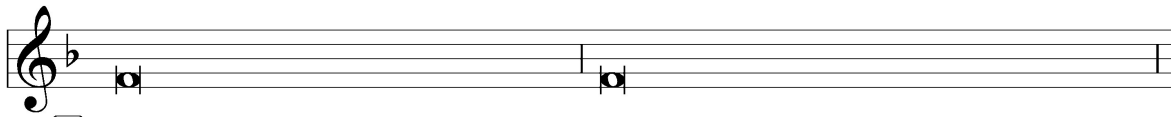
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 152





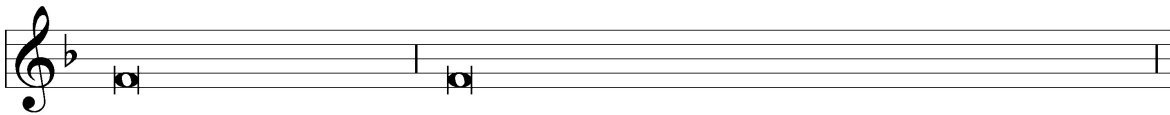
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



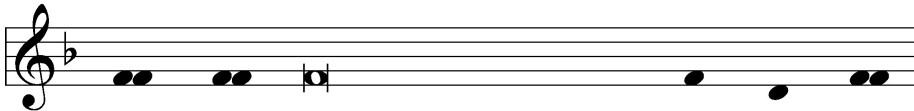
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; 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

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Psalm

Psalm 72:1–7; antiphon: v. 18



Blessed be the Lord, the God of | Israel, *
who alone does without | wondrous things.

**Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!**

May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!

**Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!

**May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!**

May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!

**In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!**

**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.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of | Israel, *
who alone does without | wondrous things.

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia

LSB 156

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

Matthew 3:1–12

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of
by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the
region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he
said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves,
‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to
raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees.
Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the
fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is
mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his
threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB 344



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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. Composite Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Sermon

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.

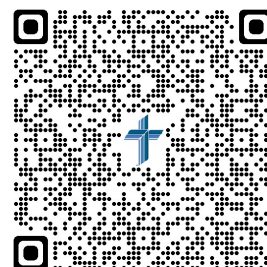
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Prayer of the Church

Sit

2023 Pledges Brought Forward

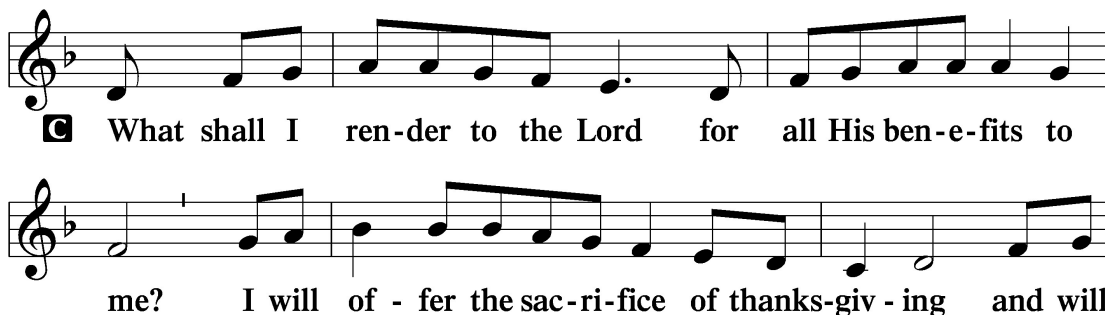
(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. (This QR code points there.)



Stand

Offertory

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



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 160

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

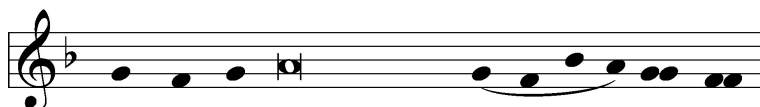


P Lift up your hearts.

[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 161



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



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.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 162*

- 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

1 Corinthians 11:26

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

Revelation 22:20

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- 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 163

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

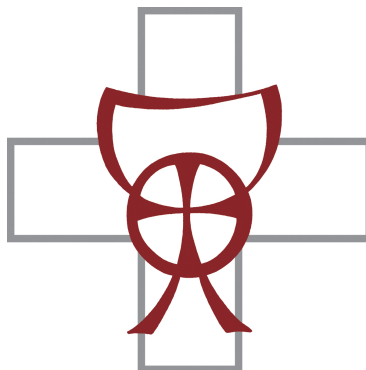
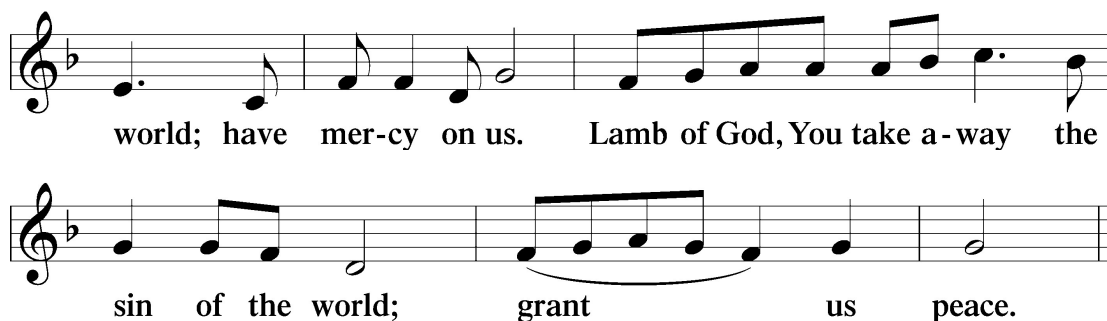
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Agnus Dei

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



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold their hand open 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. If you take an individual cup, please keep it visible; otherwise the Pastor will offer you the common cup.

Distribution Hymns

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

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 347

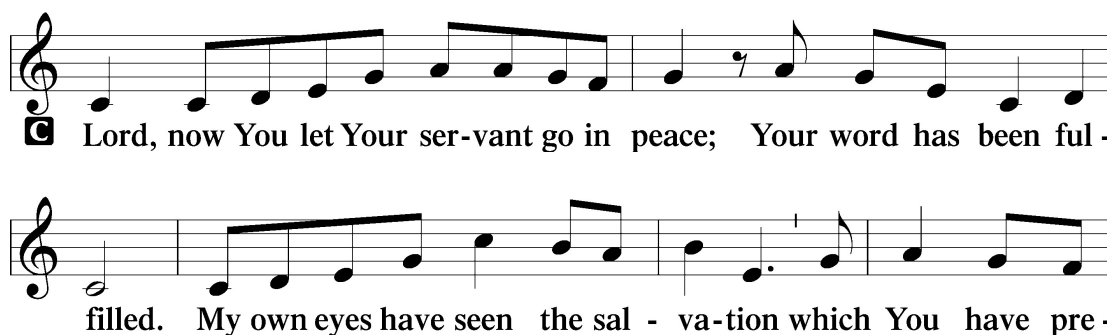
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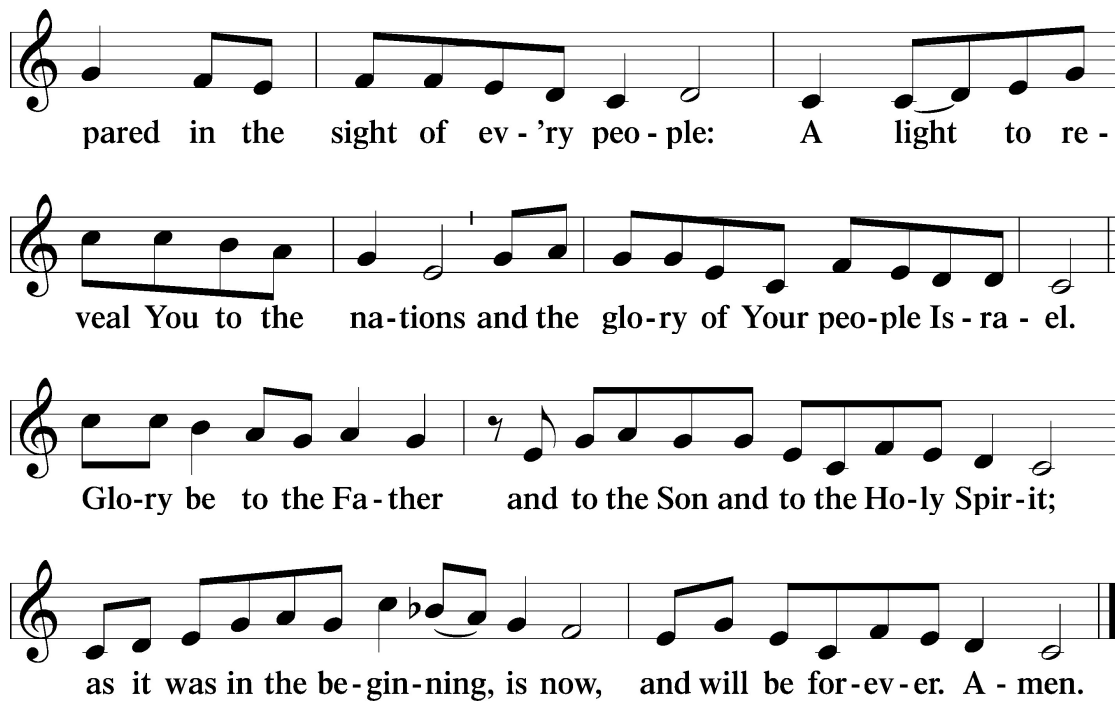
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Post-Communion Canticle

"Nunc Dimittis,"

LSB 165





pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

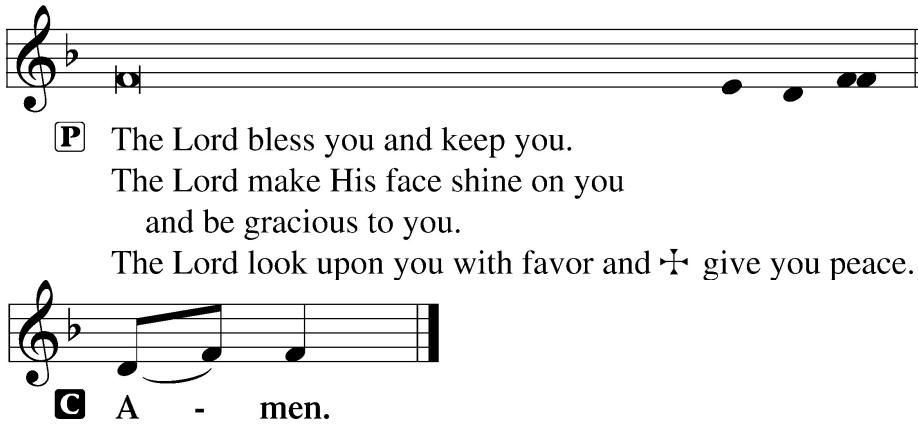
Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

- 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



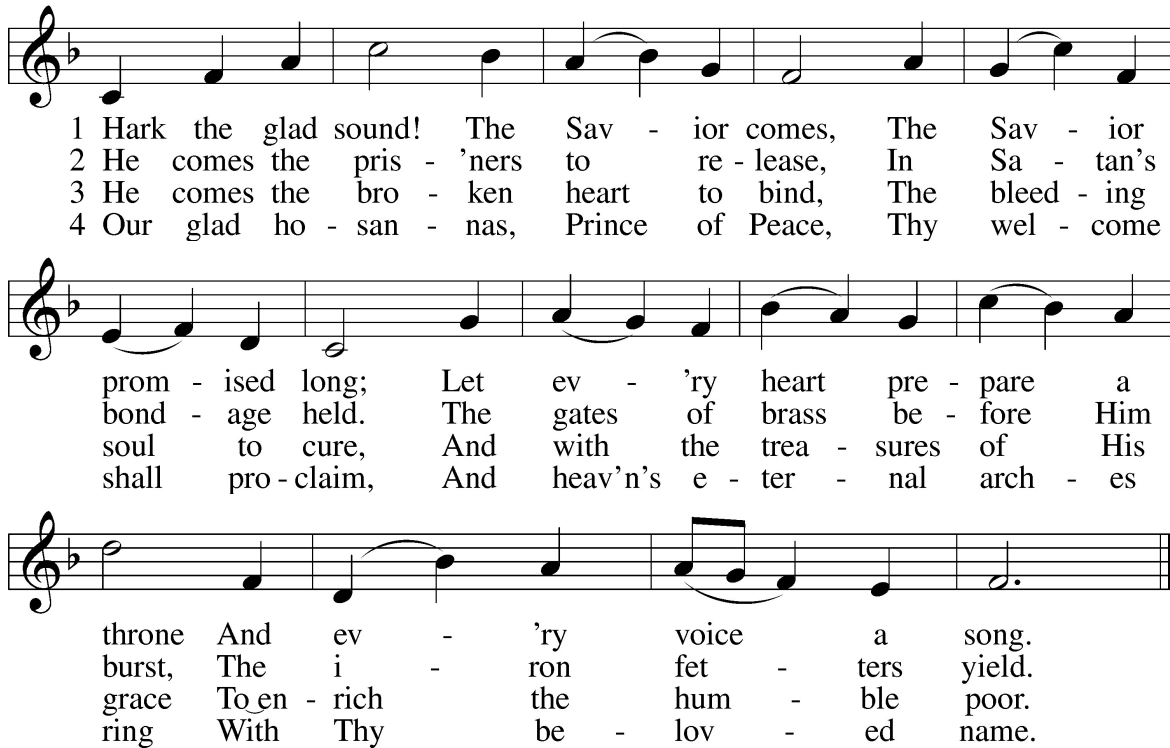
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

Recessional Hymn

“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 119 for a Bible study entitled *Jesus on Jesus: a Study on What Jesus Said About Himself*.

Sr. & Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Phaedra Shaltanis in Room 122 for a Bible study entitled *Suffering Servants* from the *Fusion Bible Study Series*.

Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 115.

2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are in alphabetical order outside of the music room in the hallway off the narthex. Make note of your number, some changed to account for fewer envelopes ordered.

Are you looking for a fun way to serve our congregation?

Sign up to be a greeter! We are looking especially for volunteers who regularly attend the 8 a.m. service. Please email Catherine Borck at caborck@gmail.com if you are interested.

Today is Pledge Sunday and Our Annual Voters' Meeting

If you forgot your pledge cards, there are some available in the narthex. Please also plan to attend our semi-annual voters' meeting after the second service. Topics covered will be the English District partnership, budget, financial update and the state of the parish.

LWML Mites

The focus for December is on the Texas District LWML Grant to **Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students for \$50,000**. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod recognizes the importance of seminary training to equip dedicated men for ministry to God's people. To help offset the cost of attending seminary, scholarship funds will assist seminary students from the Texas District LCMS, enabling them to go out and serve with less financial burden. Mite offerings will be collected on the second Sunday of each month or may be turned into the office. Each member of LOL is encouraged to collect their mites as the widow in the Bible, and prayerfully support the mission service projects of the LWML. Our congregation donated \$488 to LWML Mites in 2021.

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Advent Soup Suppers

Remaining Advent soup suppers are on Wednesday, December 7, 14 and 21 at 5:45 PM. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. This is a great time to try delicious soups, and enjoy some relaxed time with one another. Sign-up categories are soups, breads, desserts, set up, and clean up. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Senter.

2023 Flower Chart Available

The 2023 pages for the flower chart have been added to the sign-up book located on the table in the narthex. Each monthly page has the date for each Sunday with a space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize. Flower arrangements are \$40.00 each. You may pay for them when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a “flowers” notation.

Angel Tree

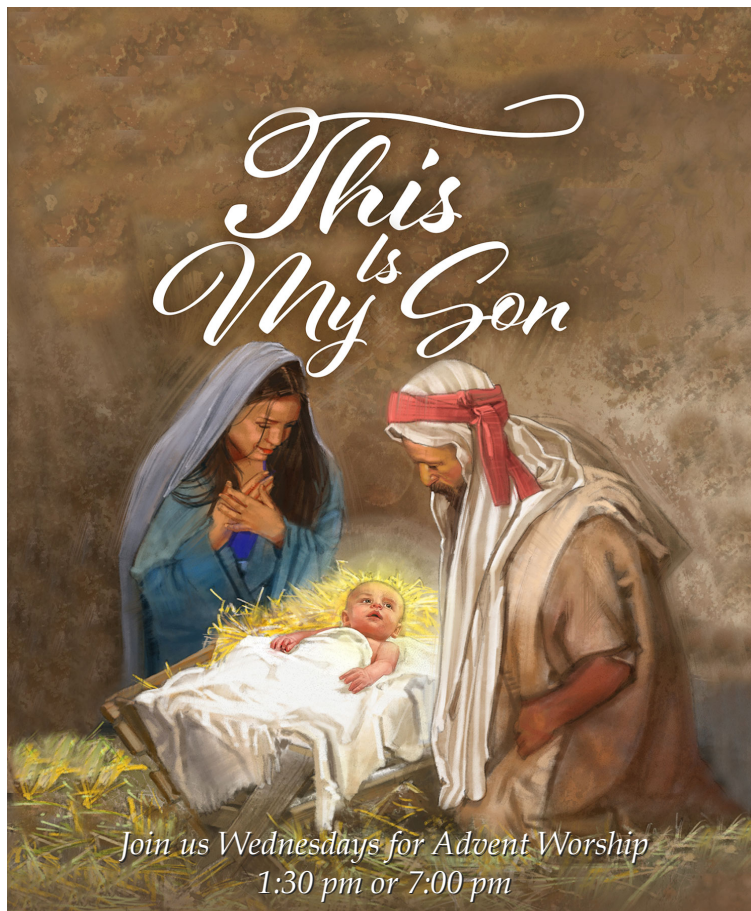
Please remember to bring your gifts to church by December 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Carter.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us Himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy (Psalm 72:4).

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUD

Enjoy music for the season of Advent, study Advent hymnody on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), learn about St. Nicholas and St. Ambrose on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and hear Advent Midweek Service from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on 12/7 at 12:00 p.m. CT. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or KFUD Radio app.



OSWALD HOFFMANN

Preaching the Gospel Around the World

BORN: **DECEMBER 6, 1913** *Snyder, Neb.*

DIED: **SEPTEMBER 8, 2005** *St. Louis, Mo.*

HIS NAME WAS OSWALD, but from boyhood everyone called him “Ossie.” He grew up in Snyder, Neb., where his father was a Lutheran pastor. The family later moved to Springfield, Ill., when his father was called to teach at Concordia Theological Seminary. As a boy, Hoffmann knew he wanted to be a pastor like his father and grandfather. Later in life, he recalled “I cannot remember a time when I did not want to become a pastor. That is all I ever prepared myself for. Anything else that would happen would be a surprise from God” (*What More is There to Say But Amen*, 26).

After attending Lutheran elementary and high schools, Hoffmann continued his studies at Concordia College, St. Paul, graduating in 1932. In 1935, he completed his ministerial training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, after which he accepted a position as professor and choir director at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. At the same time, he was called as pastor of a congregation in Cottonwood, Minn.

In 1941, Hoffmann was called to teach biblical languages at Concordia College New York, Bronxville, N.Y. During these years he grew more interested in church relations and striving for effective outreach with the Gospel message.

In 1948, Hoffmann was charged with establishing the Synod’s first Department of Public Relations, based in New York City. In this role, he cultivated relationships with secular and religious media outlets, as well as government agencies. As director, Hoffmann also moved into radio and television communications. He was instrumental in the production of the film *Martin Luther*, which premiered in 1953.

Even while Hoffmann served as the director of the Department of Public Relations until 1963, in 1955, he

was called to also be speaker of “The Lutheran Hour.” He served as speaker for 33 years, preaching for radio broadcasts on stations across the U.S. and around the world. He traveled throughout the world preaching and teaching the message of God’s Word — even to presidents and heads of state. Hoffmann worked for years with the Lutheran Laymen’s League, which from 1930 was committed to supporting the Lutheran Hour programs.

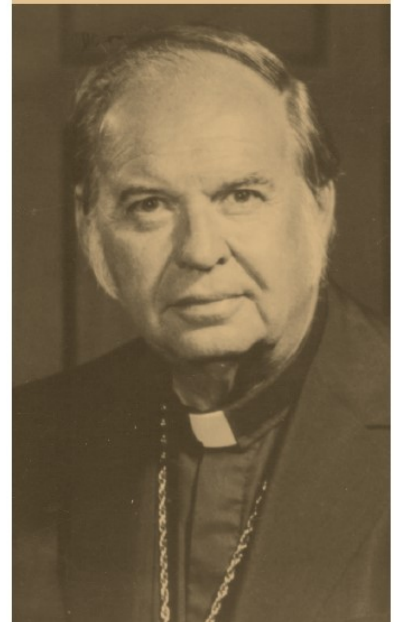
Hoffmann loved studying the Bible, especially the Greek New Testament. He served on the board of the American Bible Society and, in 1977, was elected president of the United Bible Societies.

His last message as Lutheran Hour speaker was broadcast from China on Christmas Day, 1988. In his autobiography detailing his remarkable and eventful life, Hoffmann summed up his career as a pastor and evangelist: “I have never tired of preaching the Gospel, for it is the power of God both for a believer’s eternal life as well as for the abundant life in Christ on earth.”

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit lcms.org/175.

DISCOVER MORE

Oswald C. J. Hoffmann,
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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.



How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.



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Organist:	Linda Haupt
Acolyte:	Ana Scarth, Robert Duff
Altar Guild:	Nelda Schrank, Catherine Borck, Joanna Smith
Elders:	Mike Kunschke, Greg Moudy
Greeter:	Scarth Family, Duff Family
Ushers:	Ben Scarth, Marty Buckmeier
Sound:	Kaitlyn Hacker, Nick Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 4, 2022

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 th Gr, Room 113) Jr IMPACT (Room 119) Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Special Needs Class (Library) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service
12:00 pm	Voters' Assembly

Wednesday, December 7

1:30 pm	Advent Worship
5:45 pm	Soup Supper
7:00 pm	Advent Worship
7:30 pm	Adult Choir

Next Sunday's Readings December 11, 2022

Old Testament: Is. 35:1-10

Epistle: James 5:7-11

Gospel: Matt. 11:2-15



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Brooks and Joanna Smith in loving memory of their mothers, Pat Montalbo (Joanna's mother) and Jeannine Smith (Brooks' mother).



Advent

About the Cover: Earlier in Isaiah, God's people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump. However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God's Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.