

Then the eyes
of the blind
shall be opened

Isaiah 35:5

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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

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast taught us to know and confess in true faith that, in three persons of equal power and majesty, Thou art one everlasting God, desiring to be worshiped as such, we pray Thee, sustain us steadfast in that faith against everything that may threaten the same: Who livest and reignest from everlasting to everlasting, Amen. (J. K. Willhelm Loehe, 1808 -1872)1

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 personal Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is personally 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.

Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service II – *LSB* 167

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331



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
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



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.
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The new self now put on.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt. Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76

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 20:19-23*
- C** Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Introit

Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4



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

I will hope con- | tinually*
and will praise you yet | more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,*
for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come;*
I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*
and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,*
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to
come.

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

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

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



Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

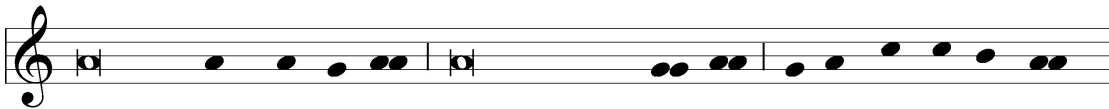
Mark 10:47; LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



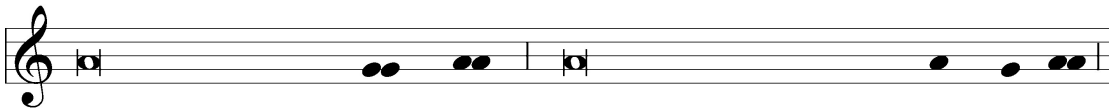
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



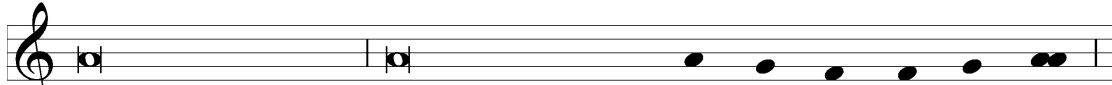
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



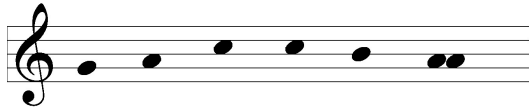
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



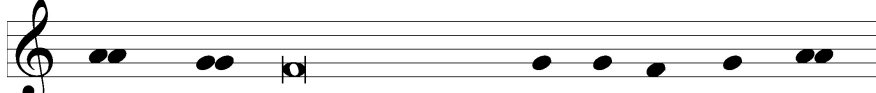
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!
 Behold, your God
 will come with vengeance,
 with the recompense of God.
 He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
 For waters break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
 the unclean shall not pass over it.
 It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
 even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
 they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
 they shall obtain gladness and joy,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” by Robert Hobby

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!
 Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

Epistle

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' and the second staff contains the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' Both staves begin with a common time signature 'C'.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). It begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' The staff ends with a double bar line.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

LSB 345



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



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



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

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

Sermon

Stand



Nicene Creed

LSB 174

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

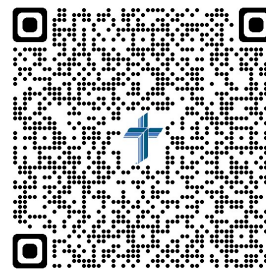
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
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

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, but we have chosen to place an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary for when you exit instead. You may also choose to mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link, to which this QR code also directs you.)

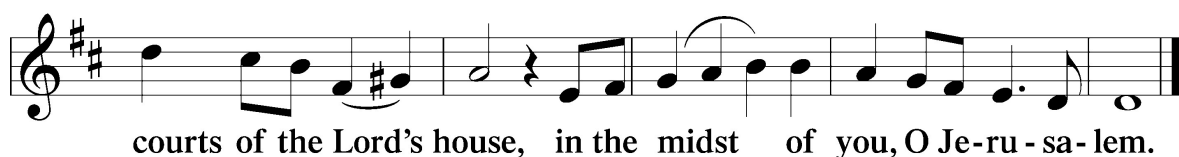


(10:45 AM New Member Welcome)

Stand

Offertory

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



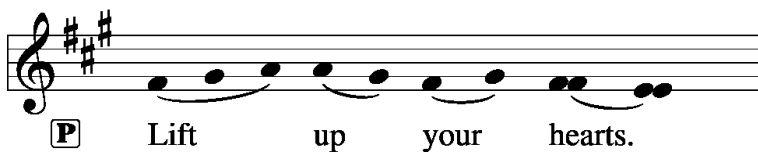
+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Preface

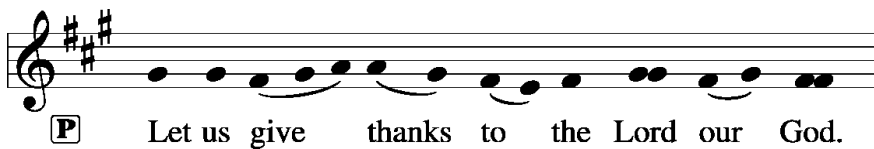
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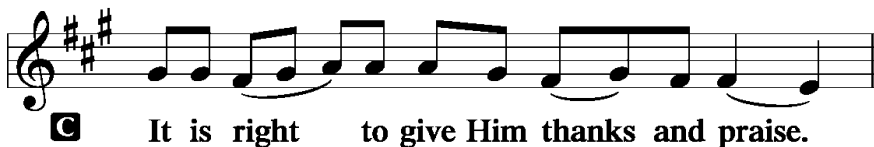
2 Timothy 4:22



[Colosians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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

- 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
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 Hymns

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

When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

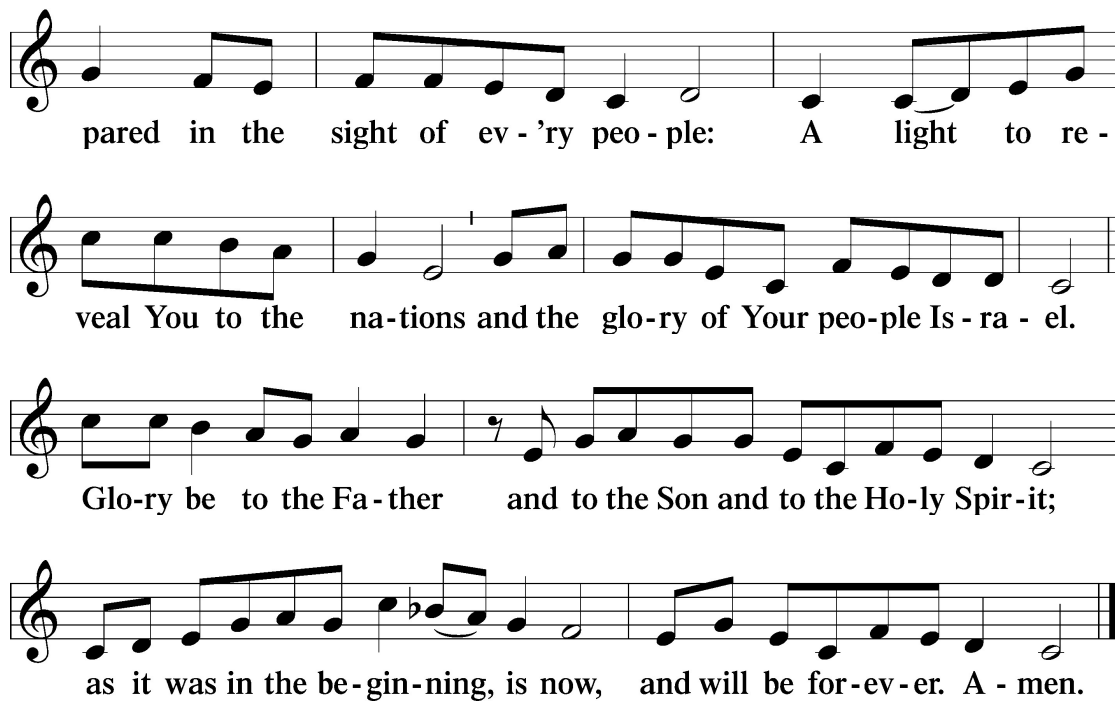
LSB 849

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

“Nunc Dimittis”, LSB 182

C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



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.

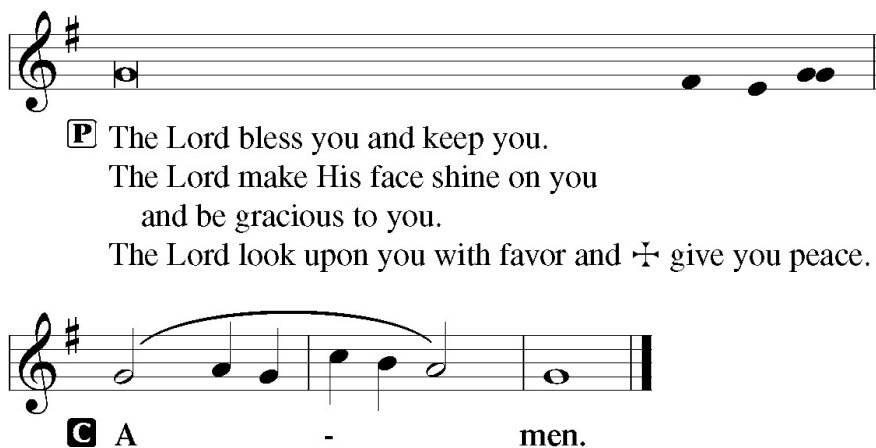
Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

- P** Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

C A - men.

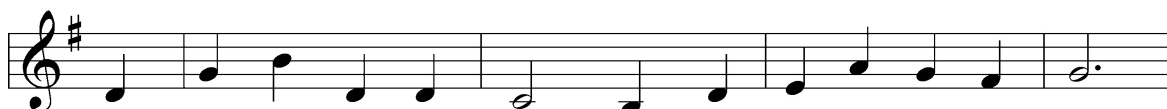
Recessional Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.
Tune: Swedish
Text and tune: Public domain

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.

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.



We are pleased to be receiving into membership during the 10:45 AM worship service this morning:

Stephen Oestreich

Sylvia Seymour

Please join us in welcoming them.

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. 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.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have been moved to the office where you may still pick them up. Because so many give online now, envelopes not picked up by next year will be released and those accounts will be renumbered to the “non-envelope” range so future envelopes will not be ordered. Please let the office know if you are unable to pick up your envelopes before next year but would like to keep using envelopes.

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.

Angel Tree

Reminder that Angel Tree gifts need to be returned. If you don't have them today, please contact Cindy Carter to make special arrangements to get them to their child.

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.

Lutherans for Life Team

The Lord of Life "Lutherans for Life Team" has been raising funds for the LCMS "Million Dollar Life Match" campaign this year and will be submitting our application in January. We have one more month to raise any other funds before we submit our application. Please prayerfully consider giving to this cause which can do so much good. Please note on any donation "Life" so we can ensure it makes it to the right place.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Abortion and assisted suicide attempt to acquire one's salvation by violence (Matthew 11:12). But God's kingdom comes as He mercifully preserves at our weakest (Matthew 11:5-6). We need not seize happiness at the expense of others. Rather, we advocate endurance in sufferings such as surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis (James 5:11), and with our support for them we strengthen instead of extinguish (Isaiah 35:3).

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUO

Hear the history and theology of Advent Hymnody on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Exodus 23-27 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on 12/14 at 12:00 p.m. CT. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or KFUO Radio app.

Christ laid down
His life
for us.

1 JOHN 3

We love in
deed and truth.

MILLION DOLLAR **LIFE** MATCH

In January 2022, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) launched the **Million Dollar Life Match**, an exciting new matching grant opportunity to support LCMS congregations' local, beginning-of-life mercy efforts.

The program offers a total of \$1 million in matching grants — ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 each — to LCMS congregations. Grants will be given out in three phases during 2022 and 2023.

Eligible projects might include:

- Partner with an LCMS Recognized Service Organization
- Start a congregational mercy project for mothers, babies and families
- Participate in the work of a local Christian pregnancy resource center
- Get involved with a Christian adoption or foster care organization
- Collaborate with nearby LCMS congregations to start a pro-life project



How can your congregation start or expand its pro-life efforts? Find more project ideas, information about LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and other Christian pro-life organizations, and step-by-step instructions for submitting your grant application at lcms.org/life-grant.

AUGUST CRULL

Translator of Hymns & Editor of Hymnals

BORN: **JANUARY 27, 1845** Rostock, Grand-Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin

DIED: **FEBRUARY 17, 1923** Milwaukee, Wis.

AUGUST CRULL WAS BORN IN GERMANY but moved to the United States around age 10 with his mother and stepfather, Albert Friedrich Hoppe, who later became the editor of the St. Louis edition of *Luther's Works*. Crull entered the pastoral ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod after graduating from Concordia College, Fort Wayne, in 1862 and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL), in 1865. After only a year as an assistant pastor in Milwaukee, ill-health forced Crull to resign. He returned to Germany, but C.F.W. Walther (synodical founder and

president of CSL) encouraged him to return, already impressed by Crull's skill in translating German hymns into English. Crull did so, and he served briefly as the director of a Lutheran high school in Milwaukee and then as a pastor in Grand Rapids, Mich., before finally moving in 1873 to Fort Wayne to become a professor of German language and literature at the synodical preparatory school (high school and junior college). There he remained until his retirement in 1915 when he moved back to Milwaukee.

Crull published a German-language grammar book in 1880; a book of devotions, *Das Walte Gott*, based on sermons by Walther, in 1893; and two volumes of German poetry. But he made his mark in the Synod's history as a translator of hymns and as the editor of the Synod's first significant English hymnal. His lifelong project of making Lutheran hymns available in the English language passed its first milestone when he published a collection of 130 hymns in English in 1879. But it was the Norwegian Synod not the Missouri Synod that produced Crull's first collection. In 1886, however, Concordia Publishing House (CPH) published its own collection of 33 hymns in English, also edited by Crull.

Just two years later, Crull presented a manuscript of 400(!) hymns to the first convention of the English Lutheran Conference (soon to be known as the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri and Other States). That collection included about 200 translations from German (including 30 by Crull himself) and 200 English originals. It was published in 1889 as the *English Lutheran Hymn Book*. In subsequent editions, later editors added more hymns as well as liturgical materials. In 1911, the English Synod merged with the Missouri Synod to become the LCMS English District, and the next year CPH published a revised and expanded edition of Crull's original work, the Synod's first English-language hymnal.

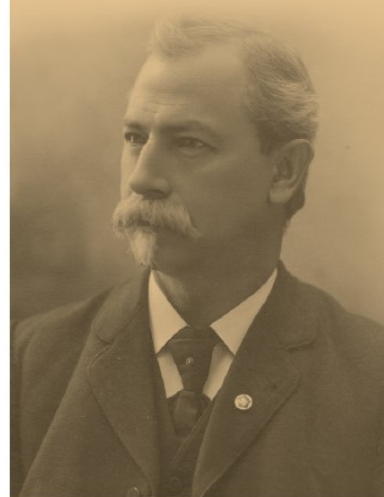
After suffering severe mental health problems in retirement, Crull passed away in 1923. Nonetheless, 14 of his hymn translations are in the Synod's *Lutheran Service Book*, including favorites like "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (LSB 350) and "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LSB 440).

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

DISCOVER MORE

Jon D. Vieker, "*August Crull and His Legacy as Lutheran Hymnal Editor and Translator*," *CrossAccent: Journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians* 16, no. 3 (2008), 39–51.

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NO OTHER NAME

– 175 YEARS –



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Advent of Christ

As you may remember, the word Advent means “coming.” During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the only coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.

What is the rest of the Advent story?

The Advent of Christ has three parts. God’s Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God’s Word reminds us that He will return in judgement on the Last Day. If you think about it, there sure are a lot of great things to remember and look forward to during the season of Advent!



Parents:

When Holy Communion is offered, allow your children to attend the altar with you. Remind them that Jesus is truly present here in the Sacrament, and that we will see Him face to face on the Last Day!



Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Victoria Frinsko
Acolyte:	Emily Scarth, Margaret Duff
Altar Guild:	Nelda Schrank, Catherine Borck, Joanna Smith
Elders:	Mike Kunschke, Doug Hite
Greeter:	Stu & Sandy Ehrett, Haley Moore
Ushers:	David Messinger, Mark Ziegelbein
Sound:	Brian Wolf, Doug Hite

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 11, 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

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 pm Elders

Wednesday, December 14

1:30 pm Advent Worship

5:45 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Advent Worship

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Friday, December 16

9:00 m Comfort Makers

Next Sunday's Readings December 18, 2022

Old Testament: Is. 7:10-17

Epistle: Rom. 1:1-7

Gospel: Matt. 1:18-25



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Sue Parson in honor of her mother, Lois Kilgore's 95th birthday; and by the elders.



Advent

About the Cover: Isaiah presents a beautiful picture of the day when the Lord will make this world right. It is a sight to behold! In His ministry, Jesus literally opened blind eyes to see. At the same time, He was also opening the eyes of faith to see Him as the Messiah. Jesus is still restoring eyes to see aright through His Word. Even though today we see dimly, a day is coming when we shall see face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12).