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PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You have announced that Your Son is surely coming. Forgive my indifference to Your Word, and help me trust in my Savior. Make me ready for His arrival that I may pray with all other believers, "Come, Lord Jesus". In His saving name I pray. Amen.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT – "OUR LORD IS COMING!" The first third of the Church year, which begins today, is traditionally called "The Time of Christmas". In preparation for the great celebration of Christmas, the Church has set aside four to seven Sundays of "solemn anticipation", "spiritual preparation and purification" (Reed 466). During the four weeks in Advent, the liturgical color is blue or violet and traditionally this first Sunday has been organized around the theme of prophecy (Isaiah 2:1-5) and its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus (Matthew 24:37-44).

Because Advent is a time of reflection and penitence, the mood is restrained. Flowers on the altar, the "Gloria in Excelsis", and "This Is the Feast" are reserved, only to re-appear in all their splendor on Christmas Day.

The coming of our Lord is the theme of the entire season of Advent; His coming at Bethlehem, His coming at Jerusalem, His coming in His Word and Sacraments, and His coming at the Last Day. This first week of a new Church Year continues the note sounded last Sunday – the Sunday of the Fulfillment – the theme of the unexpected coming of the Lord, "for us and for our salvation".

PRELUDE

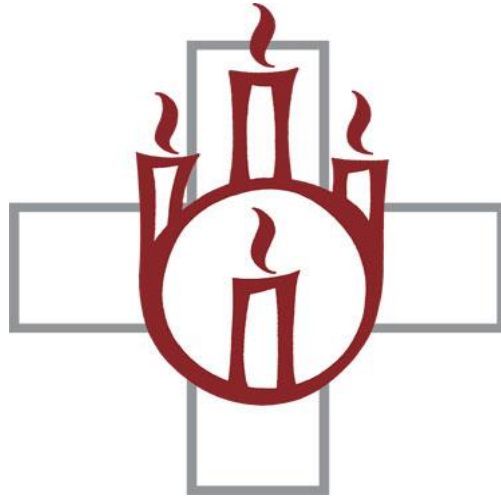
OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."

(Isaiah 9:2)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

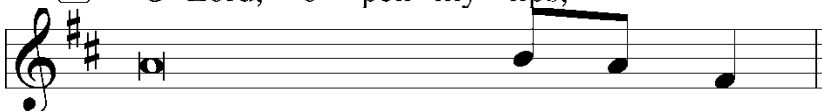
Pastor: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

(Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; *antiphon*; Zechariah 9:9b)

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

Cong.: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Pastor: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

Cong.: who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

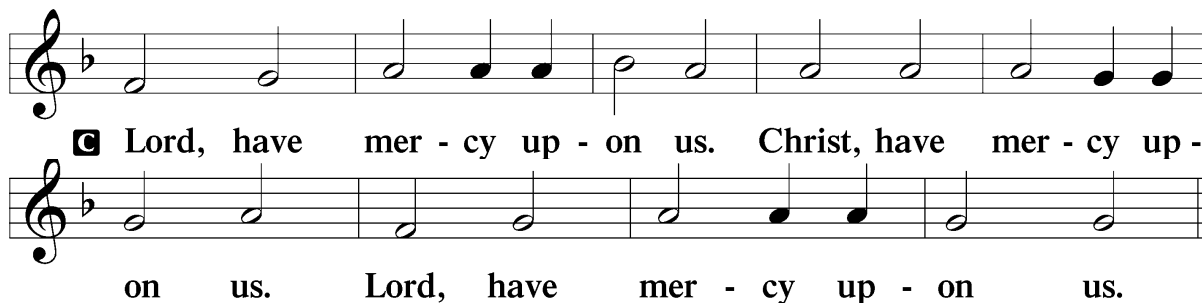
Pastor: For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Veni, Veni, Emmanuel”

Arr. Grace Maunula

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (page 662 in the pew Bibles)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 987 in the pew Bibles)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.


Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand **ALLELUIA**



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel (page 878 in the pew Bibles)

Luke 19:28-40

When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [LSB hymn 357]



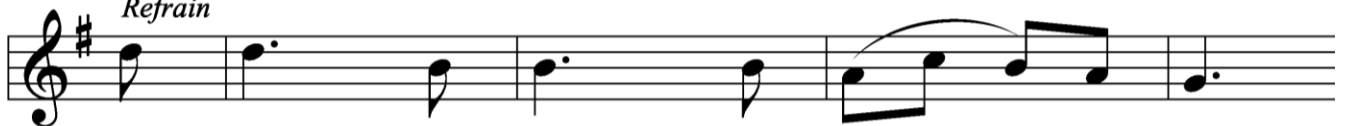
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 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.

Refrain

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



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

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Refrain

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

SERMON

“Establish our Hearts to be Blameless”

(Pastor Jim Toma)

OFFERTORY

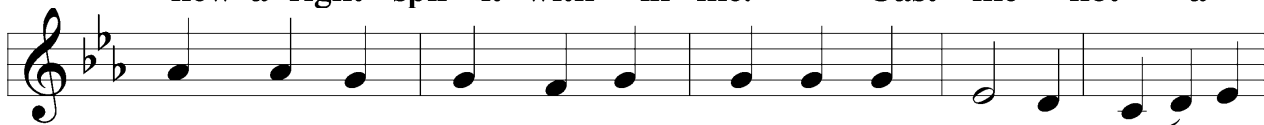
(Psalm 51:10-12)



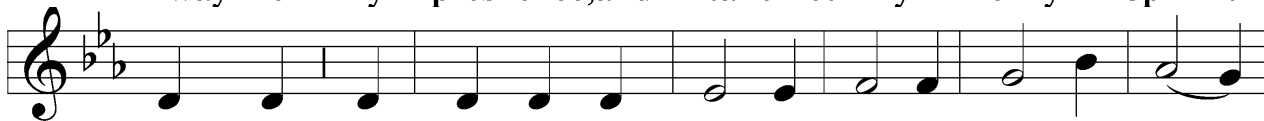
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We praise You, O Lord of hosts. You have fulfilled Your promise of salvation by sending Jesus to suffer Your just wrath on the cross, that we might be declared righteous in Your sight. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Bless pastors in their proclamation of Your Word and preserve us in our baptismal grace, that Your Son might always be our righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of all, Your Son declared that if His disciples ceased praising Him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O God, that as You establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, so You also provide for all our needs in this body and life. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, and comfort all who mourn, *especially*...until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God and Father, direct the way of all who travel. Protect them on their way, preserve them from loss and complication, and grant them success in their journey and joy upon their return home. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

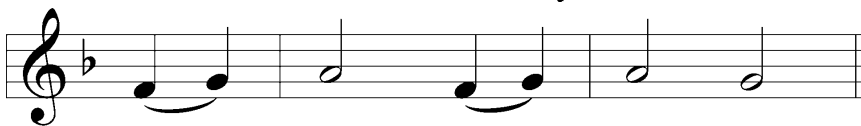
Cong.: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

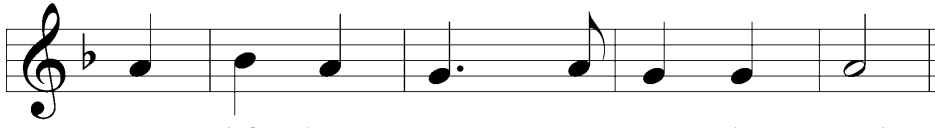


C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

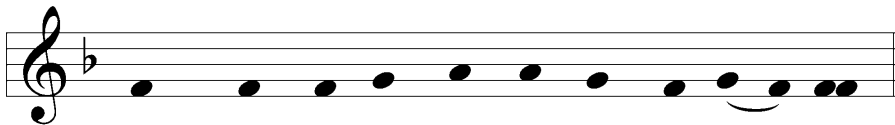
(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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

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

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)



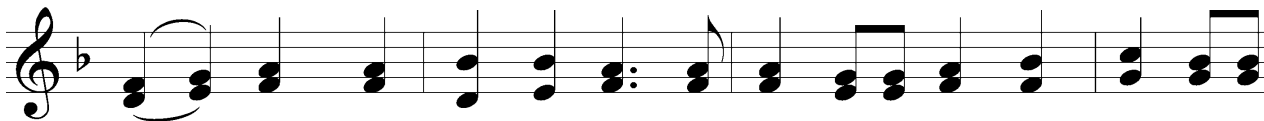
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

(John 1:29)



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

What actually is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, as often as I shall come to Your holy table to refresh my spirit, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; impure as I am, to make me clean; naked as I am, to clothe me, so that Your body, so full of divine power, and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant, the occasion for judgment or punishment, but a memorial of the death You underwent for me, a strengthening of my faith, a proof of the taking away of my sins, a bond of closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.

Sit **DISTRIBUTION "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" [LSB hymn 636]**



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

O Living Bread from Heaven" [LSB hymn 642]



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,

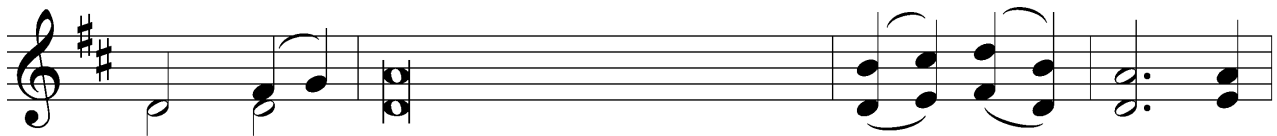


gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

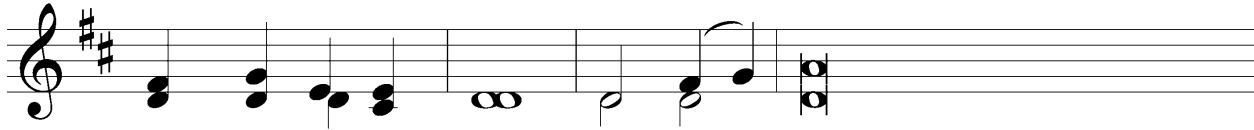
Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



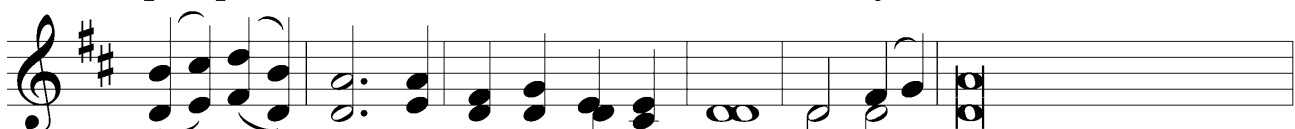
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



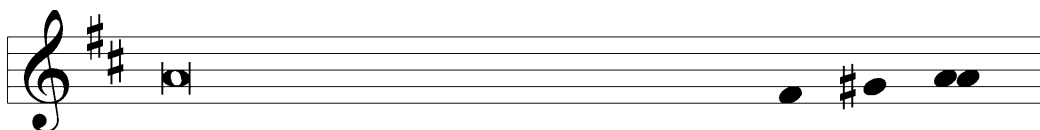
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



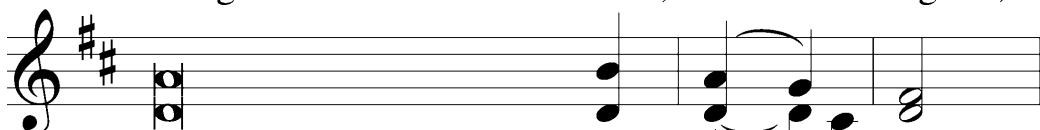
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 107:1)



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Pastor: 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 A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you His peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Savior of the Nations, Come” [LSB hymn 332]



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

△8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

	<i>8:00 Service</i>	<i>11:00 Service</i>
Acolyte:	Thomas Keller	Lucas Bissett
Ushers:	Vona Dodge David Volkert	Paul T. Jurenka Andrew Onak
Elder/Reader:	Steve Snyder	Rick Ritchie
Organist:	Matt Laub	
Altar Guild:	Cherie Silcox, Judy Loughlin, Vicki Taylor	

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING **Dick Erickson** (nerve ablation surgery); **Adam Volkert** (home recuperating after surgical removal of 2 tumors in his brain); **Brian Viers** (home after spinal decompression & fragment removal); **Leanne Rincon** (wife of Pamella Clugston's cousin Johnny, is home rehabilitating from a fall); **Larry Mickelson** (his health problem has moved to his chest); **Gabby** (wife of Thomas Abbott's boss, back in the hospital with seizures).

COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN **family of Karen Brannon** (passed into everlasting life).

ASSURANCE/ENCOURAGEMENT **Thomas Abbott** (he has found helpful financial guidance).

GUIDANCE May the God of peace be with all **troubled marriages**; **Yvette** (having personal problems).

SAFETY DURING TRAVEL **Pamella Clugston** (Texas); **Roman, Mary, & Roman Jr. Jurenka** (Northern California).

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Ulrich Stenzel 11/30; Sharon Anderson 12/2; Joshua Irvine 12/3; Janice Goodwin 12/4.

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Gerald & Margaret Button 11/28.

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Annika Keller 11/29; Mary Jurenka 12/1.

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NEWS AND NOTES

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

28 Sunday	<i>First Sunday in Advent</i> Divine Service 8:00 & 11:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study “Matthew” 9:30 AM (in the Sanctuary with Pastor Toma)
29 Monday	<i>Pastor Toma’s Day Off / Church Office Closed</i> Al Anon 10:00 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM
30 Tuesday	Preschool Staff Bible Study 5:30 PM Christian Hospitality Meeting 6:00 PM Al Anon 6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM
1 Wednesday	Advent Worship Services 4:00 & 7:00 PM Soup Supper 5:30 PM
2 Thursday	Preschool Chapel 9:30 AM Board of Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Elders Meeting 7:00 PM Women’s Bible Study 7:00 PM Celestial Ringers 7:30 PM
3 Friday	Ballet Folklorico 8:30 PM
4 Saturday	Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group 9:00 AM Sewing Group 9:30 AM 5:00 PM
5 Sunday	<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> Divine Service 8:00 & 11:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study “Matthew” 9:30 AM (in the Sanctuary with Pastor Toma) Youth Breakfast Club 9:30 AM Sunday School Brunch Bunch 10:30 AM

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Preschool Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY

“Matthew” (9:30 AM with Pastor Toma in the Sanctuary)

THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

“Colossians” (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Youth Room)

REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 105

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to
"use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".*



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP Luke 19:31 "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it." Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

AROUND REDEEMER

WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER will be offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays and available online at 8:00 AM on www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/ as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from www.redeemer-lutheran.net. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the children studied "**Gideon**" (Judges 6:11-7:25).

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR RINGERS! The adult handbell choir is recruiting new ringers. Looking for anyone High School age and up. No prior musical experience is required! If you have any interest please talk to Matt Laub as soon as he finishes playing the Postlude this morning or email him at mattalaub@gmail.com.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDS We are looking for more Sunday School teachers and/or helpers. Please contact Bonnie Volkert at bonnievolkert@gmail.com or Brian Viers at bigbrianv1@gmail.com if you are interested.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME LSB 332 This text, originally in Latin, is one of a handful of hymns whose attribution to Ambrose of Milan (339/40-97) is secure. His authorship is attested to by Pope Celestine in 430 and by other early writers. Ambrose, the “father of Latin hymnody”, took over the eastern custom of singing hymns and brought it to the West. His hymns were strophic, written in four lines of eight syllables per line, rhymed, objective in character, scriptural, and intended for singing by the people. Many early Latin hymn writers imitated Ambrose’s general pattern, and their efforts were called “Ambrosian hymns,” although they were not written by Ambrose himself. This hymn appears in eighth- and ninth-century manuscripts and in later breviaries. The text has often been truncated in recent hymnals, but *LSB* used all eight stanzas. While pre-Reformation translations into the vernacular are traceable from the fourteenth century, perhaps earlier, Luther’s version was probably written during Advent 1523, since it appears in both the Erfurt *Enchiridion* and in Johann Walter’s *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn* of 1524. It is quite a literal translation of the Latin, although Luther reduced the number of syllables in each line from eight to seven. Medieval breviaries generally prescribed this hymn for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, but Luther considered it an Advent hymn, as shown by its position as one of only two Advent hymns in the Babst hymnbook of 1545, the last hymnbook for which Luther wrote a preface. Precht calls it the Advent hymn *par excellence*, and it has been the traditional Lutheran *de tempore* hymn (Hymn of the Day) for Advent 1.

Stanza 1 is a call for the Virgin’s Son to come and make His home among us and for all creation, heaven and earth, to marvel that the Lord of all “chose such a birth”; that is, He took on human flesh and became one of us except without sin. Stanza 2 proclaims that the Word of God, Christ the Lord, who was “in the beginning” (John 1:1), became flesh like us not through any human agency but “by the Spirit of our God.” Stanza 3 continues the thought that while “here a maid was found with child,” she remained a virgin and that the child in the mother’s womb was the God who was “there upon His throne.” Stanzas 4 and 5 reflect the creedal statements of God sending His Son from His “kingly hall” into the world, and that this child was both “Lord of all” and “God of God,” yet fully man. Sent from the Father, He will return to the Father, back to His “throne and crown” after He “in flesh the victory won,” the victory over sin, death, and the devil, which the glorified Christ proclaimed to those in hell. Stanza 7 uses the image of light, the light that now shines from the manger into the night, the light of Christ, which shatters the darkness, and the light in which “faith now abides.” The concluding stanza is doxological praise to the Father, who, in the context of this hymn, sent His Son into the world; to the Son, who fulfilled the Father’s will in taking on our human flesh to rescue the world from sin, death, and the devil; and to the Spirit, by whose action Christ became “the Word of God made flesh, woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.”

LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION? Visit our website www.redeemer-lutheran.net to find past services posted under Online Services/Video Services and Bible studies posted under Education/Bible Study Recordings. Archived sermons and Bible studies are located under the Resources tab.

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DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES.
SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 2021:

Sunday, November 28:	Isaiah 2:1-22; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40
Monday, November 29:	Isaiah 5:1-25 & 1 Peter 2:1-12
Tuesday, November 30:	Isaiah 6:1-7:9 & 1 Peter 2:13-25
Wednesday, December 1:	Isaiah 7:10-8:8 & 1 Peter 3:1-22
Thursday, December 2:	Isaiah 8:9-9:7 & 1 Peter 4:1-19
Friday, December 3:	Isaiah 9:8-10:11 & 1 Peter 5:1-14
Saturday, December 4:	Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34 & 2 Peter 1:1-21
Sunday, December 5:	Isaiah 11:1-12:6; Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14



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1 Thessalonians 3:13 KJV

*To the end he may stablish your hearts
unblameable in holiness before God, even
our Father, at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ with all his saints.*