

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (DIVINE SERVICE 3)

DECEMBER 3, 2023  
8:00 AND 11:00

**WELCOME GUESTS** If you're looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider Redeemer. If you're visiting with us for the first time, we'd like to present you with a coffee mug. Check out the faith-strengthening resources on the information cart, the library in the narthex, or [www.redeemer-lutheran.net](http://www.redeemer-lutheran.net). If you have questions about this congregation or about the Lutheran Church, feel free to ask an usher or the Pastor. Please fill out a fellowship card (found in the pew racks) and drop it in today's collection plate, providing a phone number and e-mail address so that we may serve you better. For prayer request, please fill out a blue "Prayer Card" found in the narthex or the pews. Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request at the Ushers' station. Thank you for worshipping with us.

## 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

**WATCH! THE DAY AND HOUR OF THE COMING** (Mark 13:32-37) The coming of our Lord is the theme of the entire season of Advent; his coming at Bethlehem, his coming at Jerusalem, his coming through Word and Sacrament, 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." As Augustine says:

*The first coming of Christ the Lord, God's son and our God, was in obscurity. The second will be in sight of the whole world. When he came in obscurity, no one recognized him but his own servants. When he comes openly, he will be known by both the good and the bad. When he came in obscurity, it was to be judged. When he comes openly, it will be to judge. He was silent at his trial, as the prophet foretold. ... Silent when accused, he will not be silent as judge. Even now he does not keep silent, if there is anyone to listen. But it says he will not keep silent then, because his voice will be acknowledged even by those who despise it.*

Commenting on this sobering Advent season passage, Kretzmann writes:

*With so much information given them, the disciples might have thought that they ought to know the exact date of Christ's second advent, for that would greatly simplify matters. But Christ rejects the idea before it has been voiced. Of the day when the final judgment will burst upon the world and of the hour of the day when its first indications will come to pass, no person knows; even the angels are ignorant, though they know many of the secrets and mysteries of God. And what is more, the day is not known to Jesus in his state of humiliation. The Son of God, in his capacity as Savior of men and specifically according to his human nature, has renounced his right to this knowledge, chiefly for the sake of men, lest they be tempted to make inquiries and bother him with importunate pleadings concerning the day and the hour. Here is a secret which is hidden in the omniscience of the Father. But that fact brings out Christ's admonition all the more strongly: Be on the lookout, be vigilant, for the exact time is not known upon earth.*

*All the calculations of the various sects as to the exact date of Christ's coming are utterly unreliable vagaries, and those that follow them are just as foolish. ...*

*Thus Jesus, the Lord of his Church, has given to each one of his believers, his servants, some work to do, some ability, some gifts, with which the individual Christian is to serve him in his kingdom. The Lord will return some time, soon, almost any minute, and therefore it is necessary for every one of the servants to be about his business with careful vigilance. The Master may come in any of the four watches of the night, and His coming must find no one sleeping in security.*

Let every Christian write upon the portals of his heart that one word: Watch! It is very true, indeed, that the unbelievers think it a huge joke to ridicule the belief of the Christians about the coming of Judgment Day: Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation, 2 Peter 3:3-7. It is absolutely safe to stand on God's Word and to heed His warning at all times: Watch!"

## PRELUDE

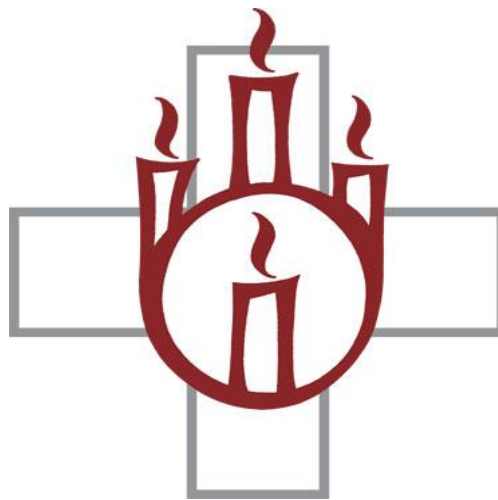
### OPENING VERSE

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.**

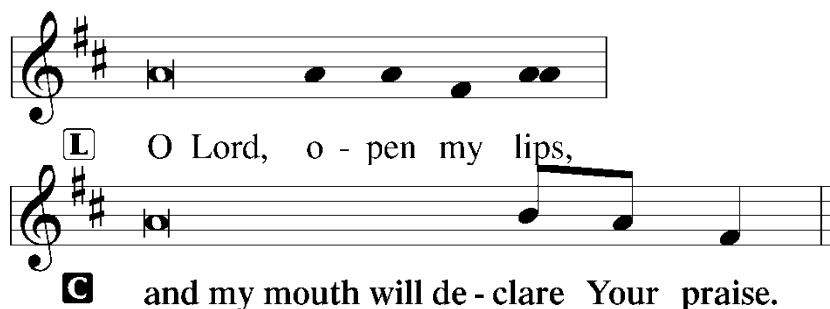
Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in 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.**

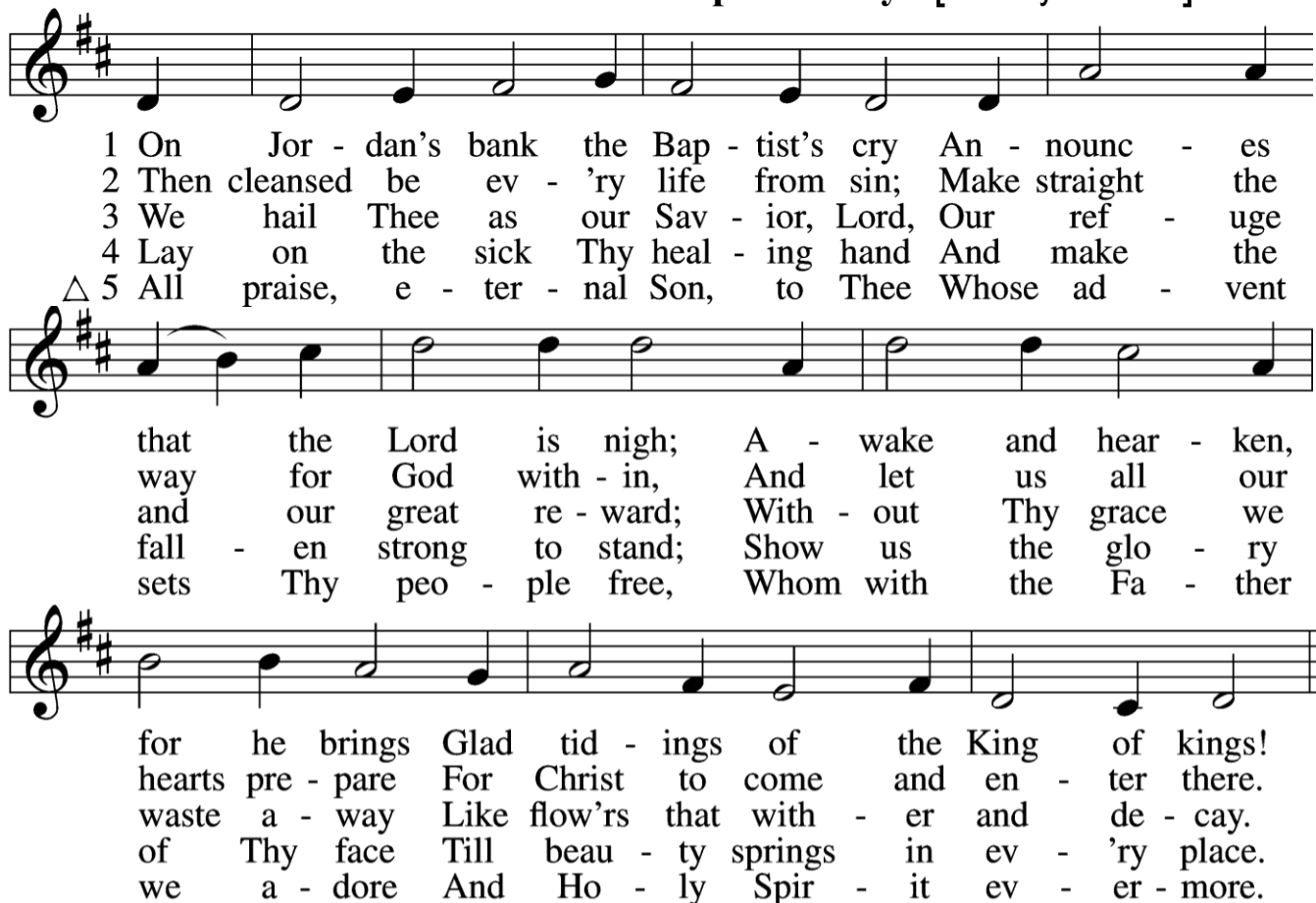
## ✠ PREPARATION ✠



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

## HYMN OF THE MONTH

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” [LSB hymn 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.

*Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

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

**Cong.: who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**Cong.: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Psalm 32:5)

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**Cong.: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.: Amen.**

(John 20:19-23)

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

(Psalm 2:5:1-3; *antiphon*: Zechariah 9:9b, alt)

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.  
To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**Cong.: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**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.

# THE KYRIE

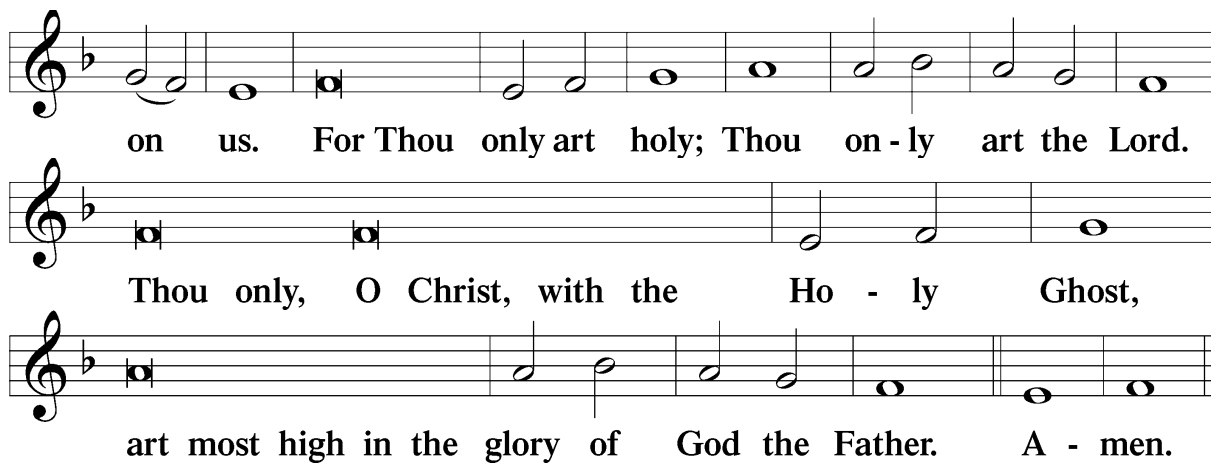
(Mark 10:47)

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

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14, John 1:29)

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



## 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.**

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## CHOIR ANTHEM

### “O Come, Redeemer of the Earth”

Brian L. Hanson

*O come, Redeemer of the earth and manifest Your virgin birth.*

*Let every age in wonder fall: such birth befits the God of all.*

*Begotten of no human will but of the Spirit, You are still the Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
the promised fruit to man displayed.*

*O, Morning Star, come end our night. Cast out our sin and shed Your light.*

*The darkness of our mortal state with endless beams illuminate!*

*All praise, eternal Son, above whose advent shows Your matchless love,  
whom with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.*

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And also with you.**

## Isaiah 64:1-9

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



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

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



☐ 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.**

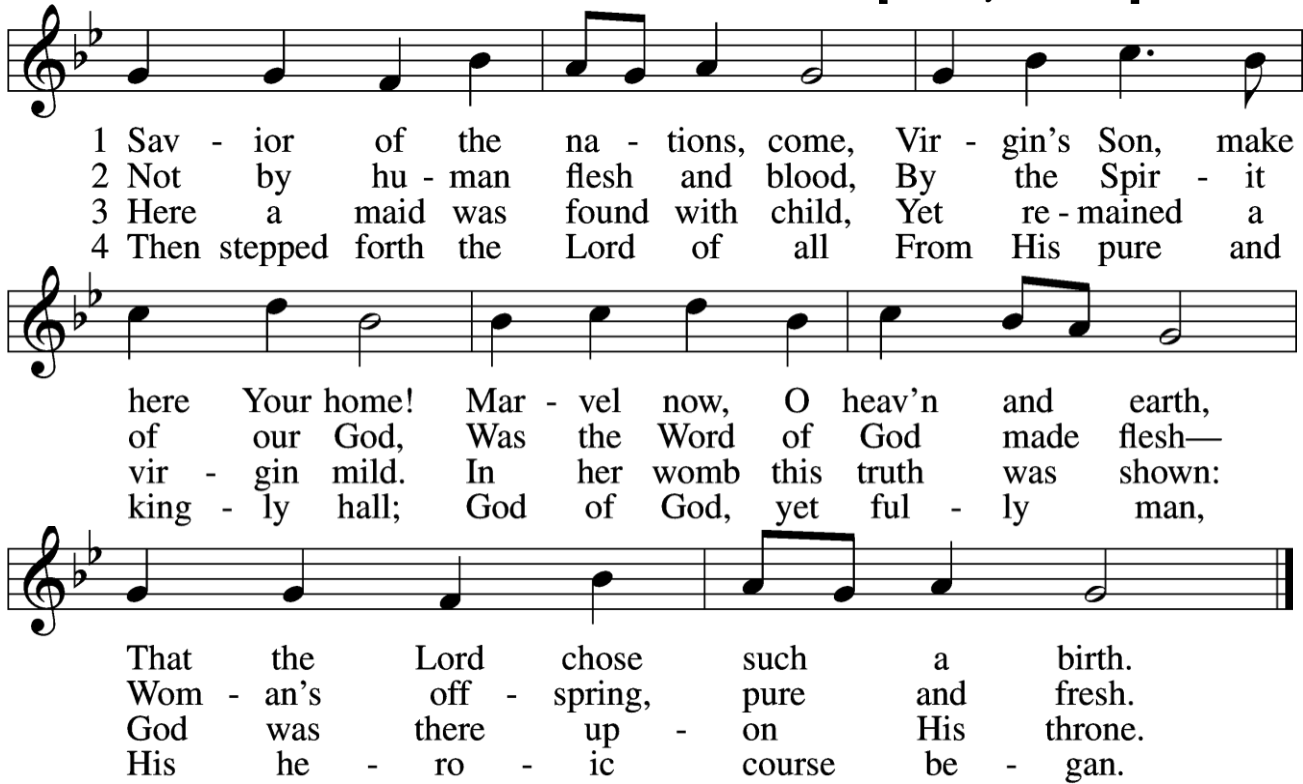
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from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

“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.

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.

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

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

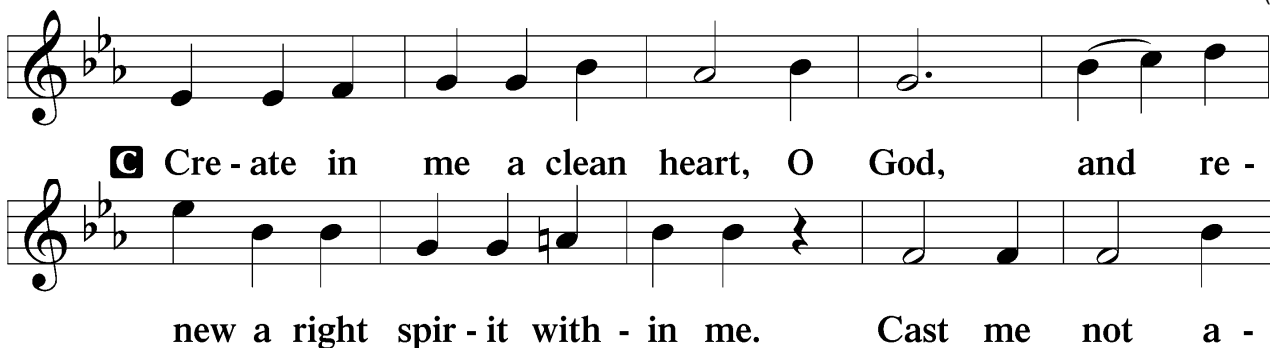
## SERMON

“I Was Not Expecting That!”

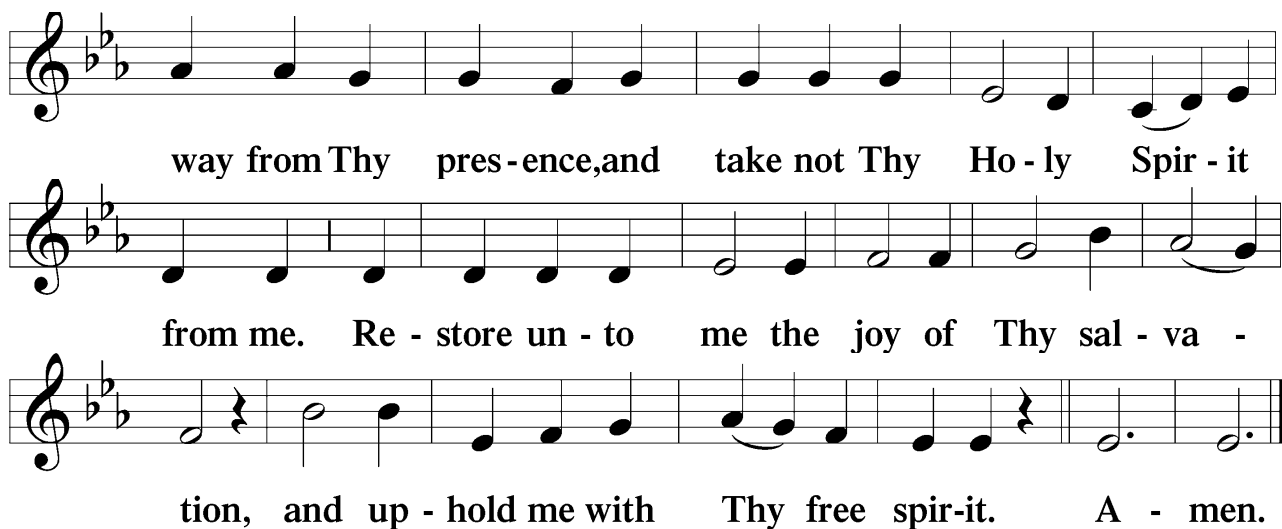
(Pastor Mark Manning)

## 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 -



## 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.*

Gracious Lord, sustain Your saints to the end as we enter another Church Year.

Encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed among us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Give boldness and faithfulness to our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, grant Your blessing to all marriages and keep all husbands and wives faithful to each other. Guide them as they care for the children entrusted to them.

Bestow Your loving care upon all children who have suffered abuse or neglect, as well as upon all who open their homes to children in foster care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, behold our nation and its leaders and protect our armed forces, taking them under Your care and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Visit us in Your compassion, O Lord. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear and all who are travelling, *especially....* May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem to shouts and cheers of joy. Grant that we may be stirred by the Word and Sacraments to rejoice anew, now and at His second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**C** And with thy spir - it.

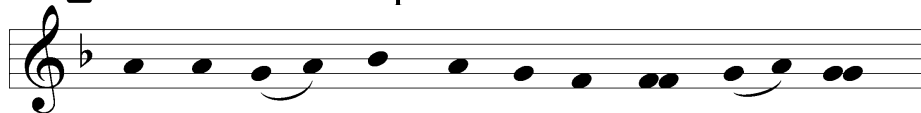


**P** Lift up your hearts.

(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)



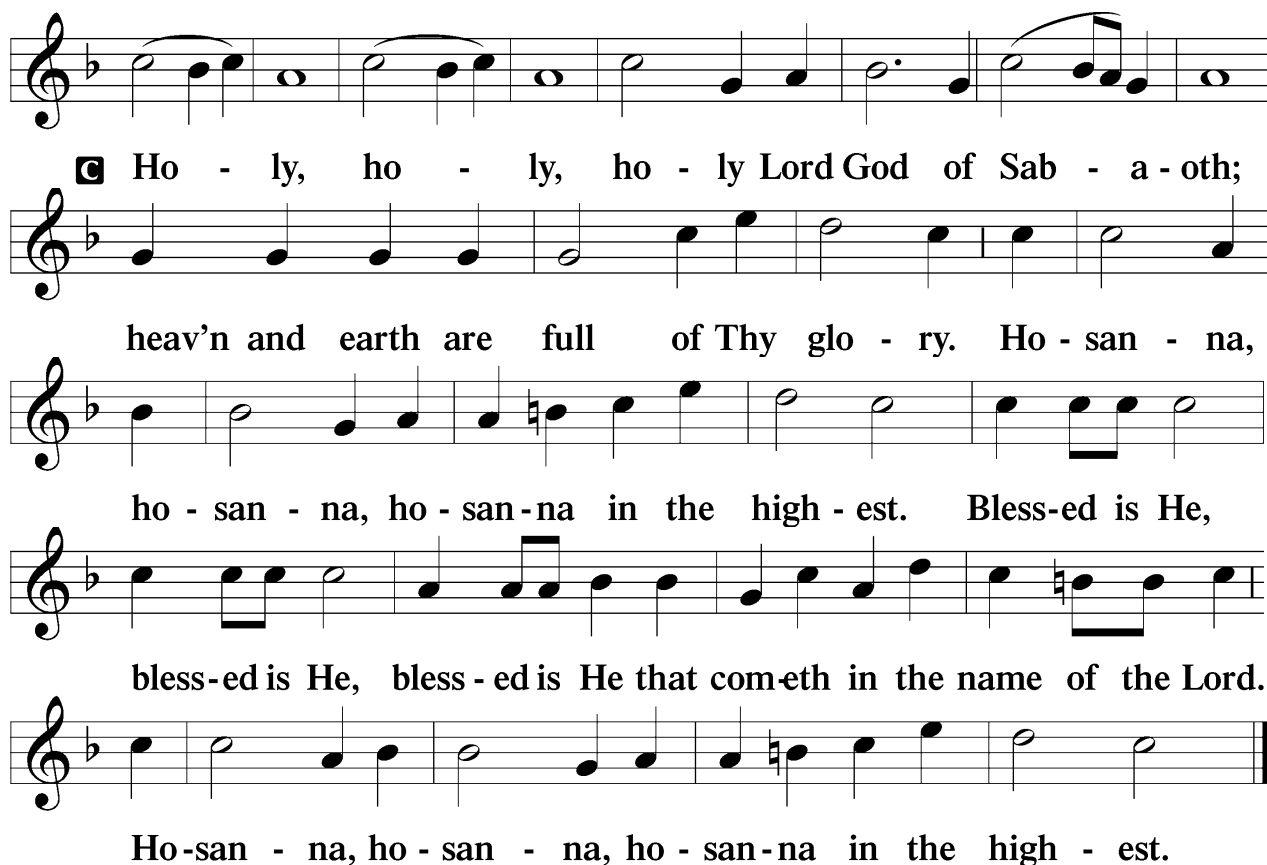
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE

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

# SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



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

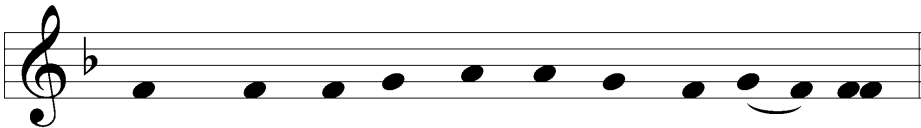
(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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)



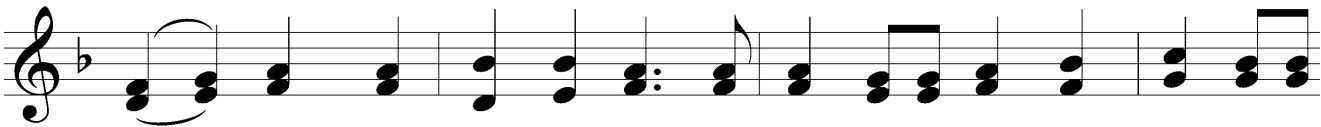
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

(John 1:29)



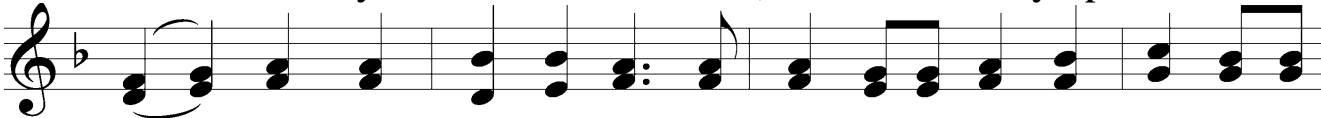
**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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.*

## DISTRIBUTION

## “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” [LSB hymn 352]



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
 That, set free from doubt and dread,  
 I may cling to You in faith,  
 Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
 As the glorious king to reign,  
 I with joy will see Your face,  
 Freely ransomed by Your grace.

## “Hark the Glad Sound” [LSB hymn 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.

# “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” [LSB hymn 618]



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

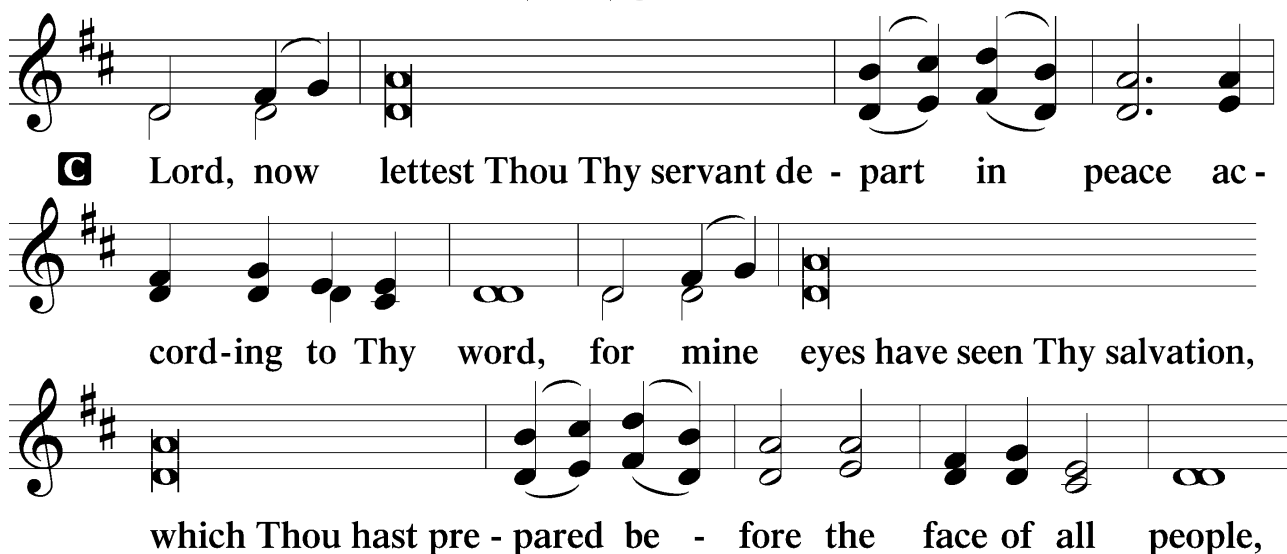
lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*  
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Stand

## NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)



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,

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

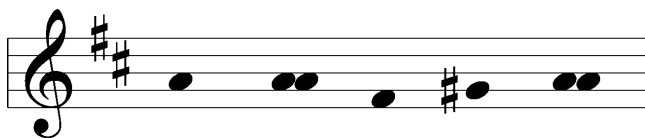
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

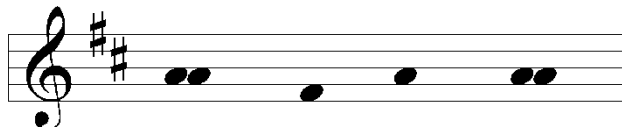


**P** The Lord be with you.

(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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.



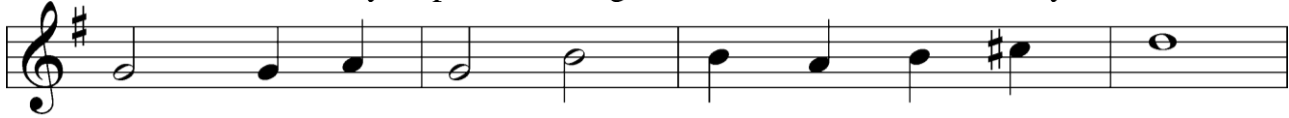
**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

## HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” [LSB hymn 917]



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

(Psalm 103:1)

## POSTLUDE

# SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

## *8:00 Service*

Acolyte: Charles Barnes  
Ushers: Klinton Keller  
Ron Smith  
Elder/Reader: Steve Snyder  
Reinhard Stenzel  
Organist: Matt Laub  
Music: Sanctuary Choir  
Altar Guild: Carol Waidner, Scott Prior, Joan Harris

## *11:00 Service*

Kacie Onak  
Mark Stenzel  
Paul Evans  
Roman Jurenka  
Manny Flores

## LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

**HEALING** Continue to pray for Millie Bowens, sister-in-law of Laurie Hansen who is struggling with cancer. Pray for peace and comfort for Millie and the family.

**COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** Please continue to pray for the Enxuto family as they mourn the loss of Charlie. Charlie is the brother of Doris White. Please keep Doris and Harry in your prayers as they grieve Charlie's sudden loss. Please keep Jane Andrews in your prayers as she is grieving the loss of her mother, Elfrieda Irmscher and the passing of her brother, Bruce Irmscher within a week of their mother Elfrieda.

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:** Janice Goodwin 12/4

**THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Mary Tesmer 12/5; Nathan Witkamp 12/8;  
Susan Aube 12/9

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## DECEMBER 3, 2023

### Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

|             |                                                  |                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 Sunday    | <b><i>First Sunday in Advent</i></b>             |                            |
|             | <b>Divine Service</b>                            | <b>8:00 &amp; 11:00 AM</b> |
|             | Guest Pastor Mark Manning                        |                            |
|             | Sunday School/Confirmation Classes               | 9:30 AM                    |
|             | <b>Adult Bible Study “Galatians”</b>             | 9:30 AM                    |
|             | (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)             |                            |
|             | Sunday School & Youth Brunch Bunch               | 10:30 AM                   |
|             | Lunch before Voters Meeting                      | 12:15 PM                   |
|             | Special Voters Meeting (to call a Senior Pastor) | 1:00 PM                    |
| 4 Monday    | Church Office Closed                             |                            |
|             | Al Anon                                          | 10:00 AM                   |
|             | Boy Scouts                                       | 7:00 PM                    |
|             | Celestial Ringers                                | 7:00 PM                    |
| 5 Tuesday   | <b>Preschool Chapel</b>                          | <b>9:30 AM</b>             |
|             | Christian Hospitality                            | 6:00 PM                    |
|             | Al Anon                                          | 6:00 PM                    |
|             | Sanctuary Choir                                  | 7:00 PM                    |
| 6 Wednesday | <b>Advent Worship Service</b>                    | <b>4:00 &amp; 7:00 PM</b>  |
|             | Soup Supper                                      | 5:30 PM                    |
| 7 Thursday  | Elders Meeting                                   | 7:00 PM                    |
|             | <b>Women’s Bible Study “Romans”</b>              | <b>7:00 PM</b>             |
| 8 Friday    | <b>Preschool Chapel</b>                          | <b>9:30 AM</b>             |
|             | Preschool Christmas Program                      | 6:00 PM                    |
| 9 Saturday  | Breakfast Bible Study with Rev. Erick Sorensen   | 8:30/9:00 AM               |
|             | Sewing Group                                     | 9:30 AM-5:00 PM            |
| 10 Sunday   | <b><i>Second Sunday in Advent</i></b>            |                            |
|             | <b>Divine Service</b>                            | <b>8:00 &amp; 11:00 AM</b> |
|             | Guest Pastor Nader Hanna                         |                            |
|             | Sunday School/Confirmation Classes               | 9:30 AM                    |
|             | <b>Adult Bible Study “Galatians”</b>             | 9:30 AM                    |
|             | (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)             |                            |

**For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330**

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**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 BIBLE STUDY**

**“Galatians”** (9:30 AM with Karem Miller in the Sanctuary)

**FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

**“Romans”** (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room)

## REDEEMER’S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 118

*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** 1 Corinthians 1:9 “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.

## AROUND REDEEMER

**WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER** are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM on [www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/) as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from [www.redeemer-lutheran.net](http://www.redeemer-lutheran.net). Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** students studied **“An Angel Visits Joseph.”**

**BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** December 9<sup>th</sup> our speaker will be Rev. Erick Sorensen. The topic is parables and the presentation will be **“Why Me Lord?”** Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

**ROSE PARADE FLOAT DECORATING** If you would like to join the fun, please contact Miriah Evans at (562) 269-8032 or email at [miriahtevans@gmail.com](mailto:miriahtevans@gmail.com). Our date and time is Saturday, December 16 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in Irwindale.

**GAME NIGHT** Come join us in faith, friendship and Tabletop Board gaming every month on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 10 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Game Night page on our website, located under Events, has a link to the Faith, Hope and Board Games Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298382040682962/> where the most current information can be found. This is a private group, but if you send a request to join, an Admin will respond. You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

**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.



## DECEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

**ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY LSB 344** Advent is often misunderstood as a time of preparation for Christmas only, but the season also gives us a chance to reflect on Christ’s second coming. The hymn begins with John the Baptizer. The first two stanzas convey his message of preparation and repentance, which was foretold by the prophet Isaiah: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (Isaiah 40:3). His words ring true for the Church today as it awaits Christ’s second coming, when He will return to judge the living and the dead.

Without Christ, we wither and fade like grass (Isaiah 40:7-8), but in Him “our refuge and our great reward,” we are safe and secure (stanza 3). God promised the same to Abram in Genesis 15:1: “Fear not Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” This promise was confirmed continually by the Lord through His prophets, and in these last days by His Son (Hebrews 1:2), without whose “grace we waste away.”

Stanza 4 echoes the psalmist David, “Stretch out Your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me” (Psalm 144:7). The Old Testament is filled with prayers such as this and with promises of blessing and healing. These prayers and promises are fulfilled in no greater way than in Jesus Christ, for it is in Him that the world sees the glory of God, the light that shines out of darkness (2 Corinthians 4:6). When Christ first came to earth, He healed the sick, forgave sins, and raised the dead. But when He comes again, all sickness will be destroyed, sin will be no more, and all who believe in Christ will be raised never to die again.

The final stanza is a doxology to the Holy Trinity centering on freedom in Christ. The people in the Old Testament lived with the hope that they would be freed through the coming messiah, and this hope is fulfilled in Christ. Jesus says Himself, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36). It is in and through Christ that believers will receive the ultimate freedom on the Last Day, when all the dead will be raised and sin wiped away. It is then that the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven will gather in the ultimate hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity.

## MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

REV. DENNIS & DEACONESS LORNA MEEKER email at [4kenyaskids@gmail.com](mailto:4kenyaskids@gmail.com)

REV. DANIEL & KATHY CONRAD for information see <https://www.lcms.org/conrad>

For information on where you can send support, contact the church office.

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark 11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain (1 Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Corinthians 1:6)?

## LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION? Visit our website [www.redeemer-lutheran.net](http://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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SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 - January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

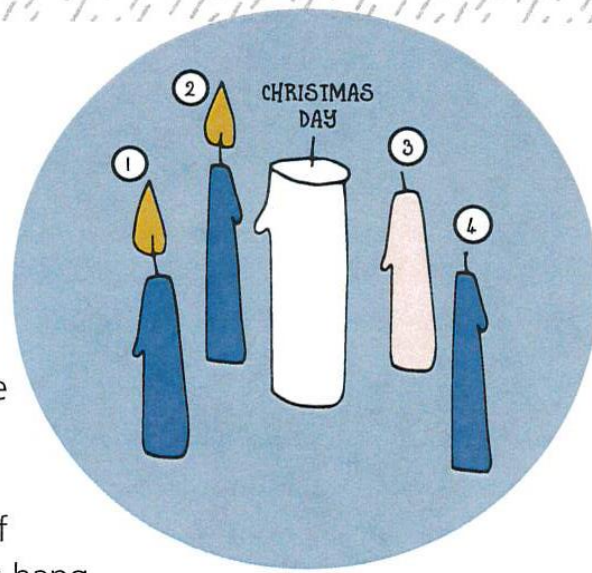
## 2023 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

|                        |                                                               |              |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday, December 2   | Decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas                  | 9:00 AM      |
| Sunday, December 3     | First Sunday in Advent (Divine Service)                       | 8 & 11 AM    |
|                        | Sunday School/Adult Bible Class/Confirmation                  | 9:30 AM      |
|                        | Special Voters Meeting (to call a Senior Pastor)              | 1:00 PM      |
| Wednesday, December 6  | Midweek Advent Service                                        | 4:00 PM      |
|                        | Advent Soup Supper                                            | 5:30 PM      |
|                        | Midweek Advent Service                                        | 7:00 PM      |
| Friday, December 8     | Preschool Christmas Program                                   | 6:00 PM      |
| Saturday, December 9   | Breakfast Bible Study with Rev. Erick Sorensen                | 8:30/9:00 AM |
| Sunday, December 10    | Second Sunday in Advent (Divine Service)                      | 8 & 11 AM    |
|                        | Sunday School/Adult Bible Class/Confirmation                  | 9:30 AM      |
| Sunday, December 10    | <b>“To Sing Once More”</b> A Christmas Concert                | 4:00 PM      |
| Wednesday, December 13 | Midweek Advent Service                                        | 4:00 PM      |
|                        | Advent Soup Supper                                            | 5:30 PM      |
|                        | Midweek Advent Service                                        | 7:00 PM      |
| Sunday, December 17    | Third Sunday in Advent (Service of the Word)                  | 8 & 11 AM    |
| Wednesday, December 20 | Midweek Advent Service                                        | 4:00 PM      |
|                        | Advent Soup Supper                                            | 5:30 PM      |
|                        | Midweek Advent Service                                        | 7:00 PM      |
| Sunday, December 24    | Fourth Sunday in Advent (Divine Service)                      | 10:00 AM     |
|                        | Service of Lessons and Carols                                 | 7:00 PM      |
|                        | Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service<br>(Divine Service) | 11:00 PM     |
| Sunday, December 31    | New Year’s Eve (Divine Service)                               | 8 & 11 AM    |

# 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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| DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES.<br>SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023 |                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, December 3:                                                                                                    | Isaiah 9:8-10:11; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10 |
| Monday, December 4:                                                                                                    | Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34 & 2 Peter 1:1-21                           |
| Tuesday, December 5:                                                                                                   | Isaiah 11:12:6 & 2 Peter 2:1-22                                    |
| Wednesday, December 6:                                                                                                 | Isaiah 14:1-23 & 2 Peter 3:1-18                                    |
| Thursday, December 7:                                                                                                  | Isaiah 24:1-13 & 1 John 1:1-2:14                                   |
| Friday, December 8:                                                                                                    | Isaiah 24:14-25:12 & 1 John 2:15-29                                |
| Saturday, December 9:                                                                                                  | Isaiah 26:1-19 & 1 John 3:1-24                                     |
| Sunday, December 10:                                                                                                   | Isaiah 26:20-27; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8        |

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## First Sunday in Advent