

Adventide

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (AD TE LEVAVI)





REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION!
SHOUT ALOUD, O DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM!
BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU;
RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SALVATION IS HE,
HUMBLE AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,
ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.

- ZECHARIAH 9:9

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -*Augsburg Confession*, Article XXIV:1-2a: The Mass



PRELUDE

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 331

“The Advent of Our King”



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



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.

5 Before the dawning day

**Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.**

△ 6 All glory to the Son,

**Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.**

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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.

INTROIT

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Psalm 25:1-3a



L To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

L Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

C Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.

L May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*
for I | wait for you.

C Redeem Israel, | O God,*
out of all his | troubles.

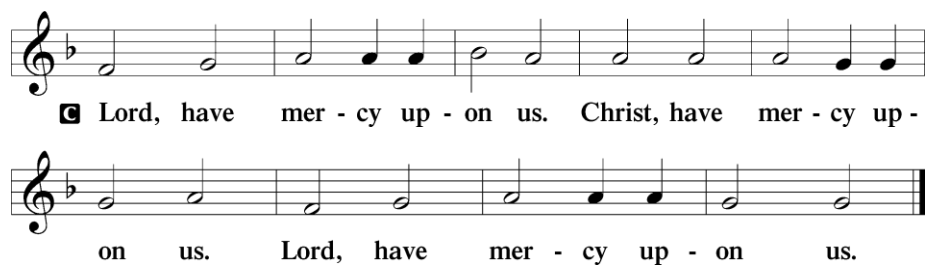


C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

L To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.



During Advent and Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Jeremiah 23:5-8

A The Prophecy for the First Sunday in Advent is from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

A "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days are coming,"

says the LORD, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land," says the LORD Almighty.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 25:3-4



L None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

C Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:11-14

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 13.

A Brethren: You know the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk

properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 85:7



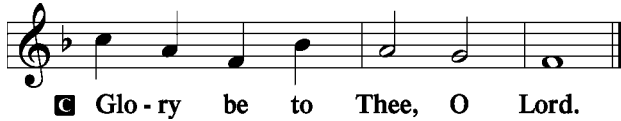
C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

L Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.



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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



P At that time: When they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to

you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED



I believe in one God, *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*

the Father Almighty, *Psalms 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*

maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*

and of all things visible and invisible. *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*

the only-begotten Son of God, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*

begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*

God of God, Light of Light, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*

very God of very God, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*

begotten, not made, *John 1:2*

being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30; 17:22*

by Whom all things were made; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*

Who for us men and for our salvation *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*

came down from heaven *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*

and was made man; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*

He suffered and was buried. *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*

and ascended into heaven *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*

and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*

And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*

to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*

Whose kingdom will have no end. *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*

the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*

Who spoke by the prophets. *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 21:14*

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*

and I look for the resurrection of the dead *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*

and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*

Amen. *Psalms 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

P What is Confession?

C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 335

"O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
 2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
 3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;
 4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;
 5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
 Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.
 To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
 Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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SERMON



Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

C 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.

Sitting

OFFERING

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Brief silence

P Be with Your whole Church, Lord, that as we wait for the coming of Christ, our King, our hearts may be filled with His joy and our lips with His praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Give boldness and faithfulness to Matthew, our Synod president; Jeffrey, our bishop; Aaron, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians to cast off the works of darkness, put on Jesus Christ and live as children of the eternal day. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

- P** O God, our Father, Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone and strengthen the bonds of marriage. Equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, behold our nation and its leaders and protect our armed forces, taking them under Your care and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, show compassion to the sick, the suffering and those in need [especially _____]. Relieve their pain, increase their faith, and grant healing and peace in accordance with Your wisdom and will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, comfort those who mourn with Your promises in Christ, [especially _____] and fill their hearts with the peace that passes understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of life, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “hosanna!” so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as He visits us with His body and blood in His Holy Supper this day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sitting

EXHORTATION BEFORE GOING TO THE SACRAMENT

Based upon the Martin Chemnitz' Church Order for Braunschweig-Wolfenbüttel (Sehling 6/1.1:142, 1569 ed., pp. 22-25).

P My dearly beloved in God, forasmuch as we now purpose to remember and keep the Supper of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, in which His flesh is given to us for food and His blood for drink, not of the body but of the soul, it becomes us with great diligence each to examine himself, as Paul says [1 Cor. 11:28], and so to eat of this bread and drink of this cup. For no one is to receive this holy Sacrament except a hungry soul which knows his sin, fears the wrath of God and death, and hungers and thirsts for righteousness. But if we examine ourselves, we find nothing in us but sin and death, nor can we in any way deliver ourselves therefrom.

Therefore, our dear Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and was made man for our sake, so that He might fulfill for us the Law and suffer all that we owe for our sins. And to the end that we might steadfastly believe this and joyfully confide in it, He took bread after supper, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you" —as though He were saying: "I was made man, and all that I do and suffer has been done as your own, for your sake, and to your benefit. As a pledge of this I give you My body for food." In the same way also He took the cup and said: "Take, drink of it, all of you. This cup is

C **Amen.**

the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you do it, in remembrance of Me" —as though He were saying: "Because I have come to your assistance and taken your sins upon Myself, I will offer Myself up for sin, shed My blood, obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and so establish a new testament in which sin shall never again be brought to mind. As a pledge of this I give you My blood to drink." Therefore, whoever so eats of this bread and drinks of this cup—that is, whoever steadfastly believes these words which he hears and these signs with He receives—he abides in Christ and Christ in him, and he lives eternally. In so doing we are therefore to remember His death and heartily give thanks to Him for it, each take up another, even as Christ has loved us. For there is one bread, and we many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread [1 Cor. 10:17] and all drink of the one cup.

However, that we may all, in accordance with the teaching and admonition now heard, worthily receive the holy Sacrament together in true, genuine faith and repentance, let us call upon God the Father and sincerely ask His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Kneeling or sitting forward.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19-23]

Based upon the Martin Chemnitz' Church Order for Braunschweig-Wolfenbüttel (Sehling 6/1.1:142, 1569 ed., pp. 18-20).

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **I, a poor sinner, confess to God my heavenly Father that I have, alas, sinned grievously and in many various ways, not only by outward, gross sins but also much more by inward, innate blindness, unbelief, doubt, despondency, impatience, pride, evil lusts, avarice, secret envy, hatred, and malice; that in many ways by thoughts, gestures, words, and deeds I have transgressed the most holy Commandments of God, as my Lord and God perceives, and I, alas, cannot so fully discern. But I repent and am sorry for them and heartily desire grace of God, through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and I pray that He would impart to me His Holy Spirit for the amendment of my life.**

P The Almighty God has had mercy on you and by the merit of the most holy suffering, death, and resurrection of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgives you all your sins; and I, as an ordained minister of the Christian Church, announce to all who truly repent and who, by faith, place all their trust in the sole merit of Jesus Christ and who intend to conform their lives according to the command and will of God the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P But to all who are impenitent and unbelieving, I say, on the basis of God's Word and in the name of Jesus Christ, that God has retained their sins and will certainly punish them.

Standing

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



G 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.

Kneeling or sitting forward.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al-so
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, 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 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, 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. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Keep me from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness, and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 339

"Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors"

1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?
3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain

And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,
To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands
Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways

To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble
Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -
As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less

palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your
steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,
in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this
song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is

heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.
King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!
Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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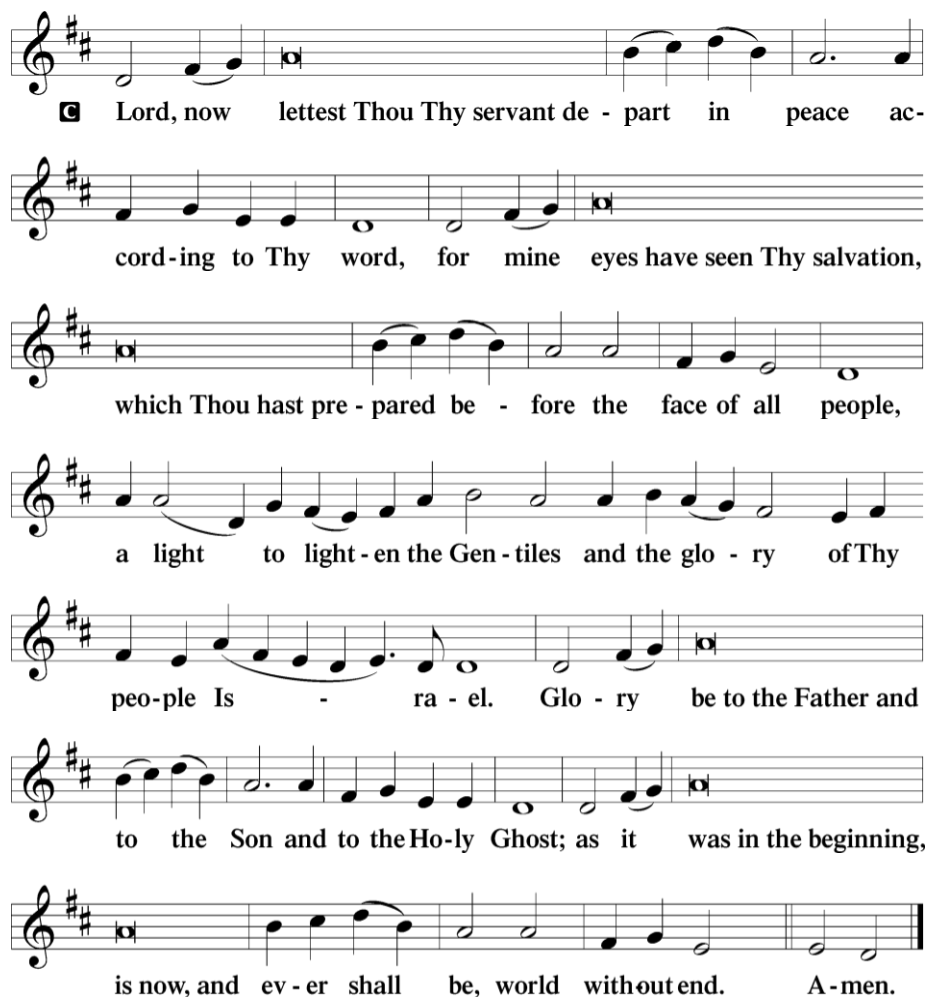
Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Merciful Redeemer, You have fulfilled Your promise, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). At Your Table I have received nourishment for my soul, the water of life in my weariness. By giving me, with the bread and the cup, Your body and Your blood, You have again said to me: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1). You have wiped out all my sins and have put on me the garments of Your righteousness. Make me truly grateful for Your abundant love. Let the Sacrament be in me a power overcoming unbelief and doubt, conquering temptations and evil desires, and producing good works and humble service. Having been a guest at Your Table, help me to share the bread of life with my neighbors, so that they may share my joy and happiness. To You and the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory forever and ever. Amen.



NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

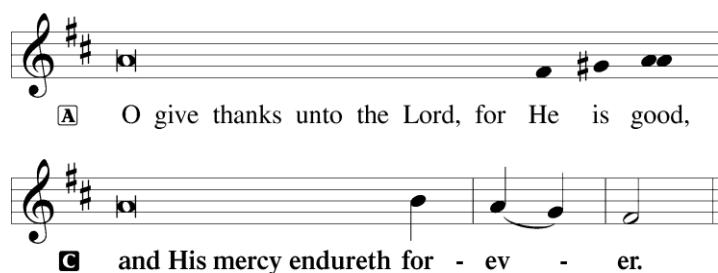
Luke 2:29-32



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
 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 without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



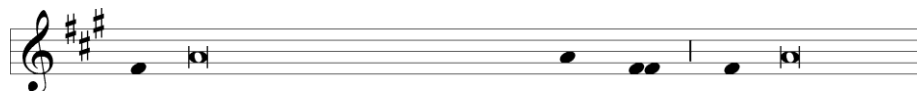
A Bless we the Lord.



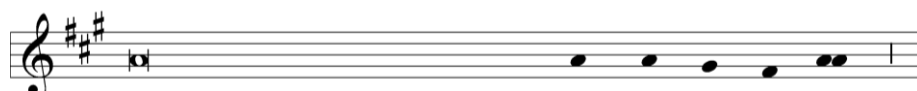
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

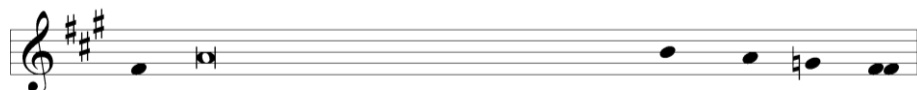
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 343

"Prepare the Royal Highway"



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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POSTLUDE



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Ethan Miller

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Ethan Miller, cello

Altar Guild

Ryan Licht

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Trevor Dunkel

(Grayson Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister

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Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Whitney Worthington/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Ryan Licht/Malcolm Abrahamman

(Isaac Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

The May family

A large, stylized, black initial letter 'L' with a decorative, calligraphic design. The letter has a thick, bold appearance with a slight shadow effect.

OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF."

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 11/30	First Sunday in Advent (<i>Ad Te Levavi</i>) Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 12/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 12/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 12/3	Wednesday of Ad Te Levavi Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer Advent Midweek Mass I: <i>The Magnificat</i>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM Noon 7:00 PM
Thursday 12/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 12/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 12/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 12/7	Second Sunday in Advent (<i>Populus Zion</i>) Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray"</i> Holy Mass Advent Party	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **CANCELLED: No Children's Sunday School or Adult Bible Study 11/30.**

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray"***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning December 7.

Church fellowship hall

Many Christians struggle with prayer even though it's an essential part of the Christian life. "What should I pray for?" they may wonder. "How should I pray?" "What if my mind wanders?" "What if I get stuck praying the same thing every day?"

When asked by his barber and good friend Peter Beskendorf for some practical guidance on how to pray, Martin Luther responded by writing this brief treatise, first published in 1535. This edition is a modern translation that brings us Luther's practical instruction, using his ITCP method:

1. Instruction
2. Thanksgiving
3. Confession
4. Prayer

This method anchors prayer in the catechism or other biblical texts, but allows the Holy Spirit to prompt thoughts via the Word, which may be chased more freely by the mind at prayer. Readers will find their prayer lives refreshed and invigorated as they become more comfortable raising supplications to God.

✝ **Midweek Prayer**

Wednesdays at noon

Church sanctuary

Whether on your lunchbreak or just need a break in your day, we invite you to join us for prayer and meditation on God's Holy Word. Every Wednesday at noon, parents and teachers of Open Arms, as well as anyone from the congregation, are encouraged to come into God's presence. We will hear Him speak through His Word, and we will pray for the world, our nation, and the deeper needs of the church and school communities. This service is simple and brief. But it will allow you to walk away refreshed and ready to finish out the week strong!

✝ Advent Midweek Mass – Sermon Series: *The Canticles of Christmas*

Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17, (& 24, Christmas Eve) at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

A canticle is a hymn lifted straight from Scripture. Interestingly, most of our canticles happen to come from Luke's Gospel around the time of Christ's advent. These include the Magnificat (Song of Mary), Benedictus (Song of Zechariah), Gloria in Excelsis (Song of the Angels), and Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon). Join us as we unpack these canticles and the hope they give us this advent season!

✝ Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass (with Carols by Candlelight): Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Day Mass: Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 A.M.
Church sanctuary

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ Angel Tree

Ascension has adopted a few children in need this Christmas. Jason Schoellen, our evangelism chair, has taken it upon himself to do the shopping for these children. If you would like to participate in making Christmas special for these two boys and two girls (ages 9-12), please consider donating toward our Angel Tree fund. Please either write "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your personal check, or please mark the cash envelope with the same. That way, it's sure to get to the right place. Deadline for monetary donations is November 23. If you would like to donate specific items, the deadline for that is December 7. Please contact Jason Schoellen for more details (information in the church directory).

✝ Advent Decorating Party

Sunday, December 7 after Holy Mass
Church sanctuary

Join the Ascension family for the annual tradition of trimming the trees in our Father's house. There will be great food and fellowship to get you in the spirit of the coming season. Thank you for your participation!

✝ **Open Arms Christmas Program: Church Donations**

Deadline: Friday, December 12 before noon.

Every year, Open Arms holds a festive Christmas program. And every year, Ascension holds a hospitality table at the reception afterward. Please consider donating cookies, brownies, cupcakes, or some other yummy treat to serve the families of Open Arms. Not only is it a way to say thank you to them for supporting our congregation's mission, but it's also a special way to love our neighbor and pass out invitations to our Christmas services. All donations may be brought to the church office. God reward your generosity!

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ✝ Joel May, 11/30

Confirmation Anniversary:

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Thomasena Gaither (sister of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Sam Gollin
- ✝ Gerhard (Gary) Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)
- ✝ Shirley Lee (friend of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Adam & Laura Lamb (friends of Pastor Miller)
- ✝ Sami Malak (father of Pastor Miller's sister-in-law)
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ Carol Scheid (mother of Pastor Miller's friend)
- ✝ Sandy Schneider and baby (friend of Jason Schoellen's mother)
- ✝ Sarah Staebell (friend of Jason Schoellen)
- ✝ Rev. Aaron Sterling (Pastor of Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta)
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

Other Recent Requests

- ✝ Family and friends of Suzanne Powell (mother of Bekah Beckman), for peace in the salvation that is from Christ Jesus.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Samantha Salgado (wife of Homero Salgado)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- ✝ Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- ✝ Evan Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman)
- ✝ Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kaale)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials

THEN I SAW HEAVEN OPENED, AND BEHOLD, A WHITE HORSE! THE ONE SITTING ON IT IS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE, AND IN RIGHTEOUSNESS HE JUDGES AND MAKES WAR. HIS EYES ARE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE, AND ON HIS HEAD ARE MANY DIADEMS, AND HE HAS A NAME WRITTEN THAT NO ONE KNOWS BUT HIMSELF. HE IS CLOTHED IN A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD, AND THE NAME BY WHICH HE IS CALLED IS THE WORD OF GOD. AND THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN, ARRAYED IN FINE LINEN, WHITE AND PURE, WERE FOLLOWING HIM ON WHITE HORSES. FROM HIS MOUTH COMES A SHARP SWORD WITH WHICH TO STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS, AND HE WILL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON. HE WILL TREAD THE WINEPRESS OF THE FURY OF THE WRATH OF GOD THE ALMIGHTY. ON HIS ROBE AND ON HIS THIGH HE HAS A NAME WRITTEN, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- REVELATION 19:11-16



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