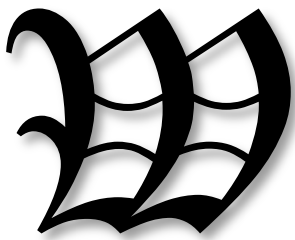


Adventide

DECEMBER 7, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (POPULUS ZION)





WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YOU KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR."

- MATTHEW 25:13

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 348

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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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 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29



- L** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”
The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.
- L** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
- C** Restore us, | O God;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
- L** Turn again, O | God of hosts!*
Look down from | heav’n, and see.
- C** But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!



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.

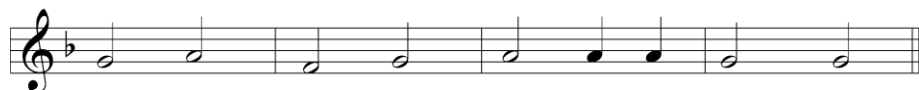
- L** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”
The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

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.

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Song of Solomon 2:8b-14

A The Prophecy for the Second Sunday in Advent is from Song of Solomon, chapter two.

A Behold, my beloved comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; he is looking through the windows, gazing through the lattice. My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away! O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 50:2-3a, 5



L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

C "Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!"

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 15.

A Brethren: Whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might

glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope." Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

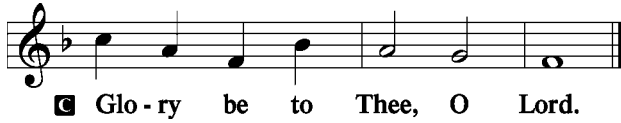
Luke 21:26b-27



L The powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.



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



P At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your

redemption draws near." Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

Second and Third Parts of Confession

P What sins should I confess?

C Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P Which are these?

C Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 337

"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the

not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And

greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -

fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us

Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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SERMON

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.

OFFERING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 10:32-33 NKJV alt.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Standing

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son and daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

*We welcome our new members:
Hunter & Mandy Kranzlein*

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 O Lord, give ear to our cries for mercy. Create in us contrite hearts, and work in us true repentance and faith. Keep us, Your baptized children, clothed in the perfect holiness and righteousness of Your Son, that we may remain His beautiful and unblemished Bride. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You send Your prophets and apostles, pastors and teachers in all times to call sinners to repentance and comfort them with the healing of the Sun of righteousness. Give strength to the congregations and ministers of Your Church, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Jeffrey, our bishop; Aaron, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, preserve Your gift of marriage against the ravages of sin, the schemes of the devil and the raging of the world. Bless the couples and families of our congregation. Strengthen them in love and care for one another, and establish them on the foundation of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, in the midst of strife and conflict, and wars and rumors of wars, remind us that You have given all authority in heaven and earth to Your Son. Call to faithfulness the leaders of the earth, and bless those who govern. Thwart those who would hinder Your reign among all peoples, that peace may be established in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, behold those in need, the sick, the imprisoned, the lonely and the grieving, and all whom we remember at this altar [*including* _____]. Give them patience to endure and hope for the future, looking always for healing in the hands of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, You have taught us to straighten up and raise our heads when we see the coming of the Son of Man. Even now, Your Son comes to us under the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Grant that all who commune today may receive the very body and true blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You have revealed to us that heaven and earth will pass away, that our bodies will rise again, and that we will all appear before His judgment seat. We implore You, keep us in Your Word by Your Holy Spirit. Establish us in the true faith, defend us from all sin, and preserve us in every temptation. Do not let our hearts be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness or the cares of this life, but lead us to trust fully in Your grace and so watch, pray and await with joy the glorious coming of Your Son, in whom we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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. 25-27).

P My dearly beloved, through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ we are constantly confronted with the fact that we are of ourselves ignorant, poor sinners and lost. And inasmuch as we are of ourselves no more than flesh and blood, because of which we cannot with our understanding and ability free ourselves from the severe judgment of God and from the power of the devil, into which we have fallen by transgressing the Commandments and will of God, therefore God, better perceiving than we our impotence, has, as a gracious Father, given for us His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that by His Gospel we might be enlightened, and by His death be redeemed from our sins, and by Him be made children of God, blessed forever, if we believe this. He causes us to hear it preached continually that he who believes is certain to have eternal life. Into this faith and for this blessedness we are also baptized; therein we shall always abide, if we abide in Christ and Christ in us; then without ceasing we eat the body of Christ and drink His blood spiritually, by faith. That is, we are incorporated into Christ so that we become one with Him, that we may believe that He has given His

body into death for us and shed His blood on the cross for us. In this we confide for salvation against all false doctrine, all sin, tribulation, and distress. From this benefit of Christ we also learn what love and patience we should exercise toward our neighbors and toward our enemies. What more could we desire? But lest we forget or grow remiss—as, alas, we will—therefore, for the sake of such faith in the incarnation and the death of Christ, He has also committed to us a special memorial or proclamation of His death, as often as we desire, that in the outward Sacrament, which, hidden from reason, is known only to faith from the words of Christ, we should eat and drink His body and blood; that we should in no way doubt that His death and the shedding of His blood on the cross are our certain salvation, of which we should sing, read, preach, and hear, even as we do in this Mass; and that we should afterward also speak of it and proclaim it among one another for the consolation of ourselves and for the salvation of many, according to the command of Christ: “This do in remembrance of Me” [1 Cor. 11:25].

Therefore, he who intends to eat and drink this Sacrament worthily is to do two things: he is to believe what Christ says and to do what He commands. He says: "This is My body, which is given for you. This is My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." This is what you are to believe. And He commands: "Take, eat, and drink of it all of you, and remember Me." This is what you are to do according to His gracious Word and

C **Amen.**

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

command. And that the almighty God and merciful Father may richly impart to us His Holy Spirit, that by His grace we may practice these two things from the bottom of our heart and so worthily receive the holy Sacrament for the strengthening of our feeble faith and the amending of our sinful life, let us therefore call on Him and in the name of Christ pray from our inmost heart.

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.

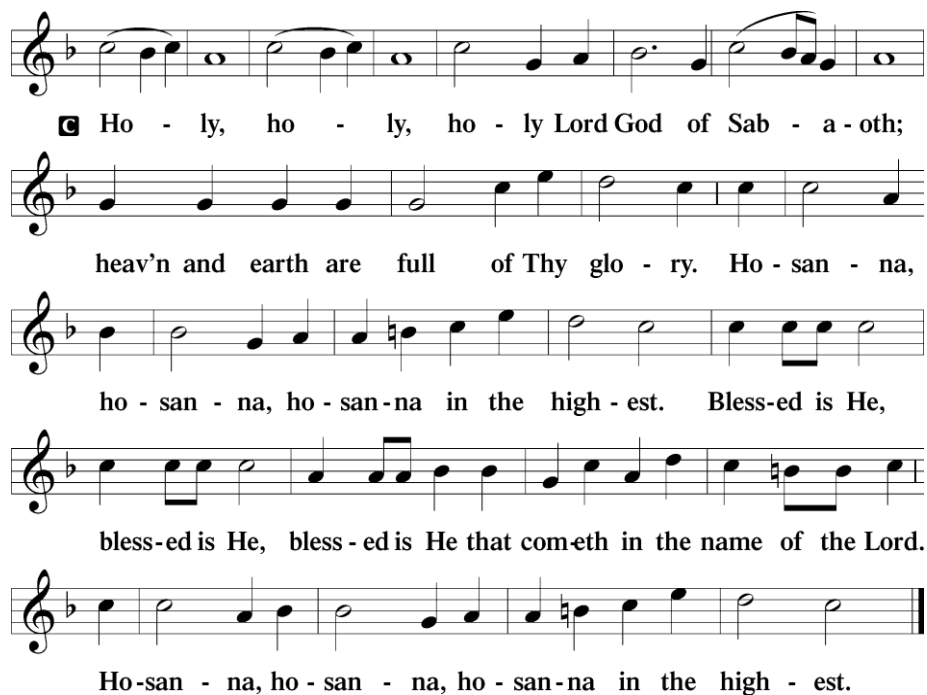
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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



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, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. I now come at Your invitation to the heavenly feast, which You have provided for Your children on earth. Preserve me from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse me from my unrighteousness, and clothe me with the righteousness purchased with Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forever and ever. Hear me, Jesus, for Your own sake. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 336

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing
 2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;
 3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;
 4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,
 5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,
 My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,
 Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:
 You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;
 This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing
 To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,
 Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—
 Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior
 Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,
 My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,
 A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,
 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole.
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace.
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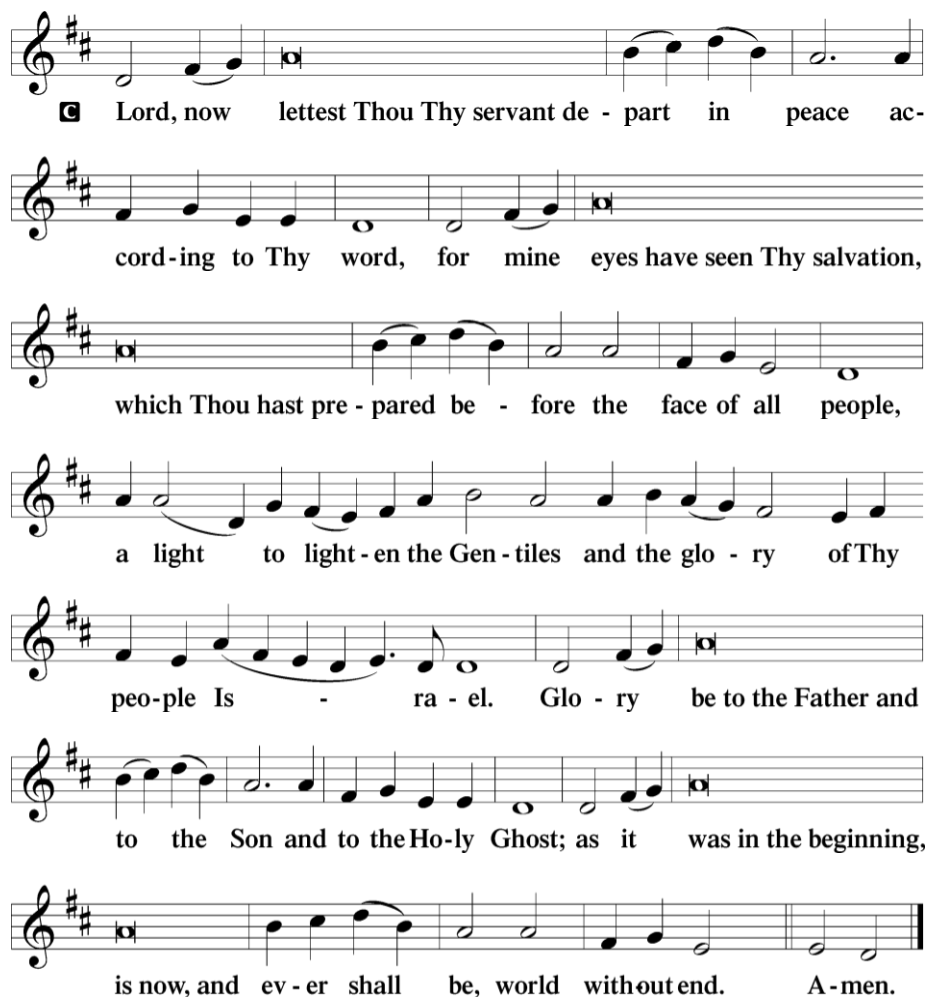
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Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you. That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

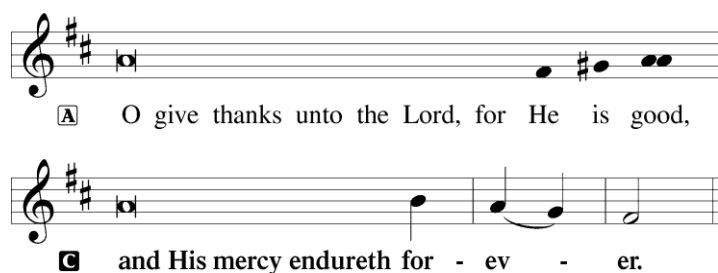
Luke 2:29-32



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,
 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



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



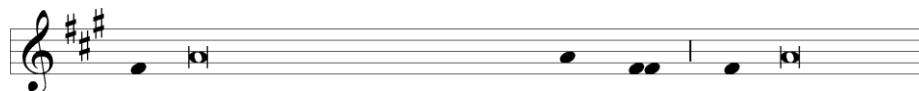
A Bless we the Lord.



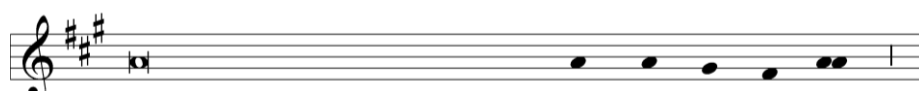
C Thanks be to God.

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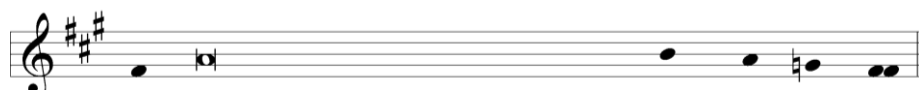
Numbers 6:24-26



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 338

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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POSTLUDE



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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 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
Monday 12/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 12/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 12/10	Wednesday of Populus Zion Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer Advent Midweek Mass II: <i>The Benedictus</i>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM Noon 7:00 PM
Thursday 12/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 12/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms Christmas Program	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
Saturday 12/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 12/14	Third Sunday in Advent (<i>Gaudete</i>) Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray"</i> Holy Mass Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **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

✝ **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:

- ✝ Oaklen Licht, 12/10
- ✝ Isaac Licht, 12/11

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ✝ Hunter Kranzlein, 12/9
- ✝ Matthias Miller, 12/11

Confirmation Anniversary:

- ✝ Nat Taylor, 12/12

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Matthias Miller, 12/11
- ✝ Nat Taylor, 12/12

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)
- ✝ Carol Scheid (mother of Pastor Miller's friend)
- ✝ Sarah Staebell (friend of Jason Schoellen)
- ✝ Rev. Aaron Sterling (Pastor of Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta)

Other Recent Requests

- ✝ Thanks to God for Hunter & Mandy Kranzlein, who are received into membership today.

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)
- ✝ Adam & Laura Lamb (friends of Pastor Miller)
- ✝ Sami Malak (father of Pastor Miller's sister-in-law)
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ 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)
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)
- ✝ 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

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ND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM.”

- JOHN 14:13



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