

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Third Sunday in Advent
Full Service Bulletin
Pastor Erik Sorenson



December 12, 2021

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this morning. If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

Confession and Absolution

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn of Invocation



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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Invocation

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

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

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
**who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**


The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**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.**

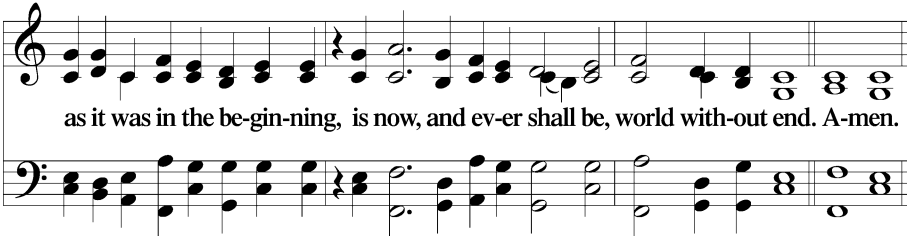
Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



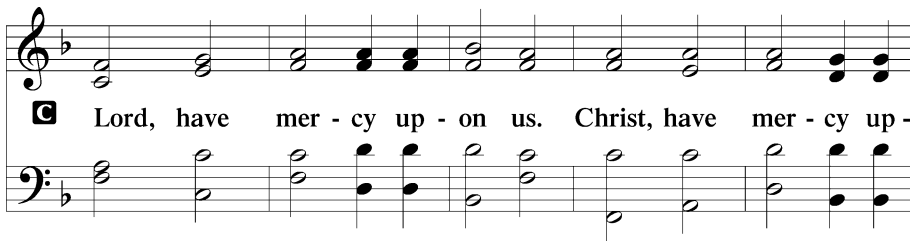
C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



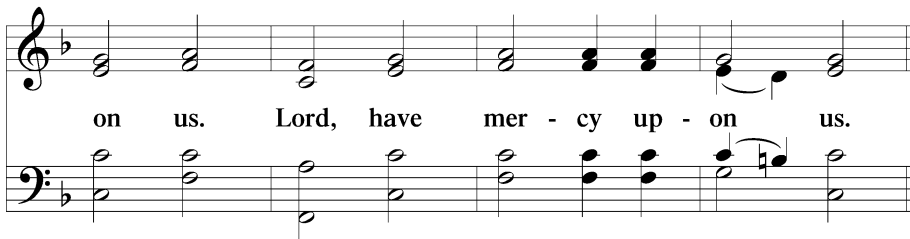
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



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

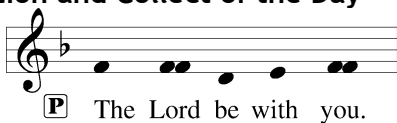


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

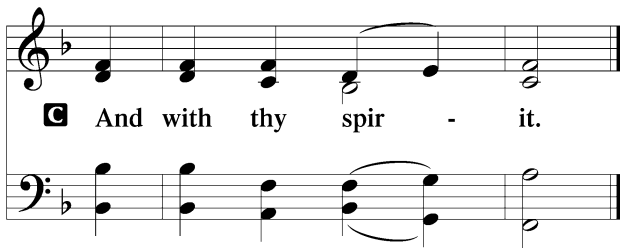
Gloria in Excelsis - Omitted during Advent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

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

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20 (p. 790, p. 1004 LP)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
 Behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7 (p. 982, p. 1250 LP)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28 (p. 863, p. 1098 LP)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

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.

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hymn of the Day



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Sermon
Offertory

Looking and Waiting

LSB 192

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.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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.

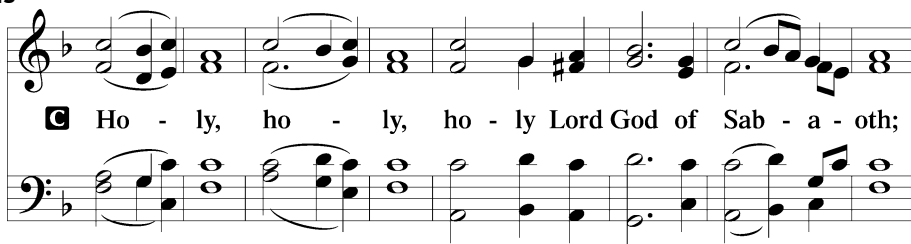
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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

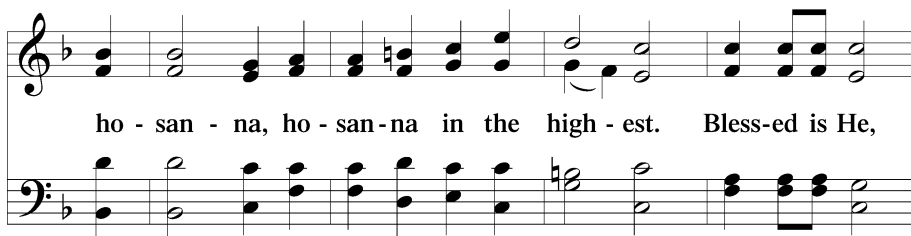
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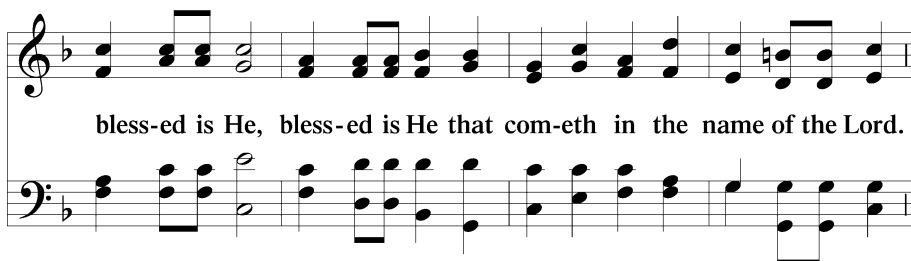
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



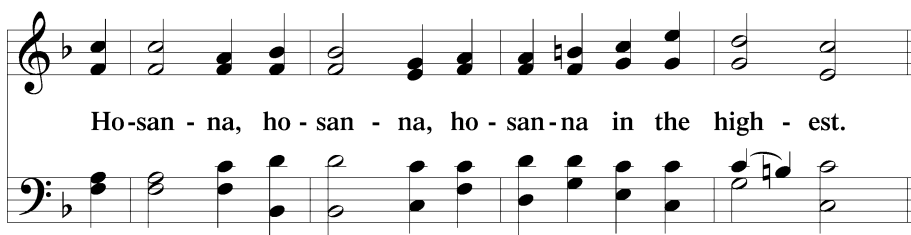
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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

LSB 196

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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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.

Distribution & Hymns

737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
 2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
 3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In
 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard

cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
 life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
 rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
 ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?

5 He only will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.

6 His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessèd ending makes.

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

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803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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



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



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



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

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,

The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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

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

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

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

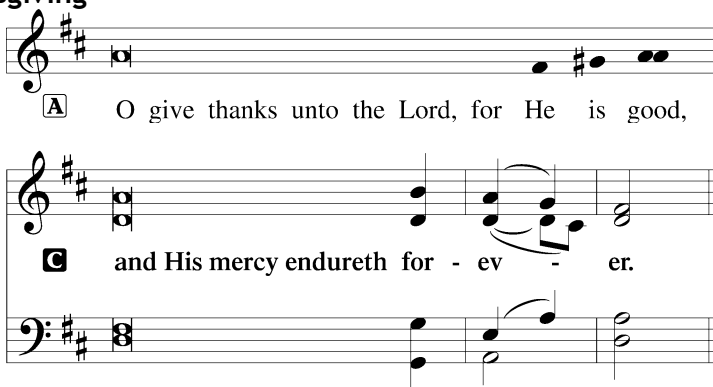
people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

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

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



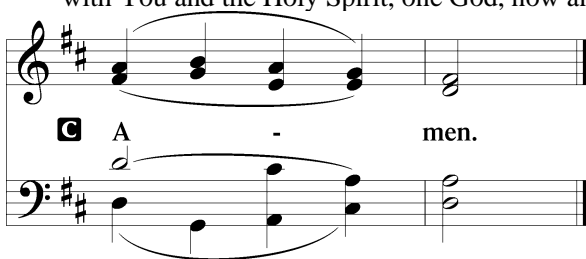
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (C4, E4, G4) followed by a half note (A4), a quarter note (B4), and a quarter note (C5). The middle staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, starting with a whole note chord (C4, E4, G4) and then a melodic line: a quarter note (A4), a quarter note (B4), a quarter note (C5), a quarter note (B4), a quarter note (A4), and a quarter note (G4). The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, starting with a whole note chord (C3, E3, G3) and then a bass line: a quarter note (C3), a quarter note (E3), a quarter note (G3), and a quarter note (F#3).

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

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

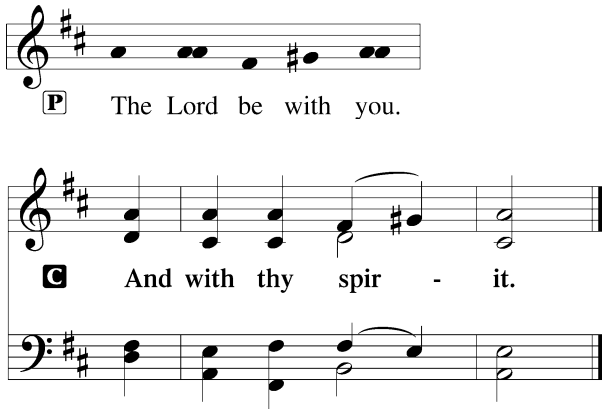


C A - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (C4, E4, G4) followed by a half note (A4), a quarter note (B4), and a quarter note (C5). The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, starting with a whole note chord (C3, E3, G3) and then a bass line: a quarter note (C3), a quarter note (E3), a quarter note (G3), and a quarter note (F#3).

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (C4, E4, G4) followed by a half note (A4), a quarter note (B4), and a quarter note (C5). The middle staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, starting with a whole note chord (C4, E4, G4) and then a melodic line: a quarter note (A4), a quarter note (B4), a quarter note (C5), a quarter note (B4), a quarter note (A4), and a quarter note (G4). The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, starting with a whole note chord (C3, E3, G3) and then a bass line: a quarter note (C3), a quarter note (E3), a quarter note (G3), and a quarter note (F#3).

Benedicamus

LSB 202

Musical notation for the Benedicamus section, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first line contains a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The second line is a vocal line starting with a square box containing the letter 'A', with lyrics "Bless we the Lord." The third line is a vocal line starting with a square box containing the letter 'C', with lyrics "Thanks be to God." The fourth line is a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, and C3.

Benediction

LSB 202

Musical notation for the Benediction section, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first line is a vocal line starting with a square box containing the letter 'P', with lyrics "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make". The second line is a vocal line with lyrics "His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you." The third line is a vocal line with lyrics "The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." The fourth line is a vocal line starting with a square box containing the letter 'C', with lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." The fifth line is a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, and C3.

333 Once He Came in Blessing

Closing Hymn



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Announcements for the Week of December 12, 2021

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
12/12 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Book of Concord	12/13	12/14	12/15 6 PM – Pitch-in supper 7 PM – Advent Midweek Service	12/16	12/17	12/18 1:15 PM – Youth Ice Skating

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

12/12: Vicki Trimpe
 12/16: Donna Losey
 12/17: Michelle Sorenson

Budget per week: \$3157
12/5 offerings: \$1172.22
12/5 Synodical Fund: \$85
Mortgage balance: \$51,942.90
12/5 Building Fund: \$10
12/1 Midweek Offering: \$134

The altar flowers were given to the glory and praise of God

Advent Midweeks & Suppers: Our Advent midweek services continue this Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Before the service this week, starting at 6:00 PM, we will have a pitch-in supper. Feel free to bring a dish to share, or just come enjoy what your fellow saints have brought.

Seminarian Support: We will continue our support of seminarian Matt Riley this year with our Advent and Lent midweek offerings. What a great joy it is for us to support Matt as he studies and prepares to become a pastor in Christ’s Church.

Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets: We are in need of volunteers for both of these roles. The 2022 sign-up sheets are up now on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We are always looking for additional people interested in filling these roles. Please feel free to sign up even if you have never before helped in these ways. Someone will be happy to show you the ropes.

Youth Ice Skating: The youth group will be going ice skating this Saturday, 12/18. We will meet at the church at 1:15 PM. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend.

Poinsettias: Order forms are available in the narthex. Please have your orders in by Tuesday, December 21st. Thank you!

Prayer List:

<p>Teresa Lucas (shut-in) Edna Spiehler (shut-in) Ron Cox (health issues) Luella Holle (shut-in)</p>	<p>Maxine (relation to Rick & Alberta Schafstall, health issues) Matt (Judy Strasser’s nephew, cancer)</p>
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Upcoming Acolytes:

12/15: Anslee Hawkins	12/19: Max Hoene	12/24 (11 PM): Laurie Schultz
12/25: Jonah Sciano	12/26: Joe Acree	12/31: Trevor Acree

Christmas Schedule:

12/24: Children’s Christmas program @ 7 PM
 Candlelight Lessons & Carols @ 11 PM

12/25: Christmas Day Divine Service @ 9 AM

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 12/13: Read the Old Testament lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Sing aloud and rejoice! The Lord, who has taken away your sin and judgment, is in your midst to save you.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Pray the Collect of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 12/14: Read the Epistle lesson: Philippians 4:4-7 – Rejoice always in the Lord! For He is with you and hears all of your prayers.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/13)
- Wed. 12/15: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 7:18-28 (29-35) – The miracles of Jesus prove He is the One for whom John the Baptist prepared the way.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/13)
- Thur. 12/16: Read the Old Testament lesson: Micah 5:2-5a – The One born in Bethlehem would be the Shepherd of Israel and their peace.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Pray the Collect of the Day: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 12/17: Read the Epistle lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10 – Christ came in a human body in order to do the will of God by offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice so we would be sanctified.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/16)
- Sat. 12/18: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 1:39-45 (46-59) – John the Baptist leapt in the womb at the presence of God, who was in the womb of Mary.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/16)