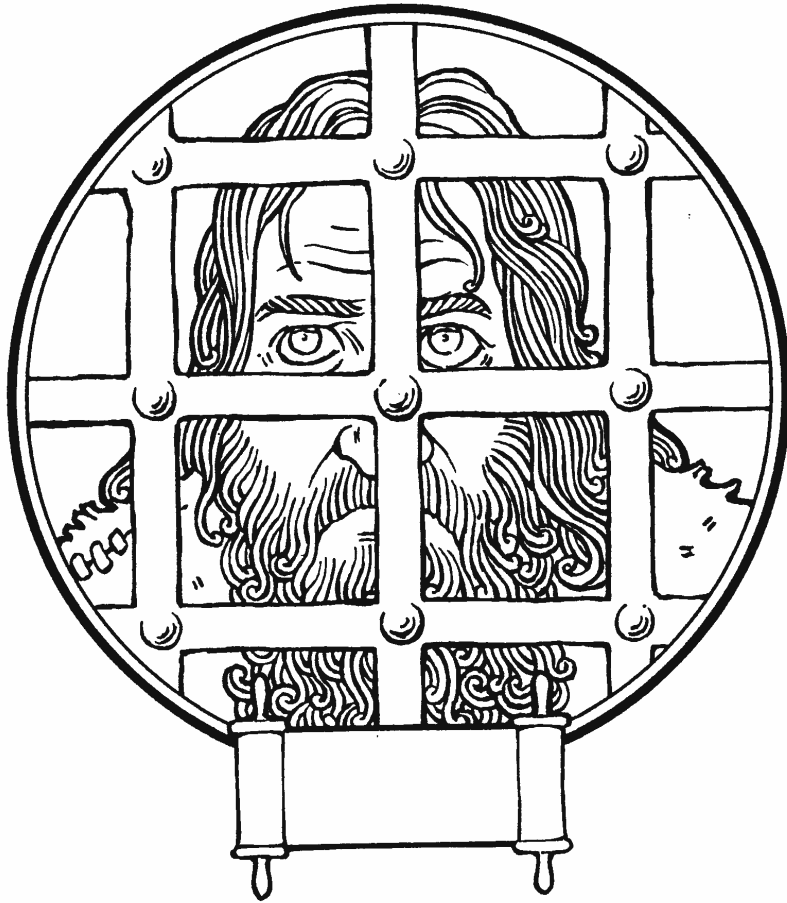


**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**  
*Full Service Bulletin*  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**December 11, 2022**

**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.

**Communion Statement** - 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 kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

## Confession and Absolution

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 349 Hark the Glad Sound

*Men's Choir*  
*Hymn of Invocation*



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820 Text and tune: Public domain

### 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 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

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

**I will hope continually  
and will praise you yet more and more.**

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
for their number is past my knowledge.

**With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;  
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**

**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

☐ 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.

The musical score for Gloria Patri is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

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

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

The musical score for Kyrie is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

☐ The Lord be with you.

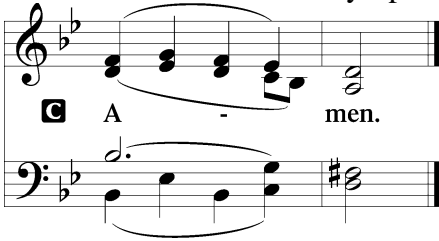
☐ And with thy spir - it.

The musical score for Salutation and Collect of the Day is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.



**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.



### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:1–10 (p. 595, p. 757 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.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

### Epistle

*James 5:7–11 (p. 1013, p. 1291 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia

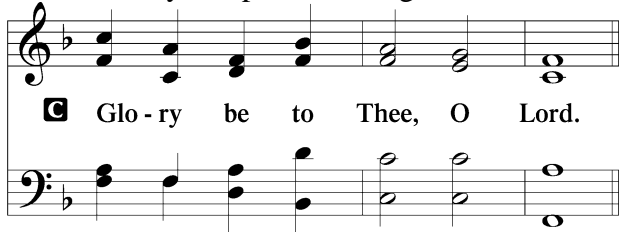
*LSB 190*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2–15 (p. 816, p. 1036 LP)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains six measures of music, primarily using chords and some single notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing six measures of music, primarily using chords and some single notes. The lyrics "Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord." are written below the upper staff, aligned with the notes.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains six measures of music, primarily using chords and some single notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing six measures of music, primarily using chords and some single notes. The lyrics "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." are written below the upper staff, aligned with the notes.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. 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!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

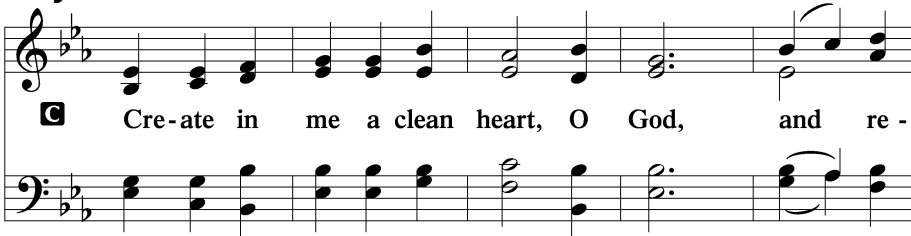
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## Sermon

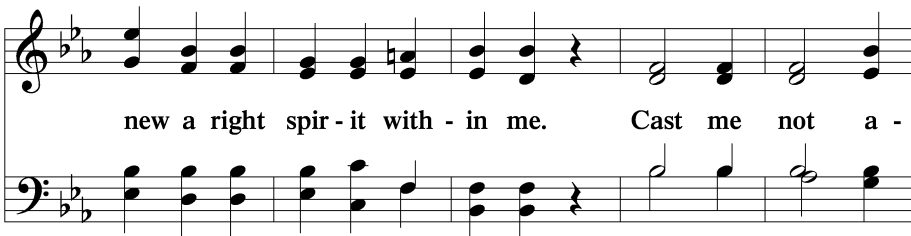
*The Deeds of the Christ*

## Offertory

*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.

Offering

*Carol at the Manger – Men’s Choir*

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

**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.

## 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

*LSB 195*

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

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

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

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

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

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- ☐** 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*



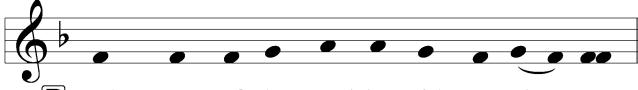
**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
 and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
 dis-ci-ples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
 This do in re-mem-brance of Me.” In the same way al - so  
 He 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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



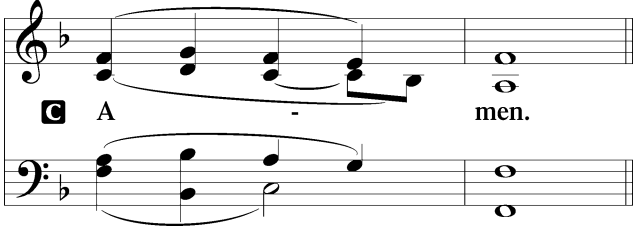
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



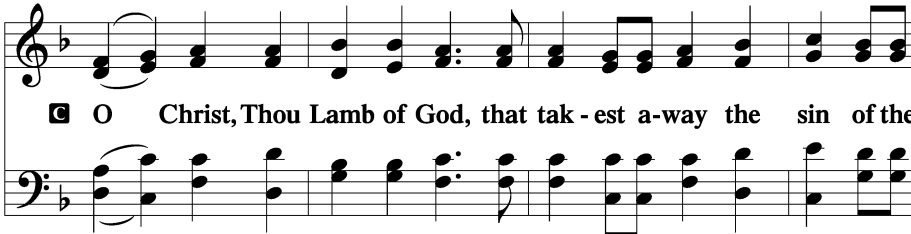
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



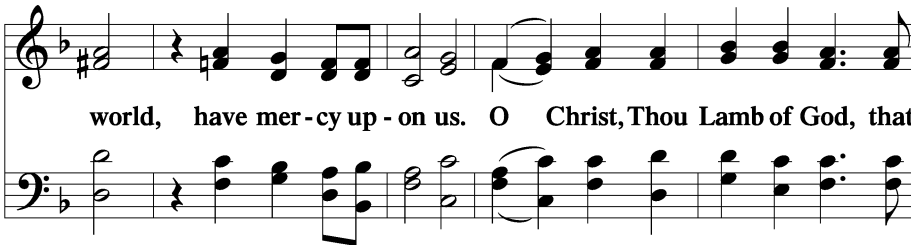
**A** - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



**A** 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

Advent Medley - Handbell Choir

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - Men's Choir

## 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; (sts. 1, 4-5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2-3, 6-8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Text (sts. 1, 4-5): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001749 Text (sts. 2-3, 6-8) and tune: Public domain

### 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.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven Text and tune: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

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,

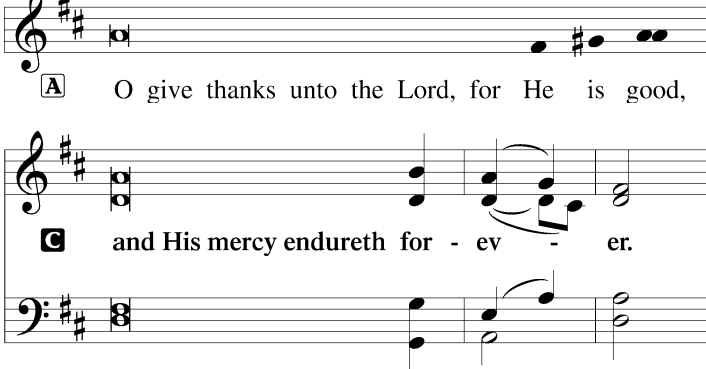




is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

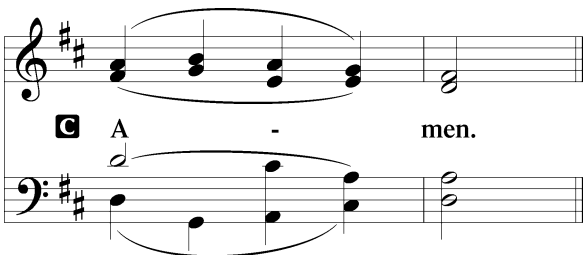


**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## Salutation

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

The musical notation for the Salutation consists of three staves. The first staff is a single melodic line in G major. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The third staff is a bass line with chords. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The musical notation for the Benedicamus consists of three staves. The first staff is a single melodic line in G major. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The third staff is a bass line with chords. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

## Benediction

LSB 202

**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.

The musical notation for the Benediction consists of five staves. The first two staves are vocal lines with lyrics. The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The fourth and fifth staves are instrumental accompaniment. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

# 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

*Closing Hymn*



- 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!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925, alt.

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## Go Now in Peace

*Men's Choir*

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# Announcements for the Week of December 11, 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>12/11</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Book of Concord study	<b>12/12</b>	<b>12/13</b> 9 AM – 2 PM – Pastor at Circuit Meeting 7 PM – Handbell practice	<b>12/14</b> 6 PM – Advent Supper 7 PM – Advent Midweek Service	<b>12/15</b>	<b>12/16</b>	<b>12/17</b>

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

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

**Stewardship:**

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**12/4 offerings:** \$2292  
**12/4 Synodical Fund:** \$70  
**Mortgage balance:** \$0  
**12/4 Building Fund:** \$600

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

**Thank You!:** Thank you to the handbell choir and the men’s choir for their beautiful music this morning!

**Advent Suppers:** There is a sign-up sheet on the conference room door for our Advent suppers this year. If you would like to provide a part of our meal, please see the sheet or talk to Janice Acree. Suppers begin at 6 PM and the worship service is at 7 PM. This week’s dinner is an Italian night.

**Advent Devotionals:** Booklets and large prints available in the narthex.

**Poinsettias:** Order forms are available in the narthex soon. You may place them in the offering plate or the office. Please have your orders in by Sunday, December 18th. Thank you!

**Offering Envelopes:** Offering Envelopes for 2023 have been placed in mailboxes in the narthex of the church. Please note that many offering Envelope numbers have changed for next year. If you have any questions please let me know. -Camden

<u>Christmas Schedule</u>	
<i>Sat. 12/24:</i>	<i>7 PM – Children’s Christmas program 11 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight</i>
<i>Sun. 12/25:</i>	<i>9 AM – Christmas Divine Service</i>

**Prayer List:**

**Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)  
**Ron Cox** (health issues)  
**Luella Holle** (shut-in)  
**Bekah Brown**  
**Carolyn Trimpe** (health issues)  
**Jim** (Paul & Kathy Trotta’s brother-in-law)  
**Pat** (Pegi Owens’ friend)

**Upcoming Acolytes:**

<b>12/14:</b> Trevor Acree	<b>12/18:</b> Rayleigh Acton	<b>12/24</b> (11 PM): Trevor Acree
<b>12/25:</b> Rayleigh Acton	<b>12/31:</b> Trevor Acree	<b>1/1:</b> Rayleigh Acton

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. 12/12: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 – Everlasting joy is ours because God has come to save us from sin, disease, and death.  
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. 12/13: Read the Epistle lesson: James 5:7-11 – Be patient and steadfast because we know Jesus is coming again soon to raise us death and bring us into the new creation.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/12)
- Wed. 12/14: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 11:2-15 – As Jesus healed the sick and preached the good news to the poor in the days of John the Baptist, so too does He bring healing and salvation to us through His Word and His Sacraments.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/12)
- Thur. 12/15: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17 – The virgin birth is the sign that Immanuel has come and God is now with us in the flesh.  
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. 12/16: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 1:1-7 – As Jesus is truly descended from David according to the flesh, so too are we truly born of God according to the Spirit through Christ's resurrection.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/15)
- Sat. 12/17: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 – The virgin did indeed bear a Son, just as God promised, and He came in the flesh to save His people from their sins.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/15)