

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



**December 18, 2022**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

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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

Call to Worship - Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

*Handbell Choir*

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

*Hymn of Invocation*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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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 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
 that the mountains might quake at your presence.

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
 and in his word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
 more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
 and with him is plentiful redemption.**

And he will redeem Israel  
 from all his iniquities.

**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.**

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
 that the mountains might quake at your presence.

## 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 consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The first system begins with a square box containing a 'G' and contains the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

## 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 consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The first system begins with a square box containing a 'G' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -'. The second system contains the lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Omitted in Advent

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

☐ The Lord be with you.

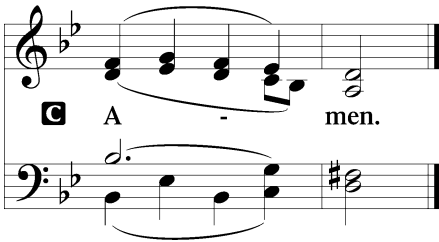
The musical score for Salutation and Collect of the Day consists of a single system of music. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 7:10–17 (p. 572, p. 727 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.

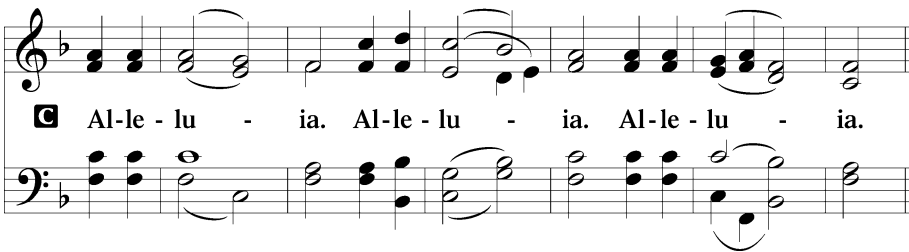
## Epistle

*Romans 1:1–7 (p. 939, p. 1194 LP)*

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

## Alleluia

LSB 190

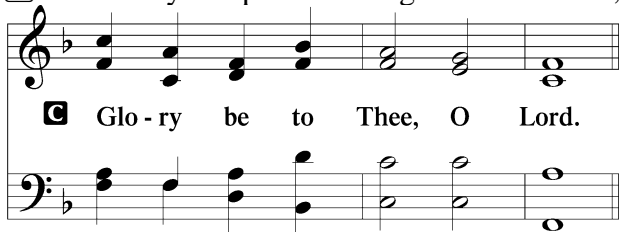


Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

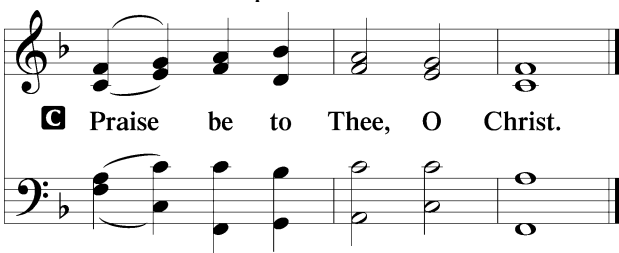
*Matthew 1:18–25 (p. 807, p. 1026 LP)*

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

# 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Hymn of the Day*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

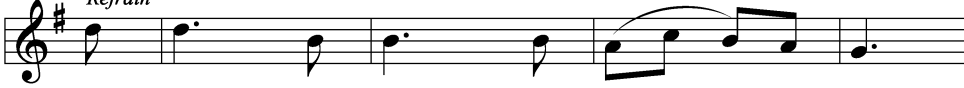


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: French, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

**Sermon**  
**Offertory**

*Live Justified*  
*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 - The First Nowell**

*Handbell 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.



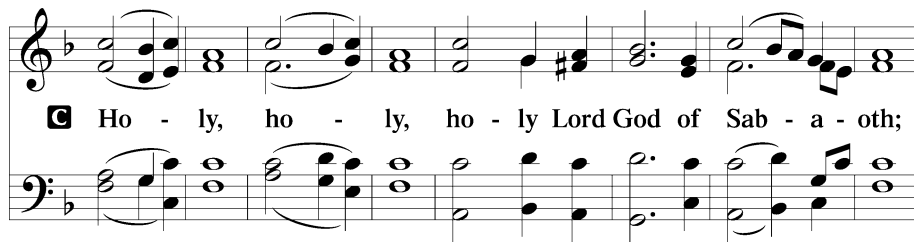
### Proper Preface

**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



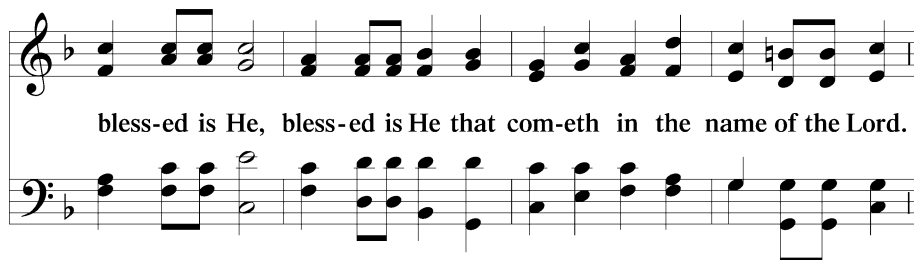
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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  $\text{†}$  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.  
**C** A - men.

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

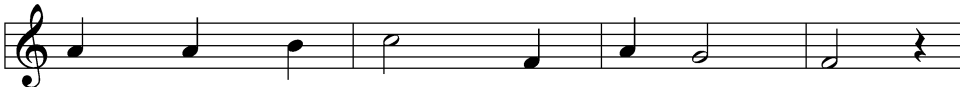
## The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

*Handbell Choir*

### 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

- 5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without Your light  
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
- 6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand  
From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring  
And sing to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore  
Forever and forevermore.

## 339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors



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



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



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



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



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

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## 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -  
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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Tune: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1778, London; adapt. Edward Miller, 1731-1807

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## 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter—Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, 1808-72; tr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007

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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

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 treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The second staff is a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The third staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

## 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 treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The second staff is a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The third staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

## 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 staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The second staff is a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The third staff is a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The fourth staff is a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The fifth staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a single melodic line with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

# 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Closing Hymn*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

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# Announcements for the Week of December 18, 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>12/18</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis  5:00 PM – Youth Group	<b>12/19</b>	<b>12/20</b>  7 PM – Handbell practice	<b>12/21</b>	<b>12/22</b>  2 PM – Christmas Eve peanut bag prep 6 PM – Music Group	<b>12/23</b>	<b>12/24</b>  7 PM – Children’s Christmas Program 11 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

12/19: Amy Nagel  
 12/21: Lucy Sorenson, Melessa Wiesehan  
 12/22: Cheryl Yearsley

**Stewardship:**

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**12/11 offerings:** \$5056  
**12/11 Synodical Fund:** \$20  
**Mortgage balance:** \$0  
**12/11 Building Fund:** \$200

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

**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!

**Joint Epiphany Service:** Join us for a joint Epiphany service on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM here at St. Peter. We will join with the saints from St. Paul’s (Jonesville) and St. John’s (White Creek) to worship our Lord and celebrate this festival day. A dinner will be served prior to the service, beginning at 6:00 PM. More details on the dinner to come.

**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

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

**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:**

12/24 (11 PM): Trevor Acree	12/25: Rayleigh Acton	12/31: Trevor Acree
1/1: Rayleigh Acton	1/6: Trevor Acree	1/8: 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. 12/19: 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.
- Tue. 12/20: 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 12/19)
- Wed. 12/21: 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 12/19)
- Thur. 12/22: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10 – Our God reigns for He has bared His holy arm, showing salvation through the birth of Jesus Christ.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 382 – We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth  
Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 12/23: Read the Epistle lesson: Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12) – Jesus is God in the flesh who has made purification for our sins and made us heirs of all things.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 382 – We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/22)
- Sat. 12/24: Read the Gospel lesson: John 1:1-14 (15-18) – The Word became flesh and dwells among us as the Light which the darkness cannot overcome.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 382 – We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/22)