

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



**December 3, 2023**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

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.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

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.

## 593 See This Wonder in the Making

*Hymn of Invocation*



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -  
 2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
 3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more  
 4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His  
 door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-  
 car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we  
 take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
 lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
 place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.  
 daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008 Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden Text: © 1984 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001749 Tune: Public domain

## Holy Baptism of Anna Sorenson

### Invocation

*LSB 268*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**P** How are you named?

**R** [Name]

**P** [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold [name(s)] according to Your boundless mercy and bless [him/her/them] with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in [him/her/them], which has been inherited from Adam and which [he himself/ she herself/ they themselves] [has/have] committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that [he/she/they] be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, [he/she/they] would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve [name of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** [Name(s)], do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you [a member / members] of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir / heirs] with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our [brother(s)/sister(s)] in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [name(s)] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made [him/her/them] [a member / members] of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir / heirs] of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as [he/she/they] [has/have] now become Your [child/children], You would keep [him/her/them] in [his/her/their] baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure [he/she/they] may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✝ be with you.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

**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.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

## 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 bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B.

## 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 minor and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B.

## Gloria in Excelsis - omitted during Advent Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

☐ The Lord be with you.

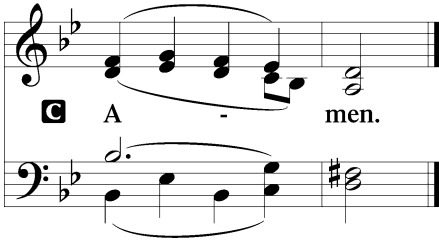
☐ And with thy spir - it.

The musical score for Salutation and Collect of the Day is written in G minor and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9 (p. 623, p. 791 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

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9 (p. 952, p. 1210 LP)*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*





## Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1–10 (p. 847, p. 1077 LP)*

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



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

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



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

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 191*

**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 of the world to come. Amen.**

# 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

*Hymn of the Day*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - chose pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (sts. 3, 6): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 4–5, 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (st. 7): tr. Gifford A. Grobien, 1973

Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

Text (sts. 3, 6–7): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House; (sts. 4–5, 8): © 1978 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001749

Text (sts. 1–2) and tune: Public domain

**Sermon**

*The Lord Has Need*

# 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

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.

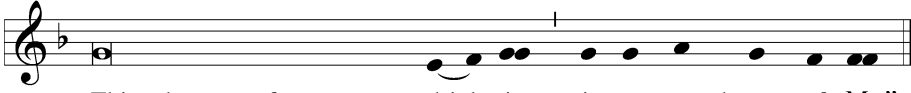
## The Words of Our Lord

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  $\dagger$  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



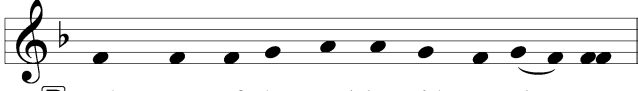
My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



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 - 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

### 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
- 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
- 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
- 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.

Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.



5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
 Cannot His love erase;  
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
 And cover by His grace.  
 He comes, for you procuring  
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
 His children thus securing  
 Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
 A terror to His foes,  
 A light of consolations  
 And blessèd hope to those  
 Who love the Lord's appearing.  
 O glorious Sun, now come,  
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
 And guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

### 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



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



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



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

Text: Danish, c. 1600; tr. Victor O. Petersen, 1864–1929, alt.

Tune: Der Bussfertige Sünder, 1679, Nürnberg

Text and tune: Public domain

## 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



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



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



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

*Refrain*



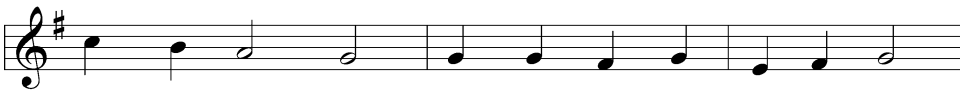
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt. Tune: Swedish, 17th cent. Text:  
 © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001749 Tune: Public domain

## 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see;    Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine    When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace,    Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing:    Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt Text and tune: Public domain

## 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*

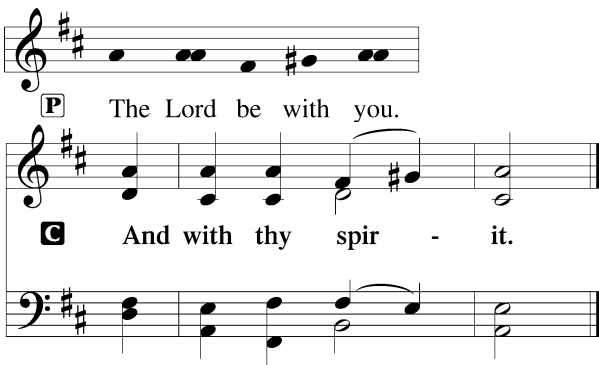
**A** Let us pray.

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 single melodic line in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics, and the third staff is a bass line accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



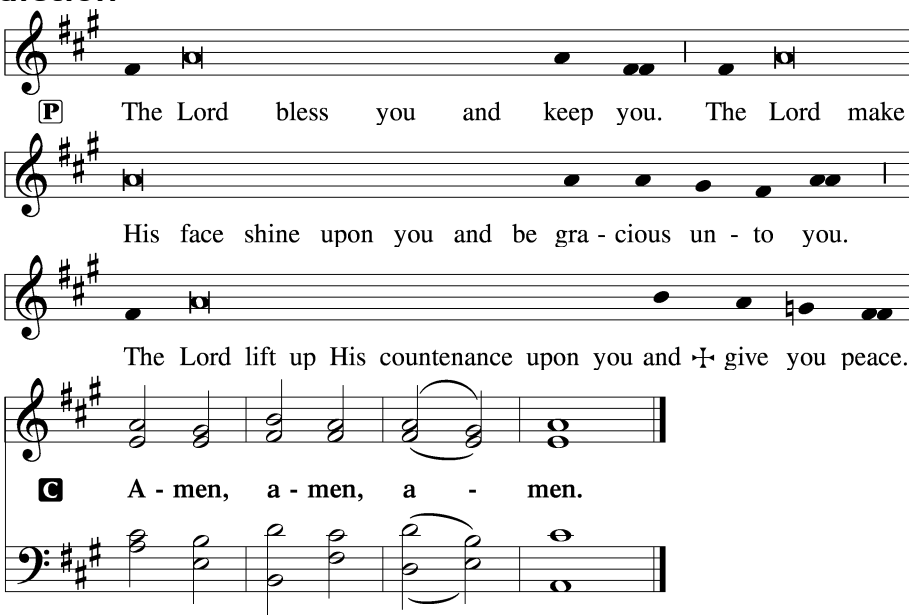
**A** Bless we the Lord.

**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 (one sharp) on a treble clef. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics, and the third staff is a bass line accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (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 three staves are vocal lines with lyrics, and the last two staves are a bass line accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

# 331 The Advent of Our King

*Closing Hymn*



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.  
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76  
Text and tune: Public domain

## [ Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

## Announcements for the Week of December 3, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
12/3 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	12/4	12/5	12/6 6 PM – Advent Meal 7 PM – Advent Midweek Service	12/7 10 AM – Elders Meeting	12/8	12/9

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

12/5: Aurora Willman  
12/9: Amanda Finke

### Stewardship:

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**11/26 offerings:** \$1199  
**11/26 Synodical Fund:** \$0  
**11/26 Building Fund:** \$0

*The altar flowers are given by the Acton family*

**Holy Baptism:** Congratulations and God’s blessings to Anna Sorenson on her Baptism!

**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. Advent midweeks begin on December 6<sup>th</sup>, with supper at 6 PM and service at 7 PM.

**Cookie Exchange:** We will be having a cookie exchange on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have cookies that you’d like to share, please plan on bringing two dozen. We will enjoy some cookies during fellowship and Bible study and you will also be able to take a dozen (or more!) home to enjoy in the days leading up to Christmas.

### 2023 Advent & Christmas Schedule

*Wed. 12/6, 13, & 20 – Midweek Services @ 7 PM (Meal at 6 PM)*  
*Sun. 12/24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent @ 9 AM*  
*Sun. 12/24 – Children’s Christmas Program @ 7 PM*  
*Sun. 12/24 – Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service @ 11 PM*  
*Mon. 12/25 – Christmas Day Divine Service @ 9 AM*

**St. Paul (Clifty), Columbus Christmas Concert:** You are cordially invited to attend the annual St. Paul Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m. A pre-concert harp recital begins at 6:40 p.m. The concert will be presented by the Beecher Singers and Orchestra of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis under the direction of Dr. Michelle Louer. Guest organist is Dr. John Allegar who will lead congregational carol singing.

### Prayer List:

**Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)

**Ron Cox** (health issues)

**Luella Holle** (shut-in)

**Carolyn Trimpe** (health issues)

**Larry Phelps** (health issues)

**Saundra Phelps**

**Thomas Turner**

**Laura Moorman**

**John Dobrinski**

### Upcoming Acolytes:

**12/6:** Rayleigh Acton

**12/10:** Trevor Acree

**12/13:** Abe 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. 12/4:     Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9 – We are all sinners who deserve God’s wrath and anger. Yet He comes to us as our Potter who does not remember our sins forever, but instead makes us to be His holy and redeemed people.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come  
Pray the Collect of the Day: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 12/5:    Read the Epistle lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – In Christ, you lack nothing because He sustains you and keeps you guiltless as you wait for His glorious return.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/4)
- Wed. 12/6:    Read the Gospel lesson: Mark 11:1-10 – The Lord comes into Jerusalem to rescue us from the perils of our sins by going to die on the cross.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/4)
- Thur. 12/7:    Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 – You receive comfort from God who comes with might to end your warfare against sin and pardon your iniquity.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry  
Pray the Collect of the Day: 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. Amen.
- Fri. 12/8:     Read the Epistle lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14 – As we await a new heavens and a new earth, let us live lives of holiness and godliness to the praise and glory of God.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/7)
- Sat. 12/9:     Read the Gospel lesson: Mark 1:1-8 – John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord by calling people to repentance and proclaiming the mightier One who was to come, Jesus Christ.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/7)