Immanuel Lutheran Church
Waterloo, Illinois

First Sunday in Advent

125th Anniversary Weekend #5



Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

"Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship, we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Divine Service, Setting Three
(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 184)

Preservice Music (Agape Ringers, "In Christ Alone," arr. S. Eithun)

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand
Opening Hymn, *LSB* 331, "The Advent of Our King"

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
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.**

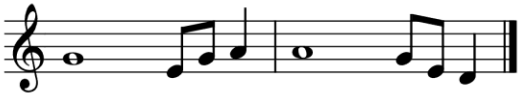
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

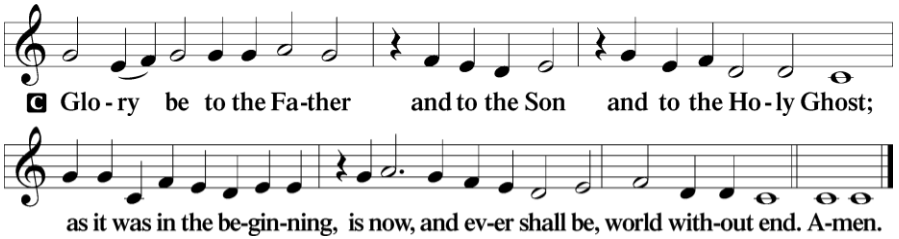
✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv. 1-3a



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.
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.
May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*
for I | wait for you.
Redeem Israel, | O God,*
out of all his | troubles.



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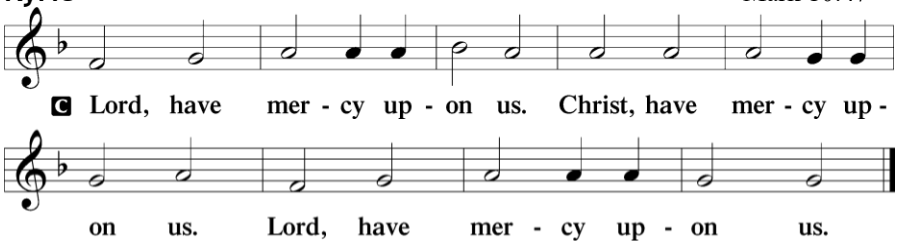
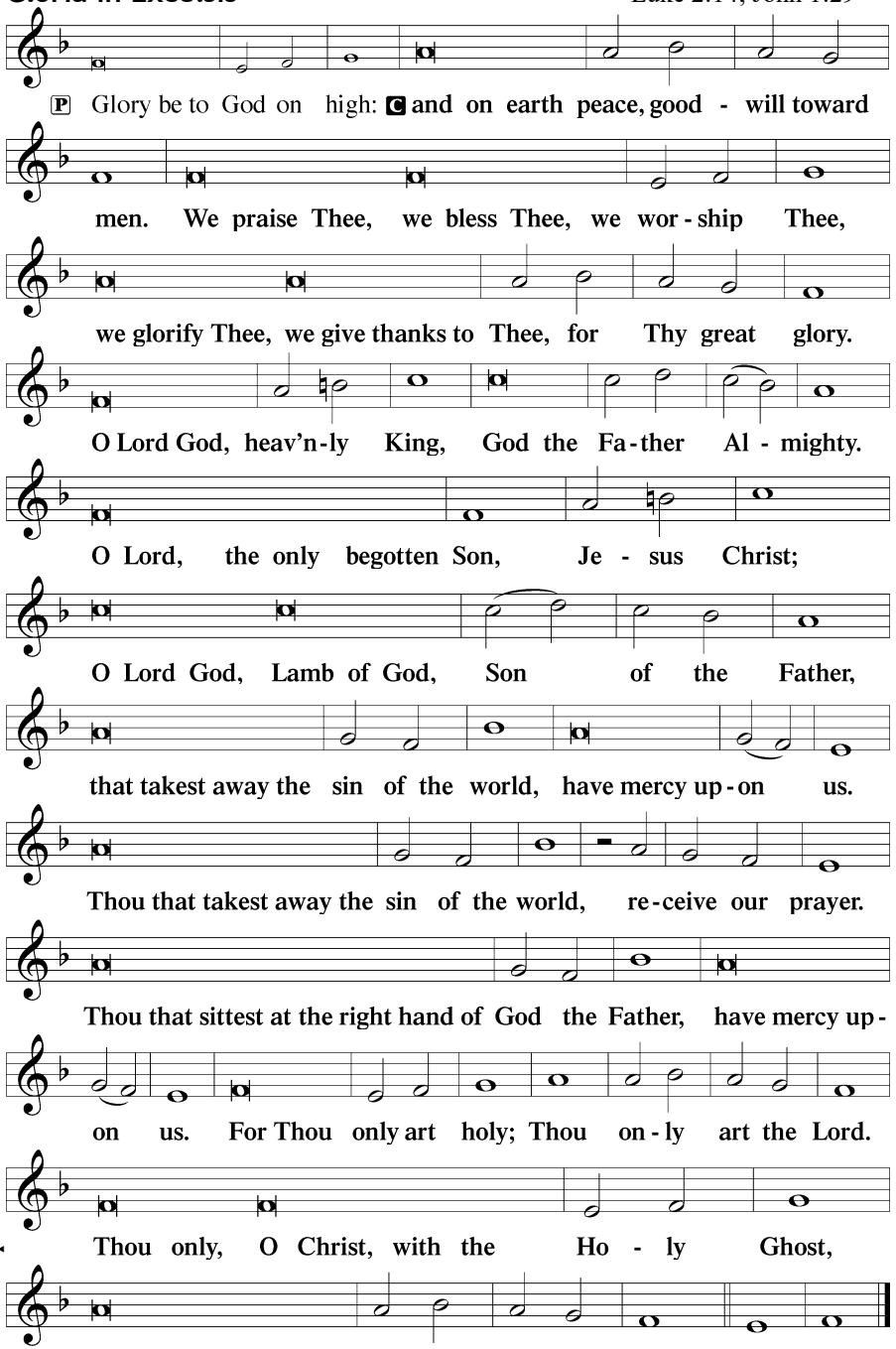
Kyrie

Mark 10:47

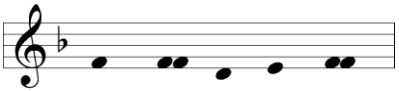


Gloria in Excelsis

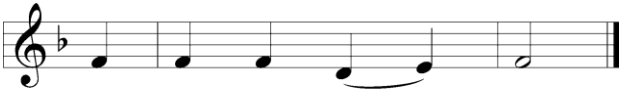
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

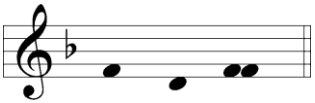


Salutation and Collect of the Day

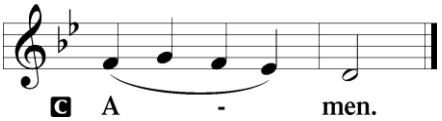


2 Timothy 4:22





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.



Please be seated

Choir Anthem, "Arise, O Christian People" (setting: W. Braun)

Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone--The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.

Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him, This great, this heav'nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way;--The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.

The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right, That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation--It is the Lord's delight.

Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You This blessed Advent-tide.
From stall and manger low--Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

5"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for
David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall
execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved,
and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called:
'The LORD is our righteousness.' 7"Therefore, behold, the days are coming,
declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who
brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' 8but 'As the LORD lives
who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north
country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall
dwell in their own land."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 3:1-11*

1But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the
flesh, as infants in Christ. 2I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not
ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3for you are still of the flesh.
For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and
behaving only in a human way? 4For when one says, "I follow Paul," and
another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? 5What then is
Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord
assigned to each. 6I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7So
neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives
the growth. 8He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his
wages according to his labor. 9For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's
field, God's building. 10According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled
master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each
one take care how he builds upon it. 11For no one can lay a foundation other than
that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

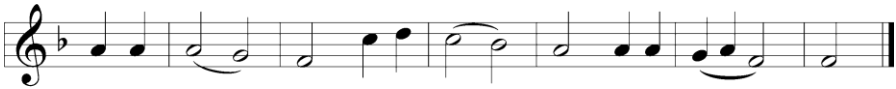
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

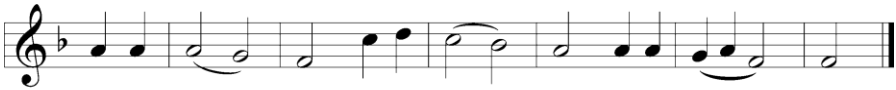
Agape Ringers, "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide," arr. L. Delancy

Please stand

Alleluia & Verse Psalm 85:7



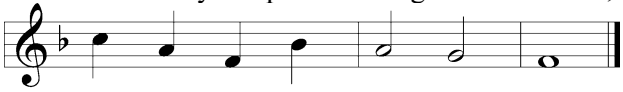
P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.



Holy Gospel

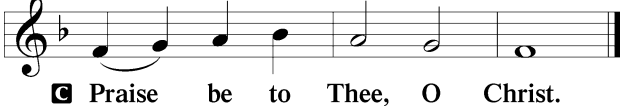
Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.



[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. [3]If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." [4]This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, [5]"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" [6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. [8]Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 worshipped 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.

Please be seated
Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Sermon

Please stand
Offertory Hymn Tune: Townend/Getty; Text: Scheibe/Frank

Immanuel, our Lord and Friend
You are the Prince of Peace, Amen.
Immanuel, our Cornerstone
You shed Your blood for us alone;
While on the cross, was crucified
Now we're Your saints, all sanctified:
Called now to serve, our gifts we bring
Praise to our God, the Glorious King.

Immanuel, our thanks and praise-
It is to You our hearts we raise.
United now in one accord
Ever more thanking You, our Lord.
<u>Faith</u> and <u>foundation</u> strong and firm-
Our <u>future</u> plans secure in You;
Eternal life we can proclaim
To many more in Your Holy Name.

Please be seated
Offering

Anniversary Hymn, *TLH* 639, "For Many Years, O God of Grace"

1. For many years, O God of grace,
This church has been your dwelling place
And we your congregation.
Oh Christ, our precious cornerstone,
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one foundation.
This day We pray:
"Let us greet you, Lord, and meet you
Here with singing,
All our praises to you bringing."

2. Here children have been born anew
As manifold as morning dew,
Their vows to you confessing.
Here many found a table spread,
They ate Christ's body with the bread
And drank the cup of blessing.
This day We pray:
"Let none falter At you altar.
We adore you,
Gladly worship here before you."

3. Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and groom besought your aid,
Your love their own transcending.
Here mourners, with their troubled hearts,
Have found the peace your Word imparts,
The joy that has no ending.
This day We pray:
"May the story of your glory
Here resounding
Be a song of grace abounding!"

Please stand

Prayer of the Church 1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P *(Special petitions…)* Lord, in Your mercy,

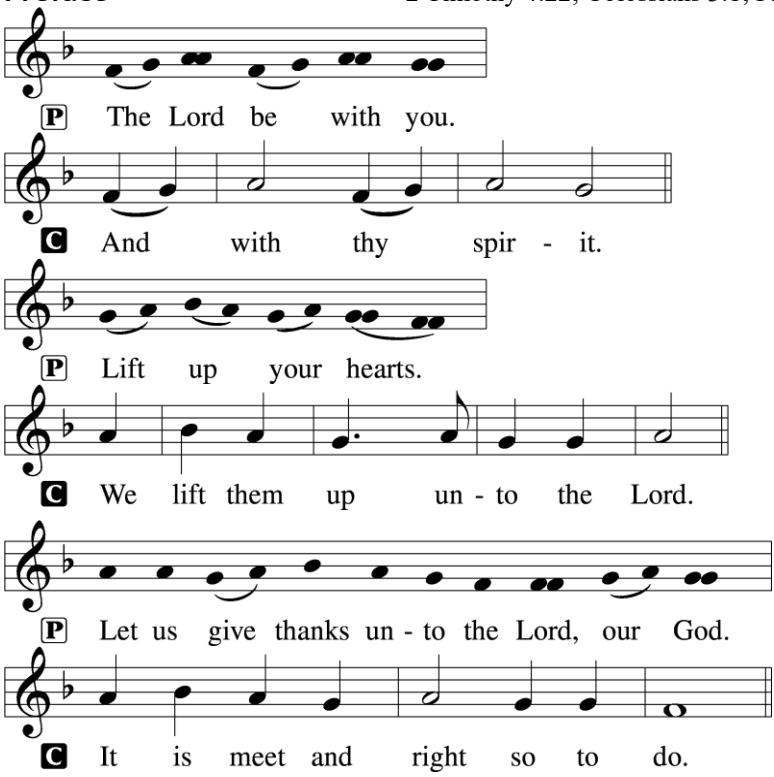
C **hear our prayer.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



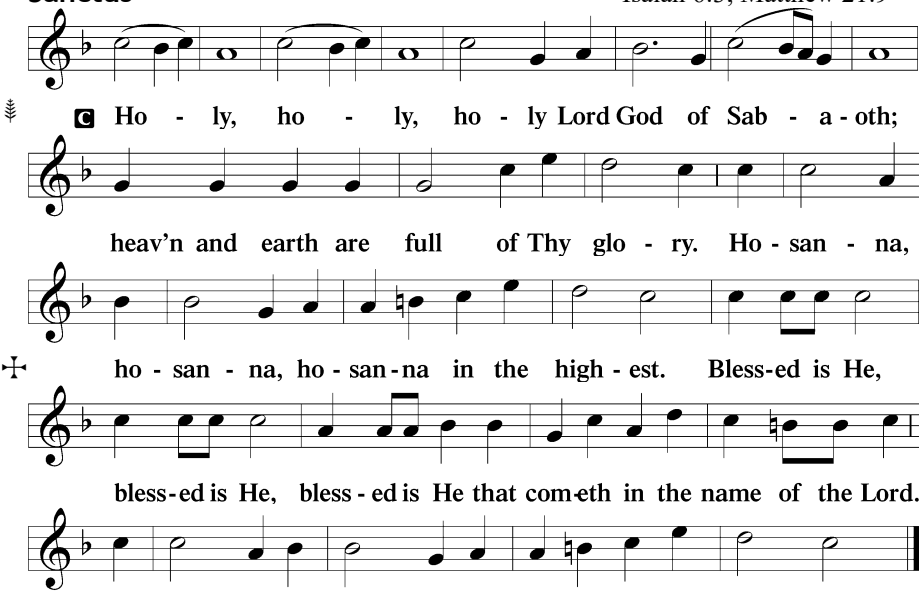
Proper Preface

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:

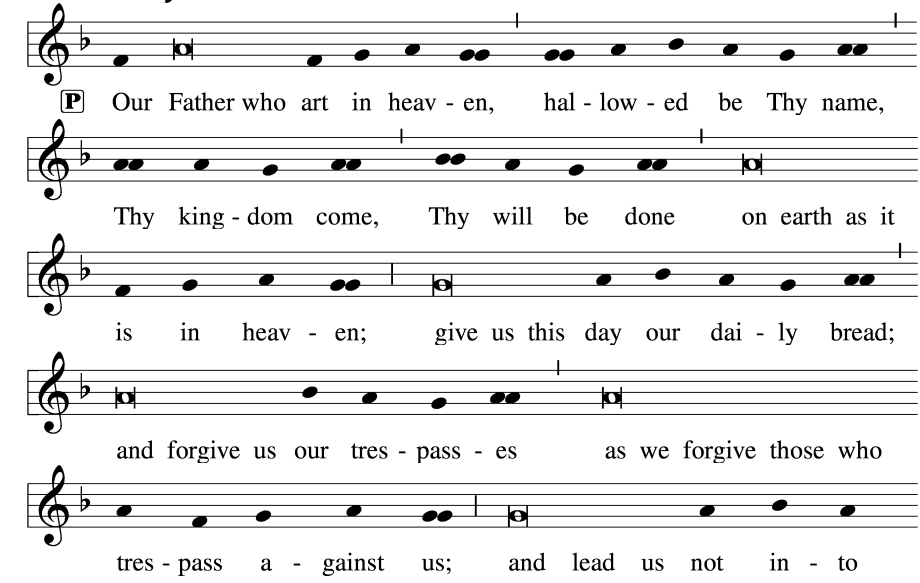
Sanctus

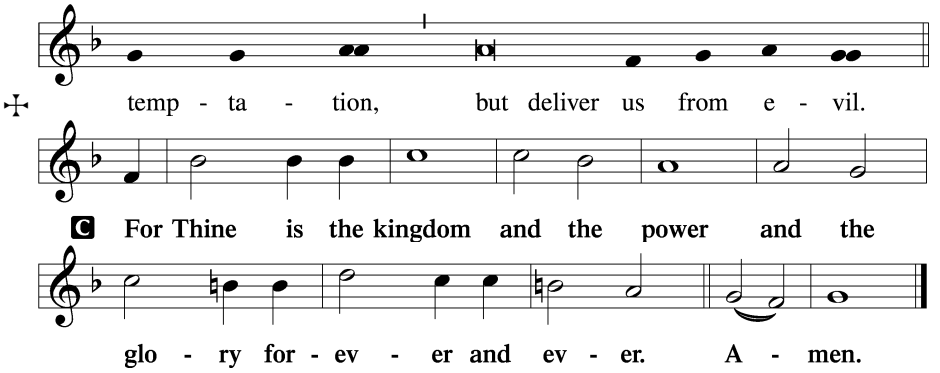
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Lord's Prayer

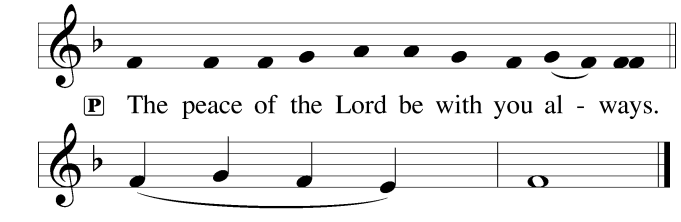
Matthew 6:9-13



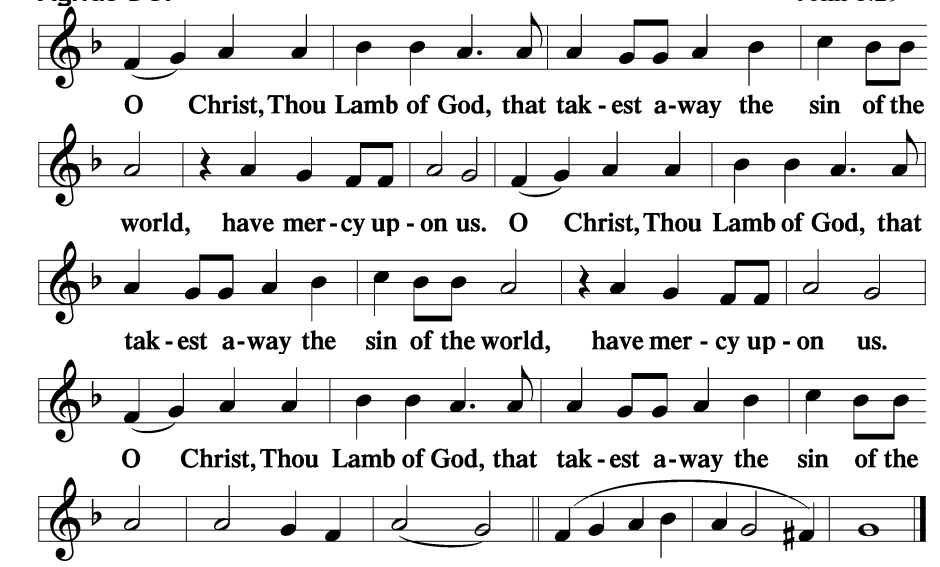


The Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini John 20:19



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 332, "Savior of the Nations, Come"
LSB 334, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
"In Christ Alone" *(See the words on the screens.)*
LSB 339, "Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors"

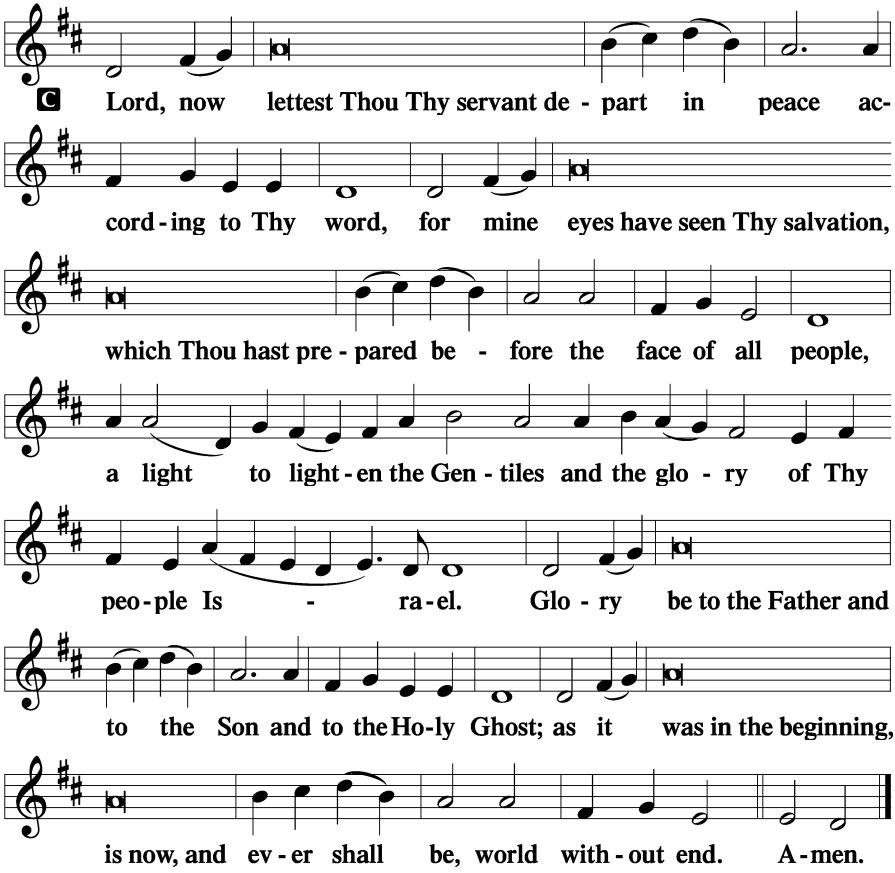
Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

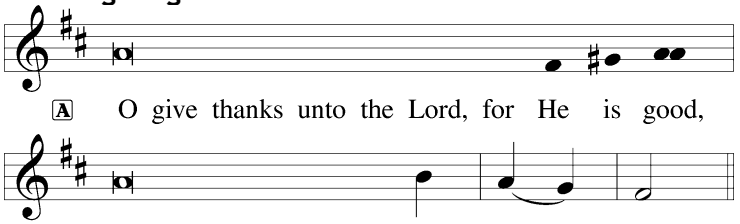
C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

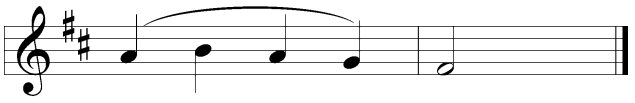


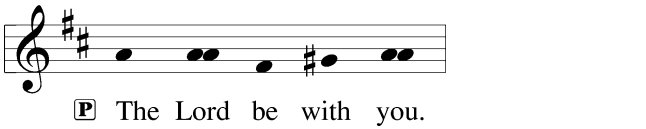
Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



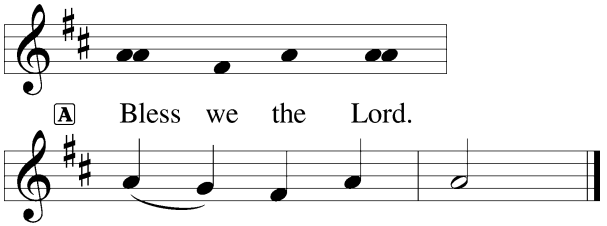
P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





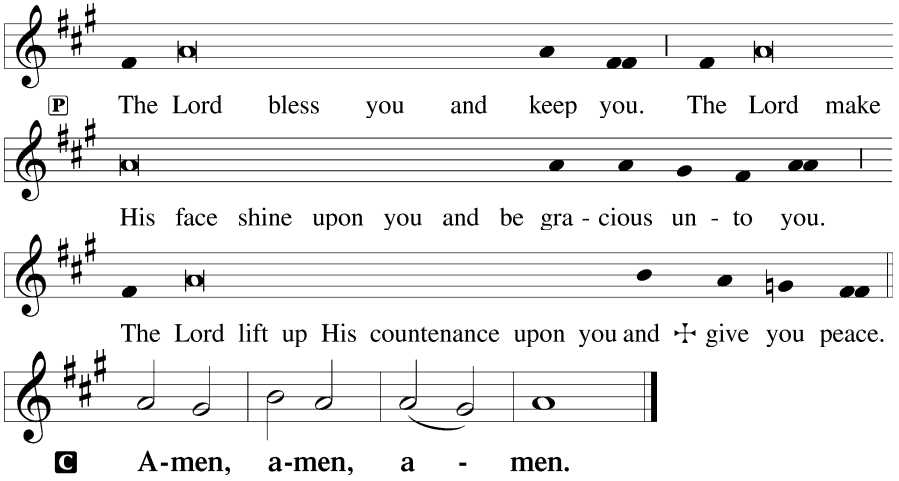
2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus



Psalm 103:1

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26



Recessional Hymn, *LSB* 828, "We Are Called to Stand Together" (Congregation: vs. 1 & 5; Choirs: vs. 2-4)

Please be seated until after the Postlude

125th Anniversary Video

Bells

Postlude [Instrumental Selection, "We Praise You and Acknowledge You," arr. M. Bender]

Worship Helpers

Sunday, November 29, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank
Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm, Charlotte Rodenberg
Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg
Altar Guild - Ellen Heise
Lector - Seth Weinberg
Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley
Acolytes - Alaina Stumpf & Ava Helms

Midweek Advent Service 1 - Wednesday, December 2, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank
Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Olivia Simms, Carolina Bradley
Acolytes - Charlotte & Dexter Rodenberg
Media/Facebook Live - Avery Griffin & Lisa Clamors

Saturday, December 5, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Music Director - Ann Frank
Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
Acolyte - Benjamin Braun
Altar Guild - Melissa Wiegand
Media - Kenzie Wiegand

Sunday, December 6, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Music Director - Ann Frank
Servers - Don Birrittier & Warren Frank
Lector - Warren Frank
Acolytes - Eddie Arras & Nolan Prather
Altar Guild - Pam Nagel
Ushers - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather, Nolan Prather
Media - Olivia Rusteberg

Sunday, December 6, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Music Director - Ann Frank
Servers - Adam Eggemeyer & Seth Weinberg
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer
Acolytes - Breanna Ervin & Everly Dethrow
Altar Guild - Angie Broske
Ushers - Jason Valerius, Trinity Drewes, Jeriah Fink, Brielle Fink, Brady Drewes, Rosie Fink
Media - Ayda Eggemeyer

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DAILY PRAYER

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Make haste, O God to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia.

The Hymn of the Season, or another appropriate hymn or psalm, may be sung or spoken.

The appointed reading from The Family at Prayer is read and discussed using the accompanying questions.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism from The Congregation at Prayer is read and/or recited.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ,
have mercy upon us.
O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Week 3: November 29-December 5

Catechetical Theme: God the Father…Maker of Heaven and Earth

*We began our study of the Apostles' Creed last week by considering the wonderful truth—and blessing—that God is "Triune" (three-in-one). This week, we consider God's great work of creation, which we confess: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, **Maker** of heaven and earth." The biblical teaching of creation places us at the beginning of all history. As the Scriptures reveal it, humanity is formed in the image of God, who instituted marriage, and who gave the gift of life for our future. But He did not only create humanity. He created all that exists, in heaven and on earth. He established what is seen and unseen. This is not only the clear teaching of the Scriptures. It is the faithful confession of the Church that confesses the one true faith. God bless your time in God's Word!*

Catechism: The Apostles Creed—The First Article

What is the First Article? Pre+

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

What does this mean? 1st+

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

Readings for the Week

☐	November 30: Monday	Genesis 2:4-25 – Creation of Man & Woman
☐	December 1: Tuesday	Psalm 8 – The Work of Your Fingers
☐	**December 2: Wednesday**	**Genesis 1:1-2:3 – Creation**
☐	December 3: Thursday	Job 38 – Where were you?
☐	December 4: Friday	Ephesians 3:14-15 – The Father of our Lord Jesus
☐	December 5: Saturday	Psalm 8:1-9 – How Majestic is Your Name

Questions to Discuss in the Home and Classroom

Mon – Sat: For each day's reading discuss the following questions: 1) What work does the reading reveal God performing? 2) What is the benefit of this work? 3) For whom is the work performed? 4) How does this reading relate to the First Article of the Creed? 5) What false ideas does this passage confront? 6) What important truths does this passage help us to retain, to believe, and to teach? 7) What does the passage teach regarding the character of God?

Verse of the Week: Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Hymn of the Season: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (332)

Rooted and built in Him…

Colossians 2:6-7



Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7