



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members,  
community,  
and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching  
and  
teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

**Pastor:** Michael J. Grannis

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**Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.

**Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.

**Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.

**Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

**Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.

- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- We are looking for **Volunteers to greet and assist our members at the Handicap Entrance.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator. Thanks for your assistance.
- **Christmas time is approaching and Scrip cards make great stocking stuffers.** Remember to get those orders in sooner than later. Thanks for your continual support.
- **ADVENT SERVICE** Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> @6pm. Meal hosted by Board of Ed at 4:30-5:45pm. Menu: Taco Bar and Ice Cream Bar.
- **Christmas Community Meal** hosted by Christ Community Church December 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. See flier on bulletin board for more details.
- **Thank you to Hannah LaCroix** for being our Flautist on December 13<sup>th</sup> and today, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate you sharing your musical talents with us.
- **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Christmas Eve Services:** December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am with Holy Communion and 6pm for the Candlelight service.
- **Christmas Morning service:** December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am with Holy Communion
- **The church office will be closed Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**
- Waseca Circuit will be hosting an **Epiphany Service** here at St Paul on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm followed by a meal. The offerings from the service will go to the Circuit Mission Projects and the free will offering from the meal will go to the Higher Things Convention for youth.
- **Service for the Weary,** hosted by North Waseca Lutheran Church, Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. See bulletin board for more details.

***The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness***

When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God “as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him” (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to “make straight the way of the Lord,” who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus “who comes after” John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit “to bring good news to the poor” and “to bind up the brokenhearted” (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with “the garments of salvation” and adorns her with His own righteousness “as a bride adorns herself with her jewels” (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we “rejoice always” in the Lord, “pray without ceasing” and “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For “the God of peace,” who has called you by the Gospel, will surely “sanctify you completely,” so that “your whole spirit and soul and body” will “be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

**Confession and Absolution**

**Hymn of Invocation: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

LSB 398

**Greeting**

**Invocation**

LSB 184

**Exhortation**

**Confession of Sins**

**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.

[John 20:19–23]

**Absolution**

LSB 186

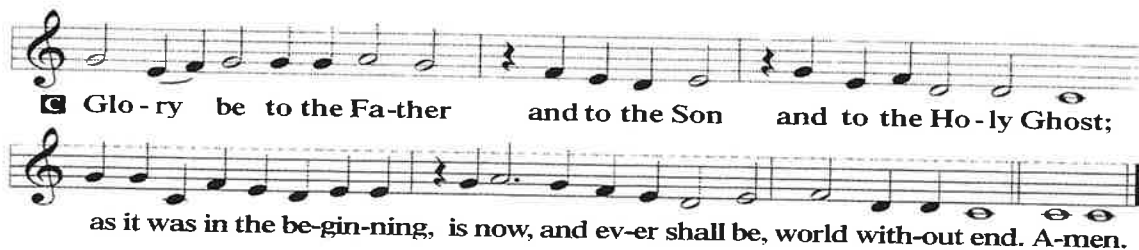
**Service of the Word**

**Introit**

Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7



- P** Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- C** Let me hear what God the |LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to |  
folly.
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- C** Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its | increase.
- P** Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.



- C** Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

#### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

- A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 61.

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . .

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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

- C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

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



**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**C** 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 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*LSB 190*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*John 1:6–8, 19–28*

**Holy Gospel**

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

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

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<u>Hymn to Depart: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring</u>	<i>LSB 353</i>

- There will be a **Live Nativity end of event potluck** on Wednesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for all those who helped with this year's event.

**OUR PRAYERS:**

**Called Home:** Lorraine Brase

**Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder

**Hospitalized:**

**Prayer for continued recovery and healing:** Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Orval Proechel

**Medical Procedure:** Gary Ross, Jess Klinger, Stan Stiernagle, Karen Thompson

**Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson)

**Treatment:** Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

**Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**

**All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

**Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)



Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

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**Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

**The Lord's Supper**

We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, *(For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)*

The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. *(Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)*

Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank You.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 17<sup>th</sup> - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Coffee hour and Bible Study and Sunday School

### Monday (18<sup>th</sup>):

10 am Prayer Team

### Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>):

1:00 pm Quilters

### Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>):

3:30 - 5pm 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8th grade Confirmation

4:30-5:45pm Advent Meal hosted by Board of Education

6pm Advent Service

7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

### Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>):

6am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

### Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>):

### Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>):

### Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**

6:00 pm Candle light service

### **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

THIS WEEK: December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Wyatt Arndt

**ELDER/DEACON:** Jerry Flogstad/ Bob Roemhildt and Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

Cindy Wood

Owen Arndt

Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Mason Precher 9am

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**FACEBOOK:** Kathy Flogstad 9am

### **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Worship Attendance on:** Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>: 62 **General Fund: \$ 343.00**

Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>: 116 **Voters Mtg: 43** **Sunday School: 25**

**General Fund** (in person & Direct Deposit): **\$5,563.85** **Caring Fund: \$100.00**

**Organ Fund: \$20.00** **Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$25.00** **Nativity Fund: \$20.00**

**Choir Fund:** In Memory of Lorraine Brase \$100.00

**\*\*\* Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00\*\*\***

# Hymn of Invocation: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.  
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;  
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601

Text and tune: Public domain

# Hymn of the Day: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

Text and tune: Public domain

# Distribution Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - spect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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

**Distribution Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

LSB 357



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

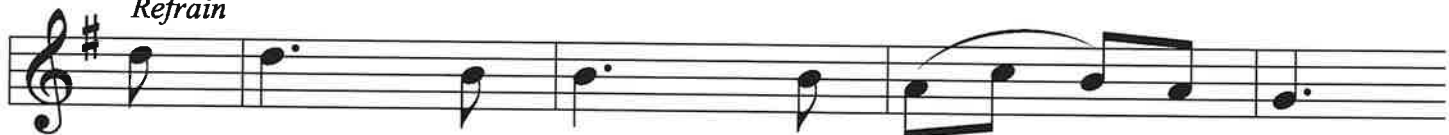


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y

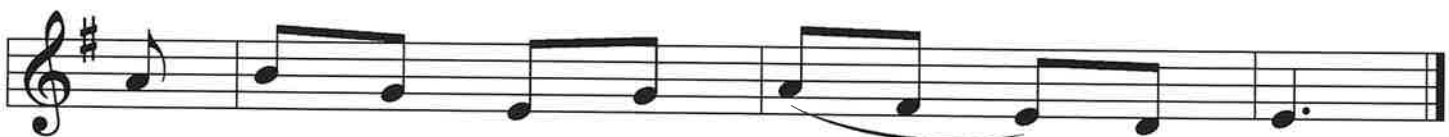


ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*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.

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.

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.

# Distribution Hymn: Joy to the World

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

# Distribution Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803



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



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



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



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

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

Text and tune: Public domain

# Hymn to Depart: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!

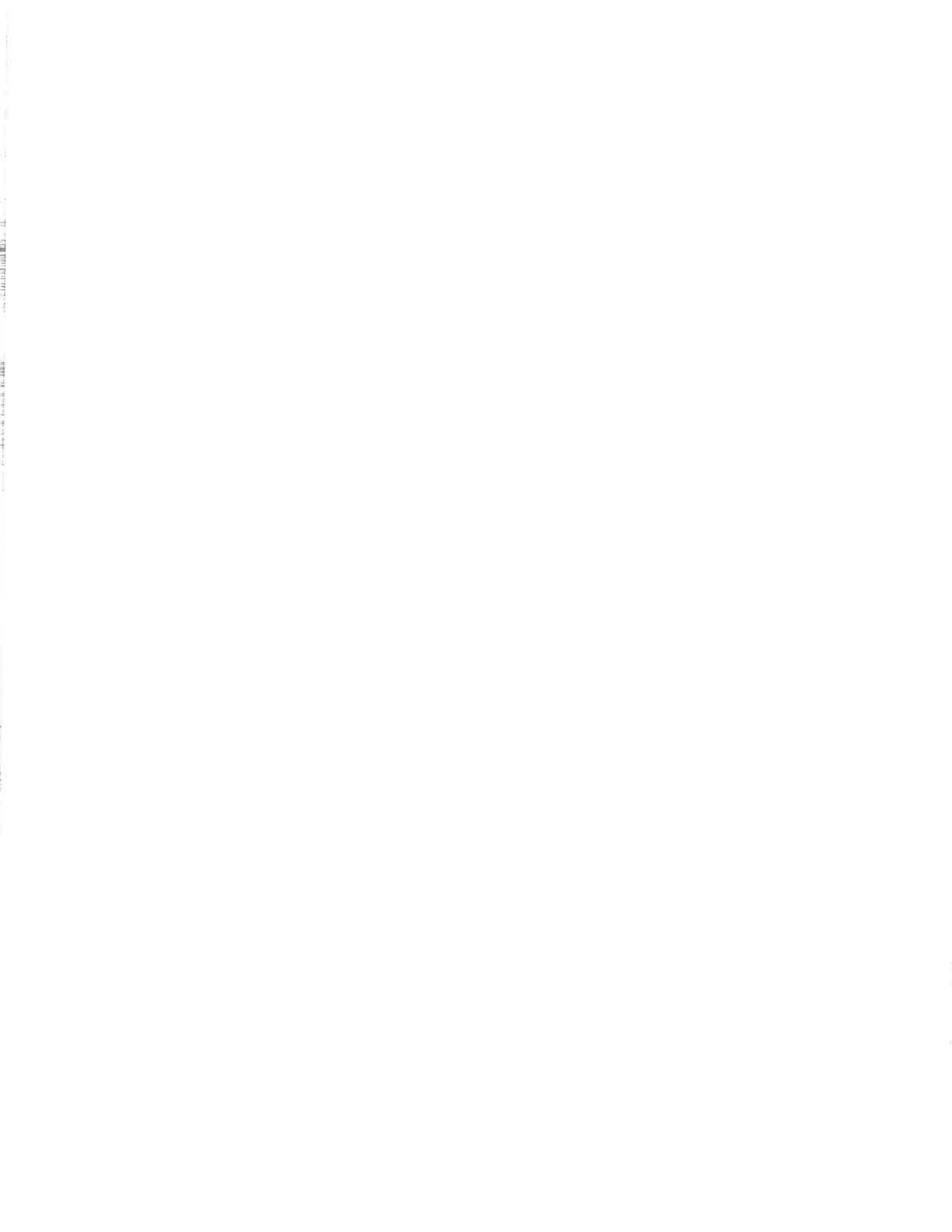


Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Tune: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt

Text and tune: Public domain





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG SUNDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30PM**  
(1/2 HOUR BEFORE THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 6PM). Songs will be familiar Christmas favorites out of the hymnal. We hope to see you there.



**EIPHANY SERVICE Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4pm**

**Meal at 5pm Offerings from service will go to the Circuit Mission Projects: Steven and Maggie Oliver (TIM), John and Jenn Wolf (TIM), University Lutheran Chapel, Lutheran Classical College AND Free Will Offerings from the meal will go help the Circuit area you to attend Higher Things Convention for youth.**

