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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)

✠ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

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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.
- Today's service broadcast can be found on **KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM**; or **Live Streaming on Facebook for your convenience.**
- **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.
- **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. **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.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".**
- **Church Offering Envelopes** are a handy way of keeping track of your donations while keeping your donations private. Please remember to use them each Sunday for offerings. Thank you.
- **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.
- **Looking for volunteers for Radio and Facebook. Contact the church office if interested.**



- Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Joe and Edna Freese. Sponsored by Lori Lemmen and family.
- **VOTERS MEETING: Sunday Dec.8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am. Topics to be discussed will be the budget and nominations for 2025. Sample ballots were handed out in last weeks bulletin. If you didn't get one, please stop by the church office for a copy.**
- Waseca Area NSC has applications available until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to sign up to receive an iWealth Holiday Food Basket. If you haven't signed up yet, and are interested in receiving this basket, please contact the Director at 507-833-4119 or stop in to pick up and application.
- **Advent service and Meal: Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>: Meal 4:30p-5:45p hosted by the Mission Trip Team. Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Brats, Tator Tots, water and dessert. Service: 6pm**

## First Sunday in Advent

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "a righteous Branch" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts "blameless in holiness before our God and Father" (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be "distress of nations in perplexity," with "people fainting with fear." Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: "Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

Hymn of Invocation: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 v. 1-4



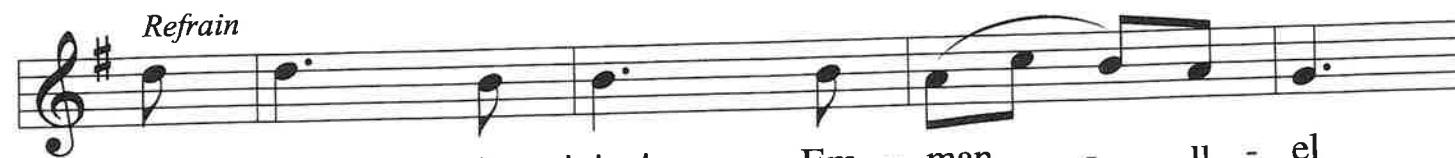
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



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!

## Confession and Absolution

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

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

Service of the Word

*Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Introit

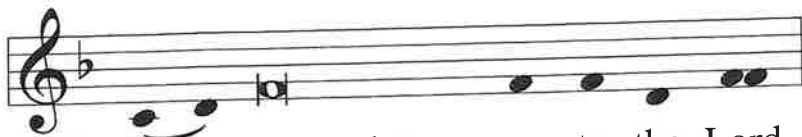


- P** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.
- C** Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?\*
- Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?
- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;\*  
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.
- C** Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*  
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
- P** who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
- C** For our shield belongs | to the LORD,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

- C** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie

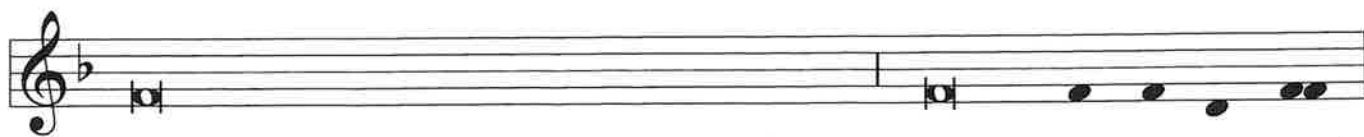


**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*LSB 152*



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



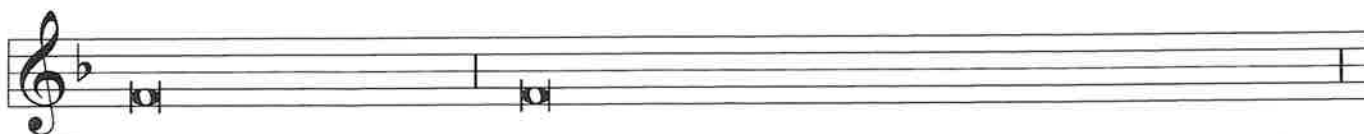
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



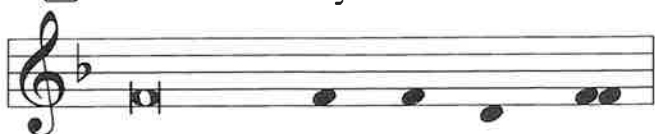
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



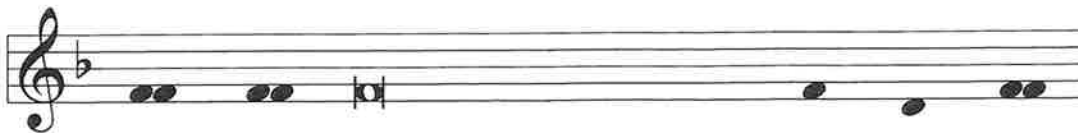
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



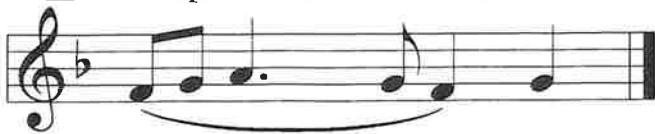
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**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 Je- | rusalem.  
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; \*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.
- C** **Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\***  
**From the house of the Lord we | bless you.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

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

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

*Psalm 24:7*

**C** **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**  
**Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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

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

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

# Hymn of the Day: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332



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 - spring, 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      △ 8  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.


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  
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## Sermon




Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



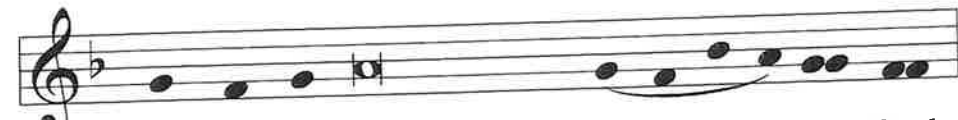
**C** And al - so with you.




**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



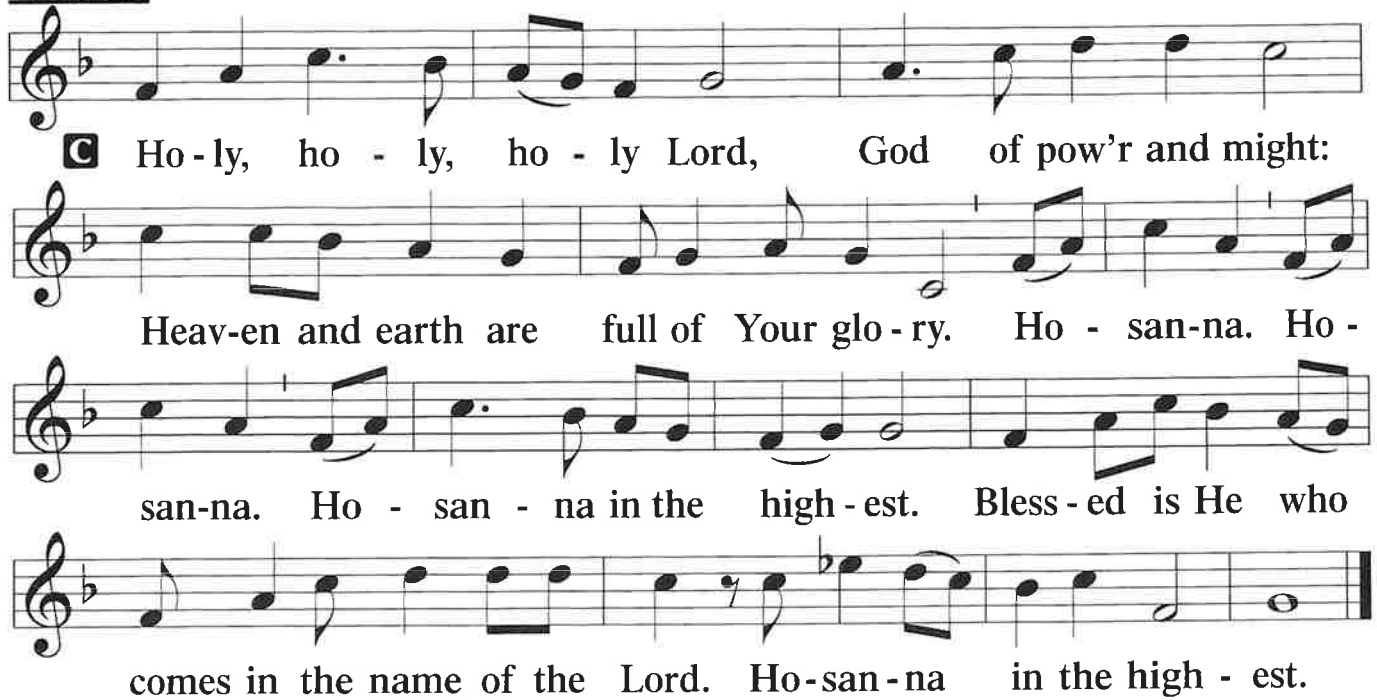
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, 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 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

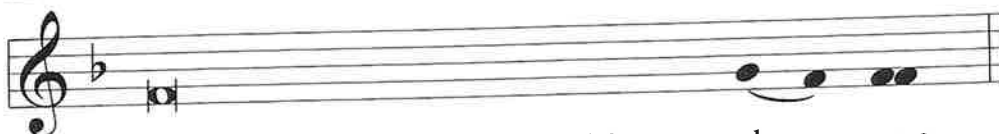
## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*LSB 163*

### Pax Domini



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



**C** A - men.

*LSB 163*

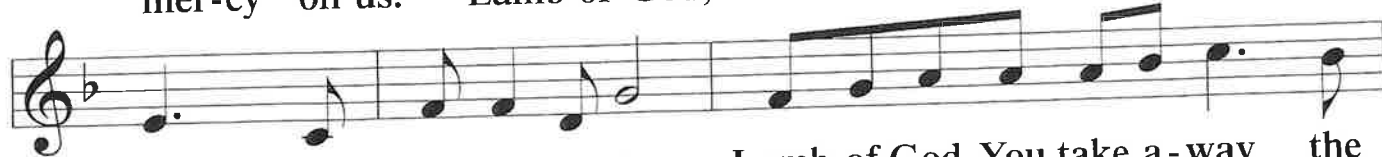
### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

# Distribution Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



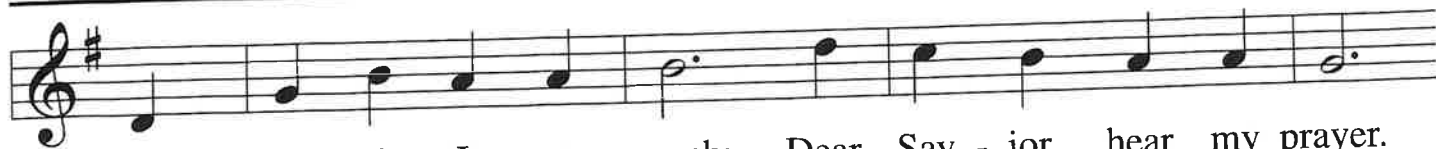
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006

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**Distribution Hymn: Your Table I Approach**

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - pish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
 That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament  
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
 To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood,  
 O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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# Distribution Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

## Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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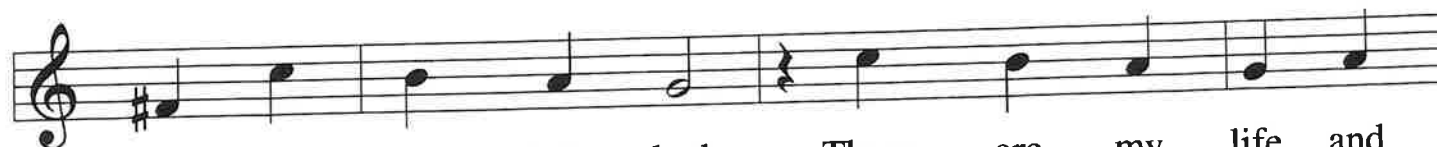
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# Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

## *Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig

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## The 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.

*Stand*



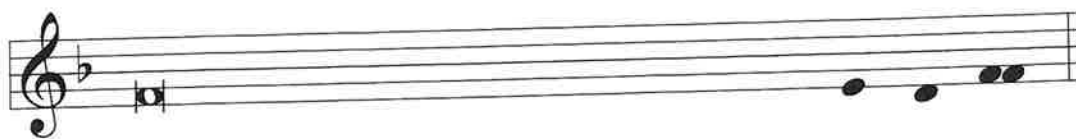
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



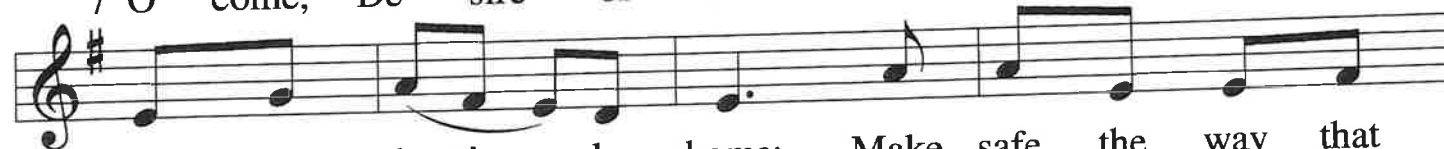
**C** A - men.

**Hymn to Depart: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

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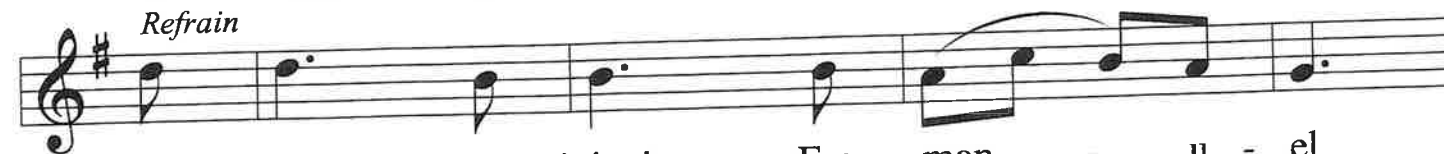
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
 6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
 by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
 hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
 clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

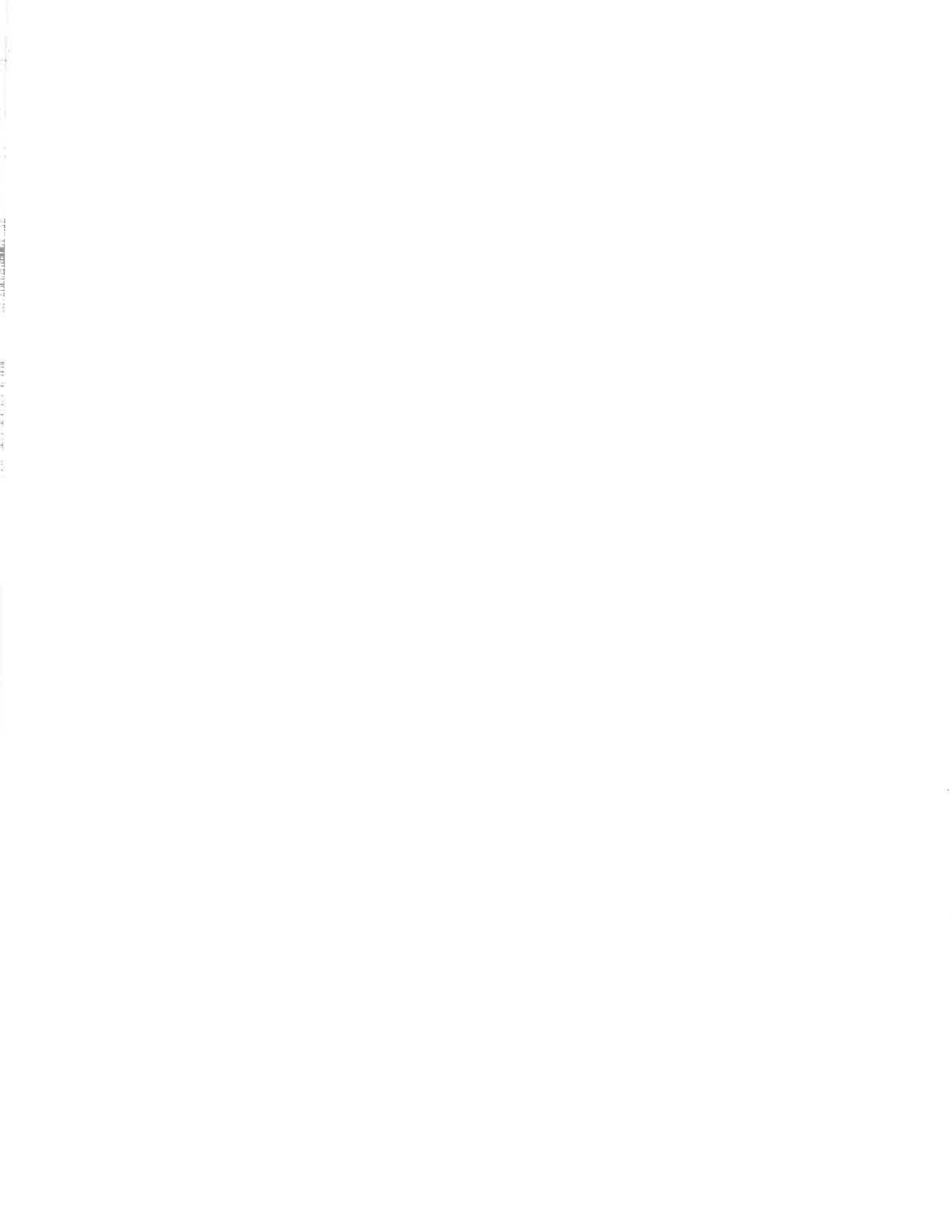
*Refrain*

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



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

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



## IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Called Home:** Margaret Schwarz, Kenneth Roemhildt

**Upcoming Surgery:** Jacob Williams

**Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson, Guy Robinson, Terry George, Tim Andree, Dixie Flitter

**Treatment and testing:** Traehvon Nelson

**Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving:** Rueben Draeger, Sheila Hogetvedt, Kraig Deling, Douglas Robinson, Chantel Fogal, Russ and Joy Weir

**Illness:** Cindy Kuschel,

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

**Those who are living in Florida and everyone who are dealing with the hurricanes and aftermath.**

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

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

**Those affected by Natural disasters**

**Christmas Poinsettias:** This year, we will be taking free will donations for our Christmas poinsettias. If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one, see Aimee in the church office by December 11<sup>th</sup> to make your donation. Thanks

After several months of prayer and discussion, the elders have decided it is time for our congregation to **return to receiving Holy Communion up at the Altar Rail**. We will return to this practice beginning today, the first Sunday of Advent (**December 1<sup>st</sup>**). To gain more insight on this topic, please be looking out for next month's Newsletter article by Pastor Grannis. God's Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sunday School Christmas Service** will be Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9am during normal service time) with Holy Communion

**Christmas Bazaar at St Paul:** Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 1pm. Crafts, baked good, white elephant, candy shop and more. ALSO, food: \$10.00 per meal. See flier for more nfo. We hope to see you all there!!

**LIVE NATIVITY:** Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Manger Scene 5p-7p with the **Hot Beef Commercial 5p-7p**  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> LIVE NATIVITY DRIVE THRU 5p-7p.  
Talk to Dale Rudolph if interested in volunteering for this event.

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 1<sup>st</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Bible Study

### **Monday (2<sup>nd</sup>):**

10am Prayer Team (All Prayer Warriors Welcome!!)

### **Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>):**

1:00pm Quilters  
6:00pm Board of Elders  
6:00 pm Board of Stewardship

### **Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup>):**

3:30 – 5pm Confirmation grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> **and** 5pm – 7pm Youth Group  
4:30pm – 5:45pm ADVENT SUPPER hosted by Mission Trip Team  
6pm **Midweek Advent Service**  
7pm Senior Choir/ Trustee's and Evangelism meetings

### **Thursday (5<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean

### **Friday(6<sup>th</sup>):**

### **Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>):**

10:30 am to 1pm Christmas Bazaar

### **Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Coffee hour With Adult Bible Study

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

#### **THIS WEEK: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024:**

**ORGANIST:** Mathias Barents

**ACOLYTE:** Alex Bethke

Keian Klingler

**GREETER:** Makayla Clark

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Glimore

**ELDER:** Gary Hein

**DEACON:**

#### **Wednesday Dec. 4th**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Owen Arndt

Kameron Kunkel

**GREETER:** Nalyce Quillen

**FACEBOOK:**

**ELDER:** Jerry Flogstad

**DEACON:**

#### **NEXT WEEK: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Alex Bethke

**GREETER:** Elliana Grannis

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel

**ELDER:** Jerry Flogstad

**DEACON:**

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

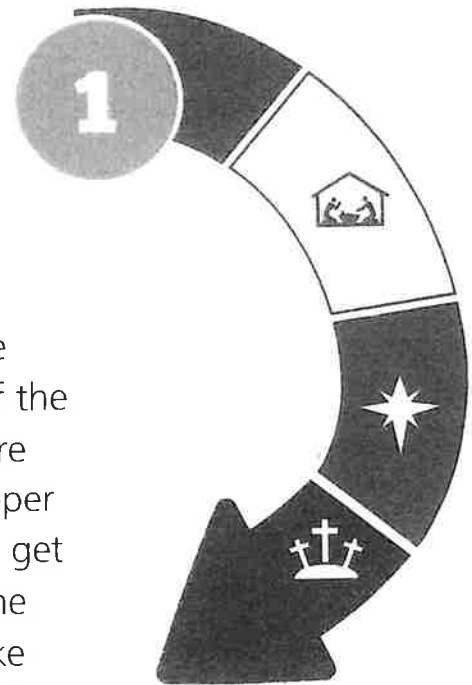
**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 9am: 128 Bible Study: 14**

**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$ 3,027.85**

**Improvement Fund: \$20.00 Handicap Entrance: \$ 60.00 Memorial for K. Flogstad: \$135.00**

**\*\*Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$5,400.00 \*\***

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.

## Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



### Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



