



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.”

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
- 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.
- 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.**
- **Advent service and Meal:** Wednesday December 18th: Meal 4:30p-5:45p hosted by Higher Things. **Menu:** Baked Potato Bar. **Service:** 6pm
- There will be **NO 29er's** meeting in December. We will see you all back January 24th, 2025. Have a very Merry Christmas!!
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. We had a great turn out of helpers and the place looks beautiful!!
- **My family would like to say THANK YOU** to everyone who has loved and taken such good care of my mother Lila Schaal over that last several years. She loved each and every person in her church family. It is with sadness that we have had to make the decision to move her to Rochester so she is closer to family. She will miss each and everyone of you. If you would like to visit her or send her cards, I have left her address in the church office for you. Thanks again for everything. Leah Foell.
- Another 37 pounds of food was delivered to the food shelf this week.

His Name Shall Be Called

Children may process to the front of the church during the processional hymn.

Congregational Hymn: Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us descend-ing And in
3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: German, 14th cent.

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 9:6, adapted

- P** To us . . .
C a child is born!
P To us . . .
C a son is given!
P His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
C Mighty God,
P Everlasting Father,
C Prince of Peace.

Christmas Meditation (*Pastor gives a brief sermon.*)

Offering

Preschool–kindergarten children and Readers 1–3 assemble during the offering.

THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

Immanuel, God with Us (*Display the Immanuel banner*)

- I** Creator. Heavenly Father. Good Shepherd. Lamb of God. Holy Spirit. Jesus. These are just a few of the many names of God that we read in the Bible. Each name describes our one true God and what He does for us. At Christmastime, we hear special names of God from the prophet Isaiah: Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. But what do these names mean, and why does Isaiah use them to describe the promised Savior? Today we will find out!
- I** In Old Testament times, God sent the prophet Isaiah to unbelieving King Ahaz and God’s people living in Judah. Ahaz and the people did not trust that God could save them from their enemies. They had turned away from God, just as people have done since the time of Adam and Eve and the first sin in the garden. But God would not give up on His people! He had promised Adam and Eve that He would send a Savior to bring all people back to Him. Through the many years that followed, God continued to remind His people about the Savior He would send.

- I God sent Isaiah to King Ahaz and the Israelites, telling them to repent of their sins and turn back to the Lord. Only the one true God could deliver them from their enemies. And one day, God would deliver all people from our greatest enemies: sin, death, and the power of the devil. God gave them a sign to show He would do this. Isaiah 7:14 says, “The Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” The name *Immanuel* means “God with us.” God Himself would come to earth and be born a human baby in order to save us and to bring us back to Him. What wonderful, happy news!

Preschool–kindergarten children sing.

Children’s Song: Mary Had a Baby

Congregational Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

During the congregational hymn, preschool–kindergarten children return to their seats and children in Group 1 and Readers 4–6 get into place.



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-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.

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Wonderful Counselor (*Wonderful Counselor Banner is displayed.*)

- ❑ Have you ever tried walking in the dark without a flashlight? It's hard to see where you are going! You could easily get hurt or lost. Walking in darkness is how Isaiah describes people who don't trust and believe in God. But God doesn't leave us in the dark! Jesus came to be the light that shines in the darkness. Isaiah 9:2 tells us: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Jesus is the light of the world!
- ❑ The light of the world would come as a baby, born of a virgin. Isaiah tells about the birth of this baby, a new king who would come from David's kingly line and who would rule over an everlasting kingdom. The new king is the promised Messiah, Jesus. Isaiah describes the Messiah using names that show us His power and authority: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).
- ❑ The second name Isaiah gives Jesus the Messiah is *Wonderful Counselor*. A counselor is someone who gives advice, or counsel. The world often gives bad advice that leads us away from God into darkness. Jesus gives wonderful, lifegiving counsel—the Good News of salvation. We hear this wonderful counsel from Jesus in His words recorded in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Recitation

Group 1 (LSB 412:1)

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.

Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332 v. 1–3, 7

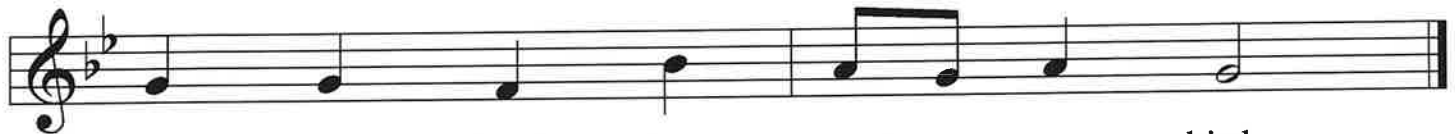
During the congregational hymn, Readers 7–8 get into place. All children assemble in preparation for singing “Silent Night.” Group 2 will recite their part. Those appointed to be the angel, Joseph, and Mary act out their parts as the Bible text is read.



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
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry



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:
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
In this light faith now a - bides.

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

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Mighty God (Display the *Mighty God* poster or banner.)

I The third name Isaiah gives to Jesus is *Mighty God*. The child born of a virgin would be God Himself! Jesus our Savior is true God and true man. Before Jesus was born, God sent an angel to proclaim this miraculous news to Joseph. Matthew 1:20–23 tells us, “An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”

- I** The birth of Jesus Christ from Luke chapter 2: “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:1–7).

Recitation

Group 2 (LSB 412:3)

To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.

Children’s Song: Silent Night, Holy Night

Readers 9–11 get into place. Angels and shepherds will get into place and act out their parts as the Bible text is read.

Everlasting Father *(Display the Everlasting Father poster or banner.)*

- I** “And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!’”
(Luke 2:8–14).
- I** “When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all

who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them” (Luke 2:15–20).

- I** Isaiah gives the baby born in Bethlehem a fourth name: *Everlasting Father*. Jesus is the Son of God, but He has the heart of a father toward His people. Jesus rules over His kingdom as a loving father. He is the *Everlasting Father*—Jesus has no beginning and no end, and His kingdom is eternal. Isaiah 9:7 says, “Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.”

Recitation

Group 3 (LSB 412:4)

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored.

Children’s Song: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Children remain in front for the final section. Readers 12–14 assemble. Group 4 will recite, and all children will sing “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.”

Prince of Peace *(Display the Prince of Peace poster or banner.)*

- I** Jesus Christ came for all people, and all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior belong to His eternal kingdom. God showed His desire for all to be saved when He placed a star in the heavens to guide Wise Men from the East to the Savior of the world. We read from Matthew chapter 2: “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him’” (Matthew 2:1–2).
- I** That special star guided the Wise Men to the place where Jesus was. Matthew writes, “The star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh” (Matthew 2:9–11).

- I** *Prince of Peace* is the final name Isaiah gives the promised Messiah. We all want peace in our lives and in our world. Only Jesus gives us true peace—peace with God. Jesus won that peace for us when He went to the cross to pay for our sins. Jesus told His disciples, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27). The child born in Bethlehem is Jesus, the Messiah. He is our Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

Recitation

Group 4 (LSB 412:5)

His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end.

Children’s Song: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

All children return to their seats while singing.

Apostles’ Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Reading

- P** To us a child is born,
C to us a son is given.
P Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor,
C our Mighty God,
P the Everlasting Father,
C the Prince of Peace. Thanks be to God!

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
C Heavenly Father, thank You for fulfilling Your promise to send Your Son to be our Savior. You have given us the best gift of all: the Child in the manger who came to live, die, and rise again for us! In His name we pray. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



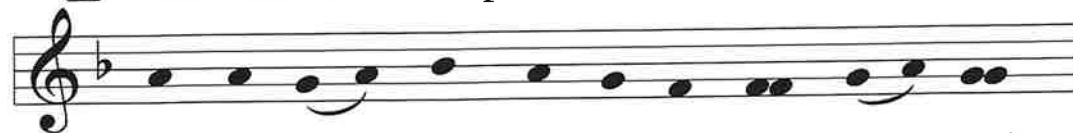
C And with thy spir - it.



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.



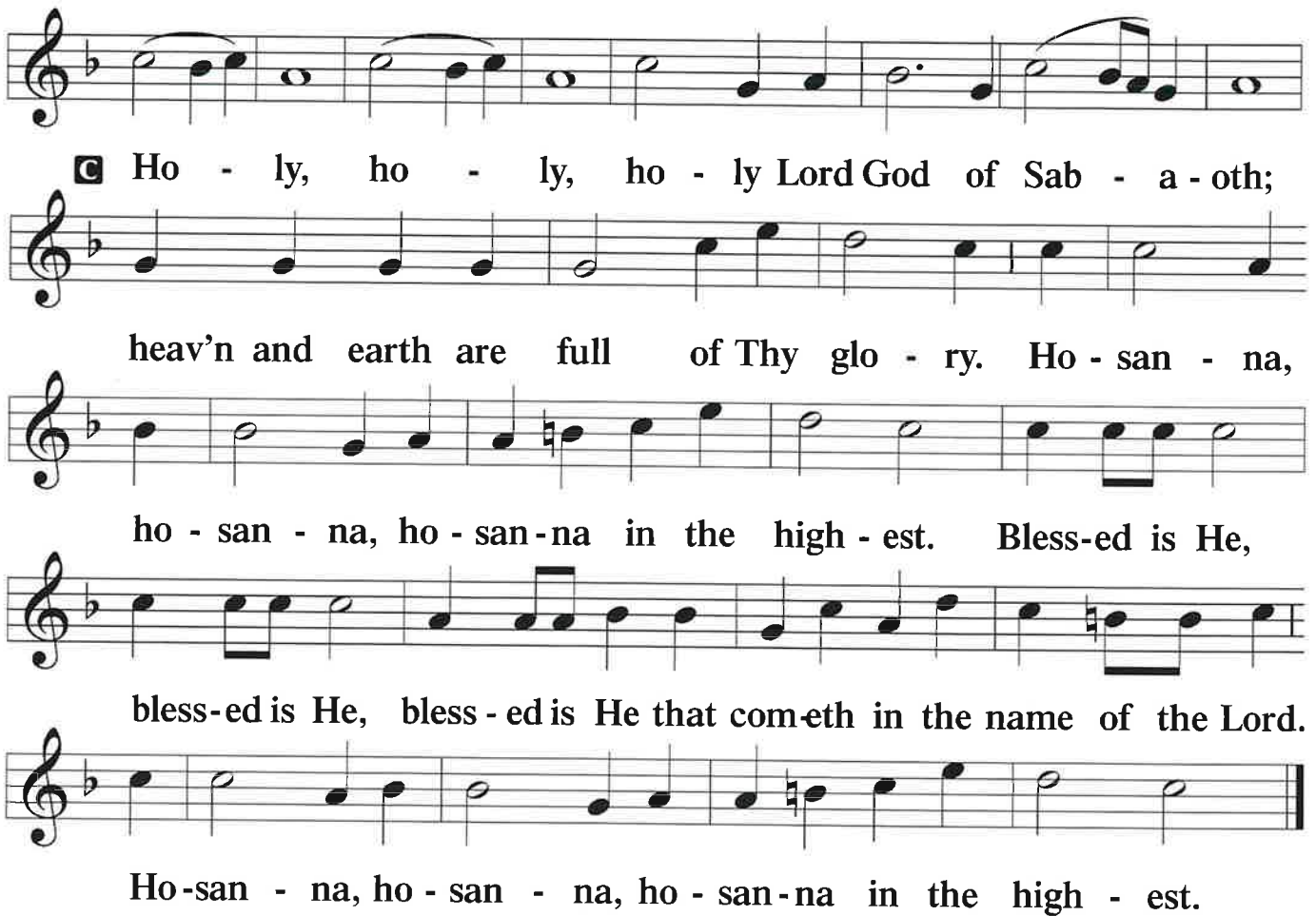
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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

☐ 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

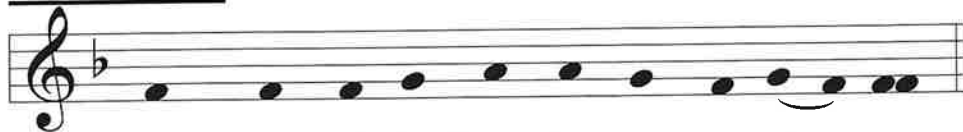
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

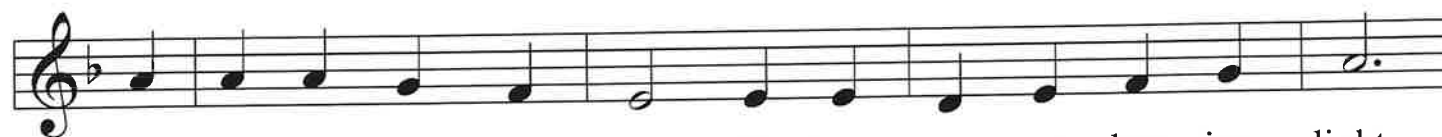
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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend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



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



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



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

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Distribution Hymn: What Child Is This

LSB 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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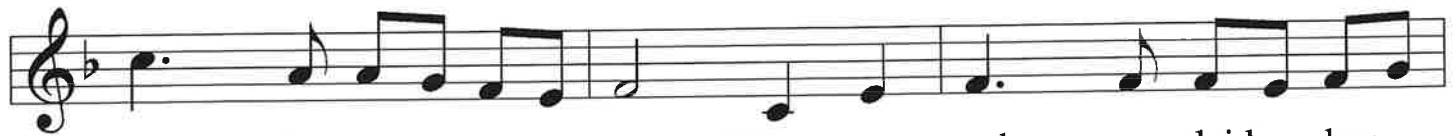
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Distribution Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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The Dismissal

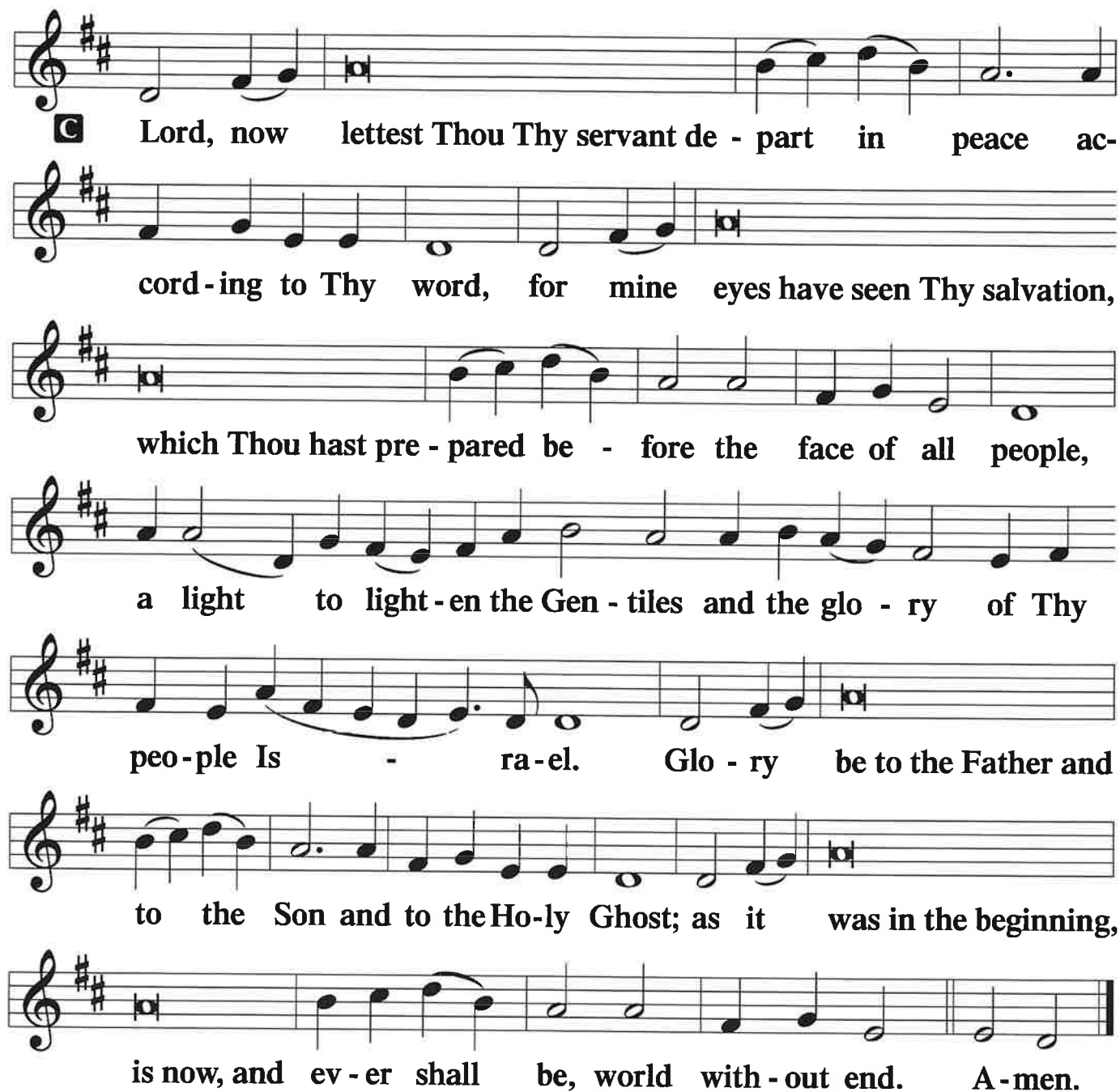
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

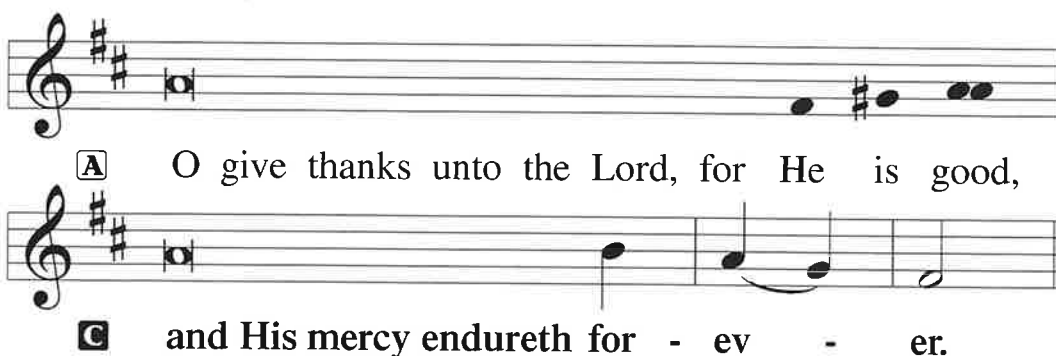
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple 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

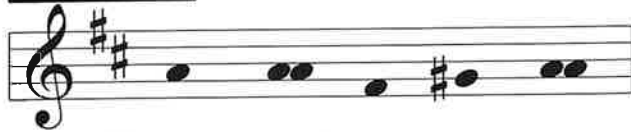
A Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and 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



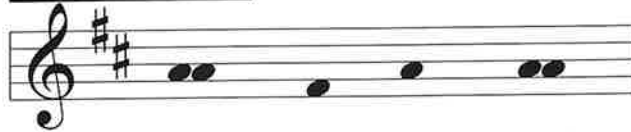
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing 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
ploy, 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.

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home: Russ Weir

Upcoming Surgery:

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

Treatment and testing: Traehvon Clark

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

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

THANK YOU!!! I would like to thank everyone who worked, baked, donated, and attended this years Christmas Bazaar. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it with out all of you. Have a very Merry Christmas!! Judie Waters

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 1st**). 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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 15th – December 22nd, 2024

Sunday (15th):

9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am **NO Sunday School BUT stop by for some Birthday Cake for Jesus and Bible Study**

Monday (16th):

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

*****NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE******

Tuesday (17th):

1:00pm Quilter's

Wednesday (18th):

3:30 – 5pm Confirmation grades 6th -8th and 5pm – 7pm Youth Group

4:30pm – 5:45pm ADVENT SUPPER hosted by Board of Ed – Shoebox postage

6pm **Midweek Advent Service**

7pm Senior Choir

Thursday (19th):

6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean

Friday(20th):

Saturday (21st):

Sunday (22nd):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion 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 15th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Mathias Barents

ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer
Owen Arndt

GREETER: Peyton Ross

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

ELDER: Jerry Flogstad

DEACON:

Wednesday Dec. 18th

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Keian Klinger
Tyler Ryan

GREETER: Elliana Grannis

FACEBOOK:

ELDER: Jerry Flogstad

DEACON:

NEXT WEEK: December 22nd, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke
Keian Klinger

GREETER: Makayla Clark

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

ELDER: Jim Wyffels

DEACON:

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Wednesday December 4th, 2024: 6pm: 31 General Fund: \$147.00

Sunday December 8th, 2024: 9am: 104 Voter's Meeting: 38

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,211.27 Radio: In Memory of K. Roemhildt: \$ 245.00

Improvement Fund: \$20.00 Handicap Entrance: \$ 75.00

Memorial for Handicap Entrance in Memory of K. Roemhildt: \$1,635.00

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