



# Wonder Child

LUKE 2:40-52

Jesus in  
the temple

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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**. **These are not a replacement for being in Church and Bible Class.** These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.
- **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 or in the black pew book. 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".**
- The **2026 offering envelopes are available** on a table at the south end of the parish hall. Please pick up yours to provide an accurate record of your offerings. Thanks, Board of Stewardship.
- **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.
- **MEMENTO** enables men to restore and reclaim Christlike masculinity by reviving the ancient, seasonal disciplines of the Christian Church –training men through fasting, Scripture, prayer, brotherhood and feasting in the rhythm of the Church year.
- **Special Thanks to Cindy Wood, Sarah Lieske, Hannah LaCroix, Jen LaCroix and Tyler Paulson for all the special music that was shared over the Christmas Holidays.**

**Special thanks to those who purchased Poinsette's in memory of a loved one named and unnamed:**

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**The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church**

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

**Hymn of Invocation: The Only Son from Heaven**

LSB 402

1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, “Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!”

Text (sts. 1–3): Elisabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–1535; (sts. 1–3): tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.; (st. 4): Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 Tune: Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, 1524, Erfurt Text and tune: Public domain

## 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 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14*

Introit



**P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

**C** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

**P** Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power,\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

**C** But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

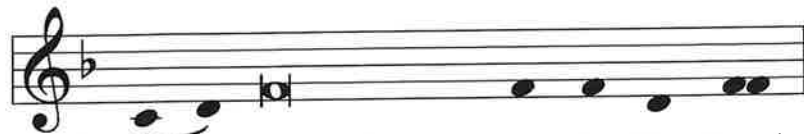
**P** Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!\*  
Praise your God, O | Zion!

**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** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Kyrie

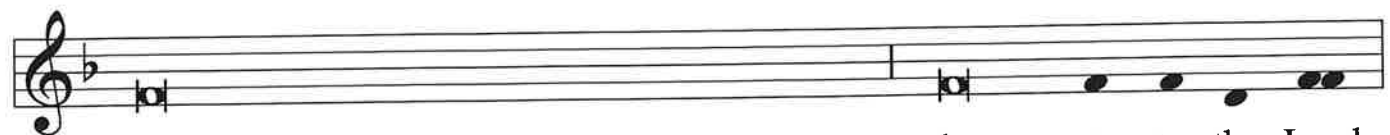
*LSB 152*



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



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



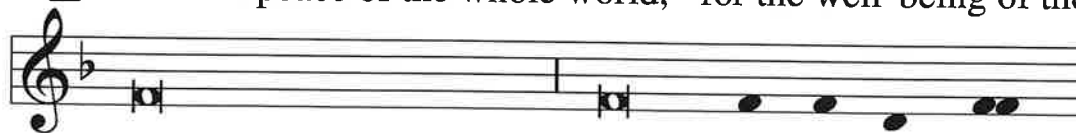
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



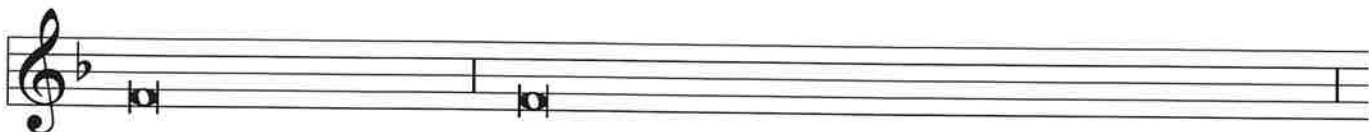
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



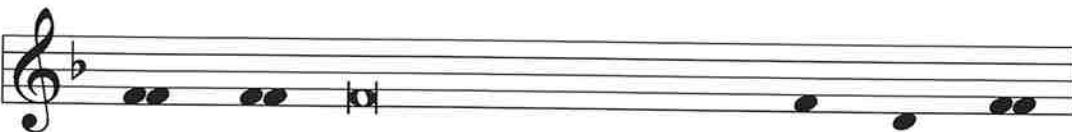
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



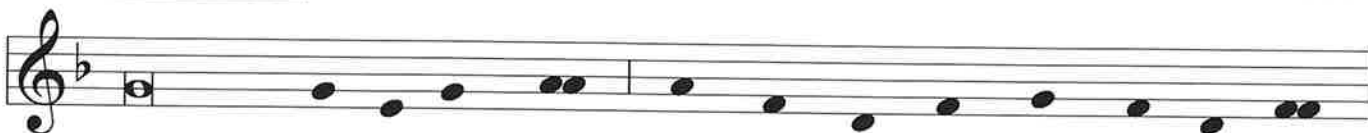
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 154*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

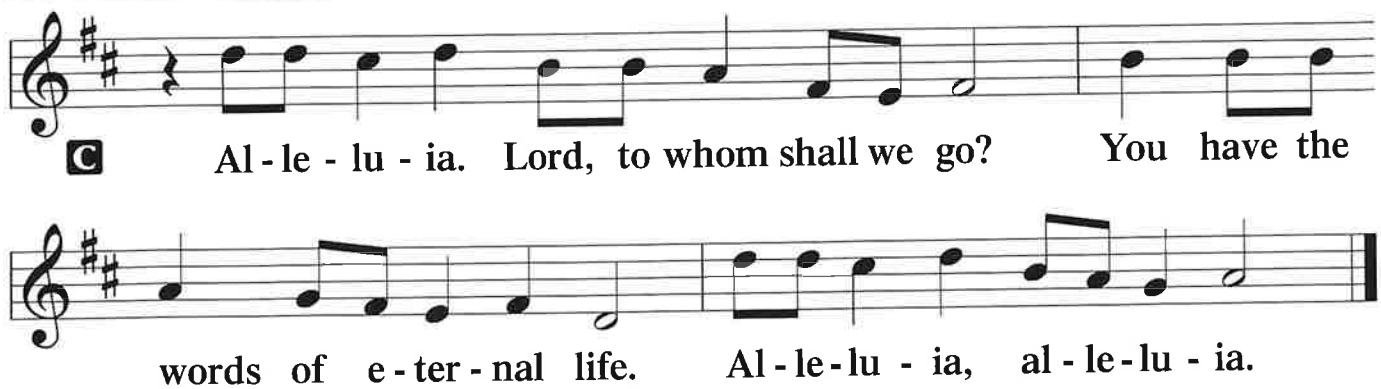
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## 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. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

**C** And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.

*Luke 2:40*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



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

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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



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

## Nicene Creed

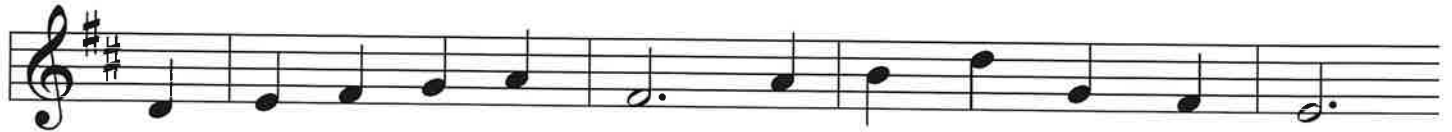
**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**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: Within the Father's House

LSB 410



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,  
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.  
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.  
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

△ 6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

Text: James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## Sermon

## Offering

### INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMEBERS

## Offertory

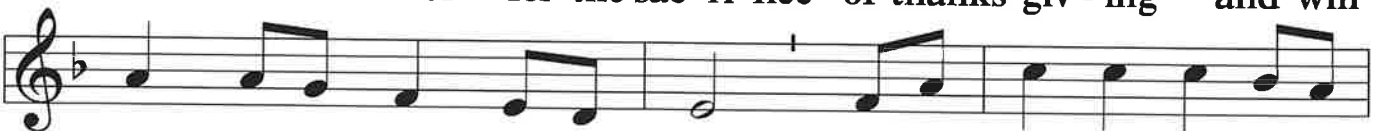
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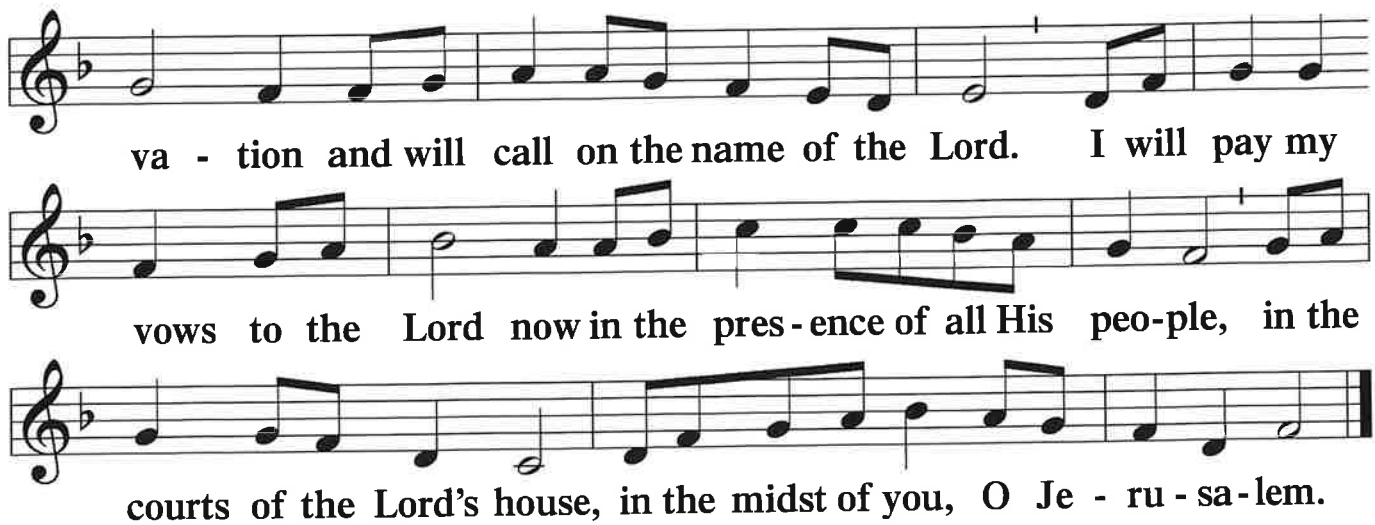
What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...O Lord, to Solomon You granted wisdom and a discerning mind. Give Your people such wisdom from Your Word and a mind to discern truth from error, that we may know Jesus Christ and not depart from Him amid the winds of change and doubt that challenge our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ, Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Preserve Your Church by the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism. Raise up among us faithful preachers to the praise of Christ's glory, until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, Your own Son became incarnate for us and grew from childhood into maturity filled with wisdom, and Your favor was upon Him. Grant to parents and children the wisdom and courage to know You as Savior and Redeemer and to gather at Your bidding around Your Word and table. Help us form within our children the knowledge of what is right and good according to Your Word, as well as the will to do it. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, You set apart kings and governments to safeguard Your people. Bless, we pray, our president; the Congress; our governor; our legislature; and all those who make, administer and judge our laws. Make them wise, and give them a discerning heart in the pursuit of justice for the offender, peace between the nations,

and protection for the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful God, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and heal them according to Your will. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, as blessed Mary treasured all things in her heart, grant us to know what is worthy of our attention and what will pass away, that approaching the table of our Lord we may be well-prepared to receive with repentance and faith His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.


### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

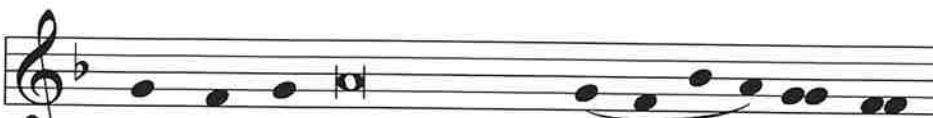
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**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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.

### 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

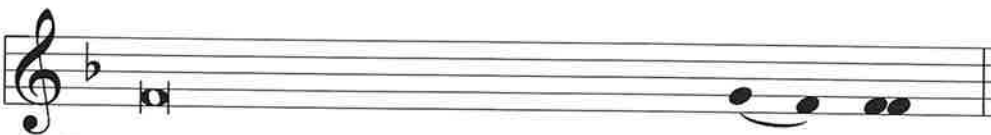
### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Pax Domini

*LSB 163*



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



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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.

# Distribution Hymn: Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the  
 2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - 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.

# Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98

Tune: English, 16th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

### 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*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



**C** 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

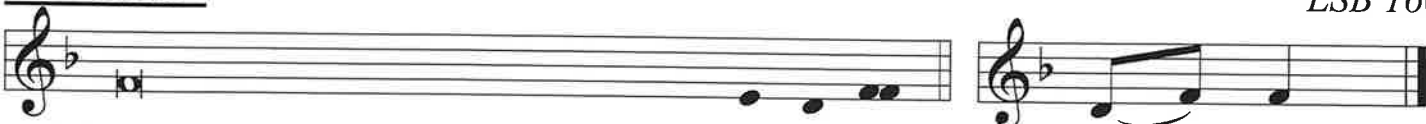
**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166



**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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!  
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.  
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-  
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-  
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.  
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!  
here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,  
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us  
Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!  
And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for-ev-er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev-er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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## **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

***Called Home:***

***Hospitalized:***

***Cancer Treatment:*** Terry George, Tim Andree, Dixie Flitter

***Treatment and testing:*** Brenda Walker (sister to Rhonda Christianson)

***Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving:*** Lyle Fluegge (grandpa to Jess Klinger), Sheila Hogetvedt, Chantel Fogal, Loren Frink, Karil Berndt

***Illness:*** Cindy Kuschel, Chuck Scheuttte

***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, Josiah Nieves, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

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

***Those affected by Natural disasters***

### **Save the Date**

**Church Council Meeting:** Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6pm

**Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>:** Joint Circuit Epiphany Service @ 6pm @ Trinity Janesville

**Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru 5pm- 6:30pm

**Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Steak Fry fundraiser for Higher Things @ VFW 5p-7p

**Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Breakfast at VFW Youth Mission Trip Team 7am to noon

**Voter's Meeting:** Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 10:15 am

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026** we are looking for anyone who is willing to help take down the Christmas decorations. We will meet at 9am. If you can help, just show up. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks for your help.

***In honor of "Sanctity of Human Life"***, during January 2026, Cotta Guild will be collecting donations for Rachel's Hope, a caring pregnancy center in Austin, MN. They serve pregnant women and families with children through the age of two. They offer free pregnancy testing, peer counseling, and assistance during pregnancy and early childhood. Items needed are diaper rash cream, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby shampoo. Cotta Guild will have boxes by the elevator during the month of January for

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Sunday (4<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 Adult Bible Study**

**Monday (5<sup>th</sup>):**

10am Prayer Team  
11:30 am Board of Ed Meeting  
**6pm Church Council Meeting**  
7pm Bible and Brew

**Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup>):**

**1pm QUILTERS**  
**4pm Stewardship meeting**  
**6pm Board of Elders**  
**7 pm Joint Circuit Epiphany Service @ Trinity Janesville**

**Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup>):**

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
**3:30pm CONFIRMATION Class today for grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> followed by Youth Group**  
**7pm SENIOR CHOIR**

**Thursday (8<sup>th</sup>):**

6am Bible Study at Johnnie Beans  
1pm Cotta Guild

**Sunday (11<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 Adult Bible study with coffee hour**

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

**THIS WEEK: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

**ORGANIST:** Mathias Barents  
**ACOLYTE:** Hayden Allen and Griffin Arndt  
**GREETER:** Elianna Grannis  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore  
**FACEBOOK:** Deb Roemhildt  
**ELDER:** Jerry Flogstad  
**DEACON:** Jim Wyffels

**NEXT WEEK: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

**ORGANIST:** Mathias Barents  
**ACOLYTE:** Tyler Ryan and Jase Buker  
**GREETER:** Aubree Buker  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood  
**FACEBOOK:** Micaiah Grannis  
**ELDER:**  
**DEACON:**

**Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025: 9am: 75 Bible Study:**

**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$12,695.35 Improvement Fund: \$120.00**

**Youth Mission Trip Team: \$200.00 In Honor of Grant & Denise Duffy: \$100.00**

**Radio Ministry: \$100.00 In memory of Alfred & Anita Ristau: \$33.00**

**\*\*Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$5,300.00 \*\***

**Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>: 175 \$1,490.06**

**Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>: 77 \$1,025.50**