



SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT

December 4, 2022

Our Mission...

To joyfully share the Abundant Life in Jesus' cross with all people today, embracing His hope for tomorrow.



WELCOME to Trinity Lutheran Church!

Jesus gives new life wherever His Gospel is preached! If you are a visitor, we welcome you in Jesus' name. Please come again to join us in worship and become acquainted with our family in Christ.

Visitors ~ please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church.

Friendship Registers ~ Red Worship folders are in the center aisles of the pews. Please sign in each Sunday.

Sunday school for three-years-old through High School are held at 8:30 am in the lower level.

Adult Bible Class is held in the Stahlecker Room / Library at 8:30 am each Sunday.

Hospital visitations ~ Please let Pastor know if you or a loved one will be in the hospital.

Rest rooms (2) are located on the same floor as the Sanctuary, across from the mailboxes. One is handicapped accessible and has a Baby Changing Station.



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CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”* Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God's children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and “quiet time” bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.

SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT*December 4, 2022***DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING II ~ Page 167****PRELUDE**

WELCOME ~ *Worshippers are kindly asked to fill out the red Friendship Folder found along the center aisle and pass it to the others in your pew. Please be sure to list all the members of your family. Thank you.*

HYMN of INVOCATION*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ~ LSB 515*

1 Re - joyce, re - joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; 18-20

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

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

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.**

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.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

SERVICE of the WORD*Pages 168 ~176***INTROIT***Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*

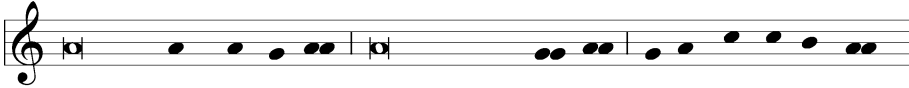
**In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
 make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.
 Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
 seek his presence con- | tinually!
 Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
 his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
 O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
 children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
 He is the | LORD our God;*
 his judgments are in | all the earth.
 He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
 the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.
 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.
 In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
 make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.**

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy*Mark 10:47*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



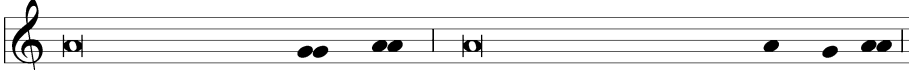
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



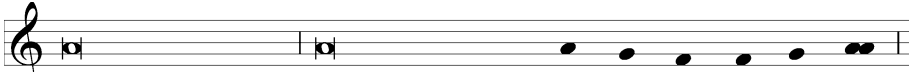
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



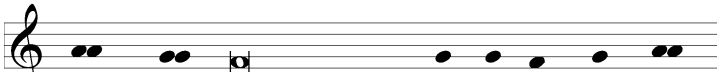
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA in EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest**Luke 2:14; John 1:29**The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent***SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY****P** The Lord be with you.*2 Timothy 4:22***C** And al - so with you.**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.**OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 11:1–10*

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

EPISTLE READING*Romans 15:4–13*

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1–12

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by
the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his
food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region
about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he
said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We
have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up
children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree
therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN of the DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ~ LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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SERMON*Reverend Jonathan G. Schultz***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.

PRAYER of the CHURCH*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

OFFERING ~ *As the offerings are gathered, worshippers are kindly asked to fill out the red Friendship Folder found along the center aisle and pass it to the others in your pew. Please be sure to list all the members of your family. Thank you.*

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C 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.

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

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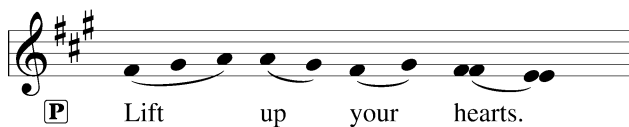
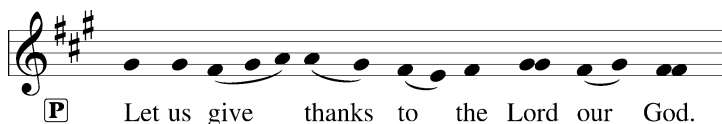
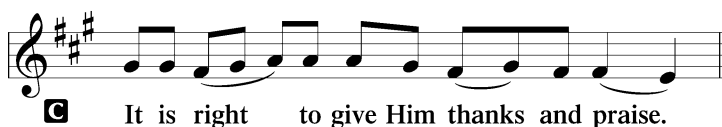
PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And al - so with you.

*Colossians 3:1**Psalms 136*

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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

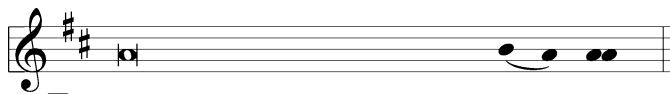
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

THE WORDS of OUR LORD*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord**John 20:19*

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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God**John 1:29*

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;



HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ~ LSB 359



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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Prepare the Royal Highway ~ LSB 343

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread ~ LSB 625

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

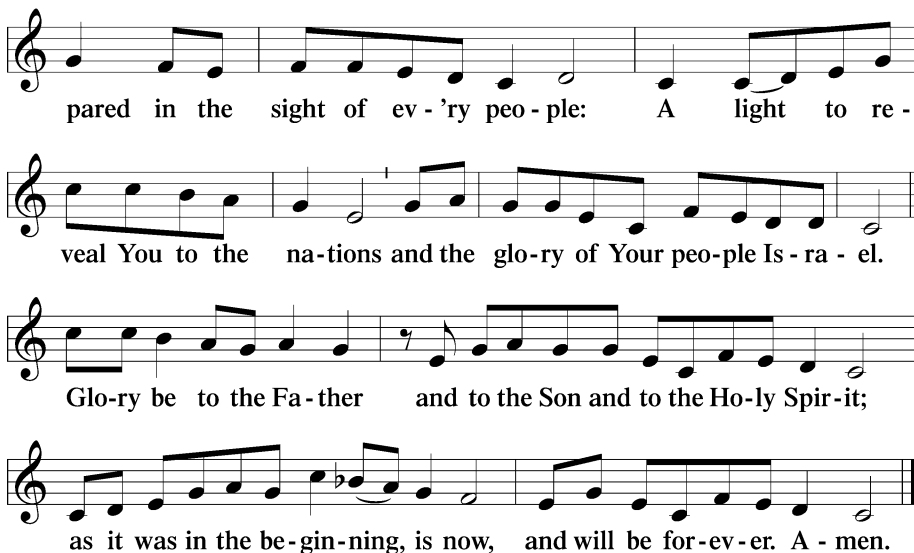
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

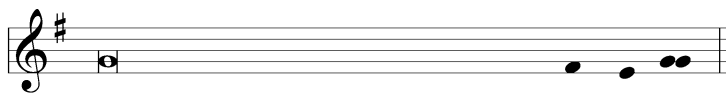


pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

Number 6:24-26



- 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.



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HYMN to DEPART

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People ~ LSB 347



- 1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing
dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an-ger He no
far and near, Call-ing sin-ners to re-pen-tance, Since the
plac-es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-



'neath their sor-rows' load. Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf-fered man-y a day,
King-dom now is here. O that warn-ing cry o-bey!
fits His ho-ly reign. For the glo-ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a-way; God will change her
Now pre-pare for God a way; Let the val-leys shall
Now o'er earth is shed a-broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov-er And her war-fare now is o-ver."
pin-ning sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.

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