



***Second Sunday in Advent***

*December 7, 2025*

***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.

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**HYMN of INVOCATION**

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy ~ LSB 590*



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

*Text: Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.*

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*Being baptized today is  
Daniel Christian Neumann  
son of Christian and Stephanie Neumann*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*” And the apostle Peter has written, “*Baptism now saves you.*”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**P** How are you named?

**R** *Daniel Christian Neumann*

**P** *Daniel*, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism.

Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold *Daniel* according to Your boundless mercy and bless *him* with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in *him*, which has been inherited from Adam and which *he himself has* committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, *he* would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve *Daniel* as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

*They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.*

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

**C** Amen.

**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.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.

**C** Amen.

**P** *Daniel*, do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** *Daniel*, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** *Daniel Christian Neumann*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

- P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you *a member* of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *an heir* with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our *brother* in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**
- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *Daniel* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made *him a member* of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *an heir* of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as *he has* now become Your *child*, You would keep *him* in *his* baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure *he* may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Peace + be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE of the WORD

### 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*

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA in EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*This is omitted during the penitential and preparatory season of Advent.*

### SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

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**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>And 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, <sup>4</sup>but 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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and

faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The 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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They 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.

<sup>10</sup>In 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.

## ADULT CHOIR

*Advent*

*Johann Olearius and traditional Latin; Lani Smith  
tune "Psalm 42" from the Genevan Psalter and  
"Veni Emmanuel" a traditional Plainson melody  
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## EPISTLE READING

*Romans 15:4–13*

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

<sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and 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.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

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

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

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

<sup>13</sup>May 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

**Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;\*  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

### HOLY GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 3:1-12*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,  
<sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For 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.’”

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

<sup>7</sup>But 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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.

<sup>11</sup>“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. <sup>12</sup>His 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.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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  
 Δ 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**

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**OFFERTORY**

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**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**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 who are present. Thank you.*

## SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

*Psalm 136*



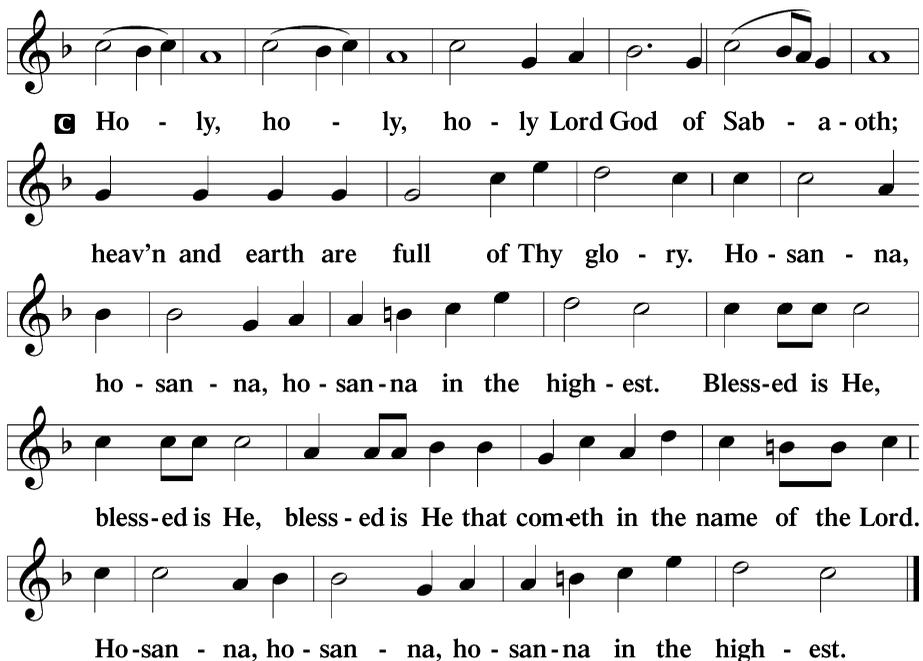
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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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

Matthew 6:9-13

**©** 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*

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



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

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**C** 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ~ LSB 357*

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

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

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

*Refrain*

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

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

*Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalteriolum Cationum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
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5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. **Refrain**

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
**Refrain**

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. **Refrain**

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It ~ LSB 594*



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized  
3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized  
4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long



in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,  
in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:  
in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,  
in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness  
com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ing:



Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y  
I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the  
To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in  
E-ven there I'll sleep se-cure. Though my flesh a-



treas-ures man-y? I have one worth  
con-science seize me Since my Bap-tism  
font I've trav-eled, All your might has  
dust and ash-es Faith's as-sur-ance  
waits its rais-ing, Still my soul con-



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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*What Is This Bread ~ LSB 629*



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en from the dead;	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

*Text: Frederic W. Baue, 1946; Tune: Jean Neuhauser Baue, 1951*

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*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ~ LSB 515*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, 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'ring 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



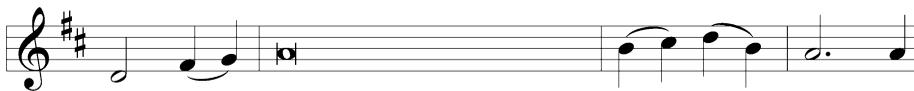
Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

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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 - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



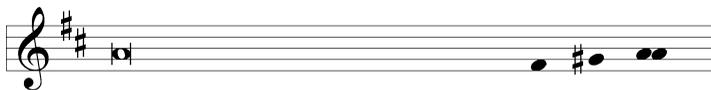
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



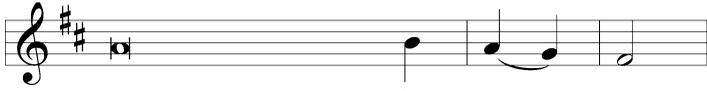
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.



**C** A - men.

### SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

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**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

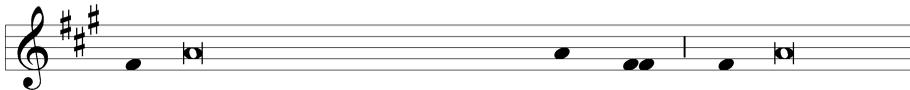
*Psalms 103:1*



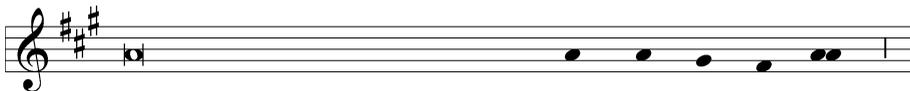
**C** Thanks be to God.

### BENEDICTION

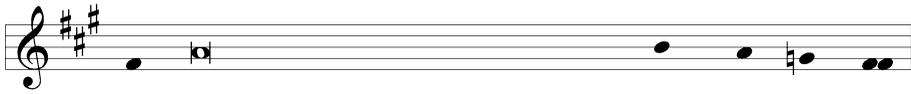
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## HYMN to DEPART

*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:



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

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