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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.  
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

### Prelude

### Order of Service

(Adapted from Divine Service Two - *Lutheran Service Book* p. 167)

### HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"



1. Lift up your heads ye might - y gates!  
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;  
3. How blest the land, the cit - y blest,  
4. Re - deem - er, come and op - en wide



Be - hold the King of glo - ry waits.  
Make it a tem - ple set a - part  
Where Christ the rul - er is con - fessed!  
My heart to Thee; here Lord, a - bide!



The King of kings is draw - ing near;  
From earth - ly use for heav - en's em - ploy,  
O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes  
O en - ter with Thy grace di - vine;



The Sav - ior of the world is here.  
A - dorned with prayer and love and joy  
To whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
Thy face of mer - cy on me shine.

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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



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

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**



The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.  
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 (spoken responsively)

**All: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

Men: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Women: Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,  
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

**All: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

Men: The thrones for judgment were set there, the thrones of the house of David.

Women: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!  
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"

**All: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

Men: For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

Women: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

**All: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

**Epistle Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia. Lift up your heads. O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. *(Ps. 24:7)*  
**Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter:  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,  
"Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!"

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**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:** "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending" - LSB #336

*The author of today's sermon hymn, Charles Wesley, wrote over six thousand hymns, some of which are the best known hymns in the English language. This hymn was published in a 1758 collection entitled Hymns of Intercession for all Mankind. The music by Thomas Olivers is thought to be adapted from a tune heard whistled on the streets of Wales.*

**THE MESSAGE:** Pastor Joshua Errer

### Gathering of the Offering

*Did you know... That your offering reminds you that all we have is God's, and we are managers or stewards of his gifts.*

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the gathering of the offering we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**+ SACRAMENT +**  
 (adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 177)

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

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, grant us peace.

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else’s faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” - LSB #334

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” - LSB #338

**i** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION  
Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN:                “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” - *LSB* #349

1.     Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
         The Savior promised long;  
         Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne  
         And ev’ry voice a song.
2.     He comes the pris’ners to release,  
         In Satan’s bondage held.  
         The gates of brass before Him burst,  
         The iron fetters yield.
3.     He comes the broken heart to bind,  
         The bleeding soul to cure,  
         And with the treasures of His grace  
         To enrich the humble poor.
4.     Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
         Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
         And heav’n’s eternal arches ring  
         With Thy beloved name.

Postlude

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<u>ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES</u>			
Wed.	Nov. 30	Midweek Service (Holden Evening Prayer)	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 7	Midweek Service (Holden Evening Prayer)	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 14	Midweek Service (Holden Evening Prayer)	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 21	Sunday School Christmas Service	6:30 pm
<u>CHRISTMAS SERVICES</u>			
Sat.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Readings	1:00 pm
		Christmas Eve Service with Children's Choirs	4:30 pm
		<i>(No Communion)</i>	
		Christmas Eve Festival Service	7:00 pm
		<i>Pre-service music begins at 6:30 pm by Adult Choir &amp; Handbells</i>	
Sun.	Dec. 25	Christmas Eve Vigil Service	10:00 pm
		Christmas Day Service	10:00 am
		<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u>	
Mon.	Dec. 26	No Monday Service	
<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE</u>			
Sat.	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service	6:30 pm
<u>IN THE NEW YEAR</u>			
Sun.	Jan. 1	Service (Divine Service)	9:00 am
<i>(There will only be one Sunday Service this day)</i>			
Mon.	Jan. 2	Service (Divine Service)	6:30 pm